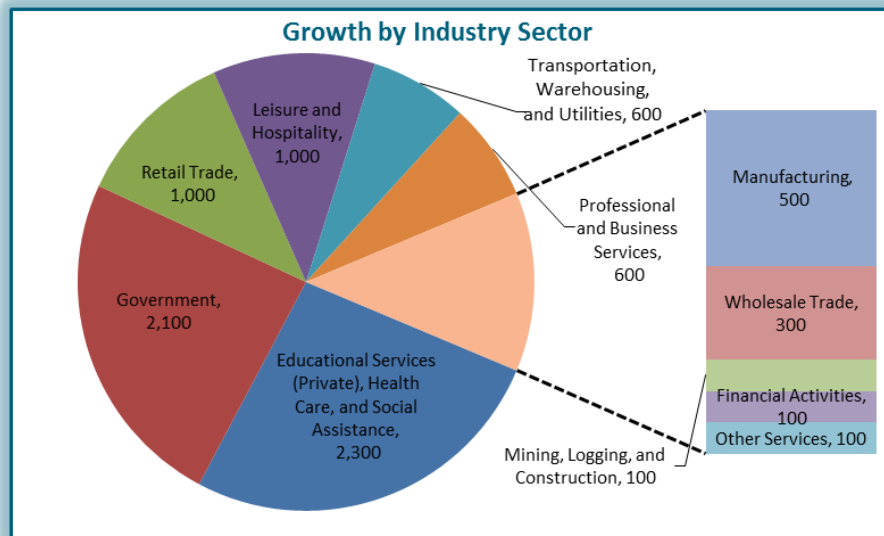


Industry Employment, which includes self-employment, private household workers, farm, and nonfarm employment in Imperial County, is expected to reach 78,500 by 2024, an increase of 14.9 percent over the 10-year projection period. Eleven of the 12 nonfarm industry sectors are projected to grow between 2014 and 2024.



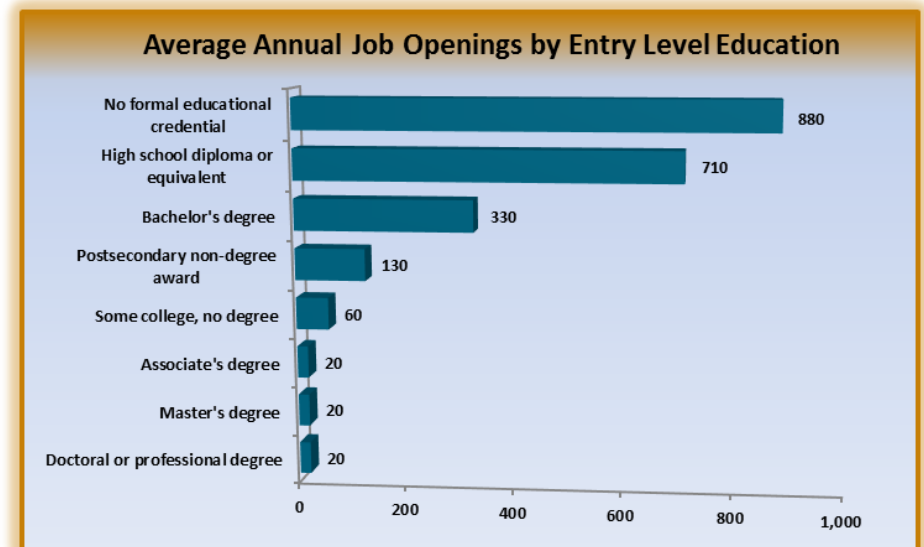
Total nonfarm employment is projected to gain 8,700 jobs by 2024. Seventy-four percent of all projected nonfarm job growth is concentrated in four industry sectors.

- Educational services (private), health care, and social assistance is projected to be the fastest growing industry over the 10-year period, at a 26.7 percent growth rate, adding 2,300 jobs.
- Government is expected to add 2,100 jobs, an increase of 11.7 percent, with local government leading the way with 1,600 jobs.
- Retail trade is forecasted to add 1,000 jobs while growing 12.3 percent over the projection period.
- Leisure and hospitality is expected to grow by 25 percent during the projection period, adding 1,000 jobs.

Occupational Employment forecasts nearly 10,800 new jobs from industry growth and 16,000 job openings from replacement needs for a combined total of approximately 26,800 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings are forecasted to generate nearly 16,400 total job openings, which is 61 percent of all job openings. The top three occupations with the most job openings are farmworkers and laborers, crop, nursery, and greenhouse; retail salespersons; and cashiers. These occupations earn median hourly wages ranging from \$9.40 to \$10.33 and require no formal educational credential. Among the top ten occupations on the list, only elementary school teachers, except special education requires a bachelor's degree and earns a median annual wage of \$73,196.

The 44 fastest growing occupations anticipate growth rate of at least 15 percent. Occupations range from combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food, requiring no formal educational credential and earning a median hourly wage of \$9.47, to general and operations managers requiring a bachelor's degree with a median wage of \$39.10 per hour.



The following table, categorized by entry-level education, provides a summary of the fastest- and largest-growing occupations.

2014-2024 Comparison of Growing Occupations by Entry Level Education Imperial County

Fastest Growing (New Jobs from Industry Growth)	Entry Level Education	Largest Growing (New Jobs and Replacement Needs)
Accountants and Auditors (34.8% or 80 jobs) Registered Nurses (29.3% or 220 jobs) Sales Managers (25.0% or 30 jobs) General and Operations Managers (19.4% or 120 jobs) Management Analysts (19.0% or 40 jobs)	Bachelor's Degree	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education (480 jobs) Registered Nurses (400 jobs) General and Operations Managers (280 jobs) Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education (200 jobs) Accountants and Auditors (150 jobs)
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education (10.5% or 20 jobs)	Associate's Degree	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education (80 jobs)
Dental Assistants (35.7% or 50 jobs) Medical Assistants (35.6% or 160 jobs) Nursing Assistants (26.7% or 40 jobs) Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (23.1% or 240 jobs) Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (16.7% or 30 jobs)	Postsecondary Non-degree Award	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (420 jobs) Medical Assistants (250 jobs) Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (110 jobs) Firefighters (100 jobs) Dental Assistants (90 jobs)
Teacher Assistants (16.2% or 170 jobs) Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks (4.3% or 30 jobs)	Some College, No Degree	Teacher Assistants (430 jobs) Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks (100 jobs)
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators (33.3% or 60 jobs) Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance (33.3% or 40 jobs) First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (30.0% or 90 jobs) Medical Secretaries (30.0% or 90 jobs) Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers (29.4% or 100 jobs)	High School Diploma or Equivalent	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers (750 jobs) Correctional Officers and Jailers (650 jobs) Office Clerks, General (550 jobs) Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (400 jobs) Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products (340 jobs)
Cooks, Restaurant (38.9% or 140 jobs) Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food (34.8% or 400 jobs) Agricultural Equipment Operators (31.3% or 100 jobs) Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment (30.8% or 40 jobs) Food Preparation Workers (27.8% or 50 jobs)	No Formal Educational Credential	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse (2,460 jobs) Retail Salespersons (1,130 jobs) Cashiers (1,090 jobs) Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food (770 jobs) Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (420 jobs)

Excludes "All-Other" occupations and those with employment less than 120 in 2014.

Source: California Employment Development Department