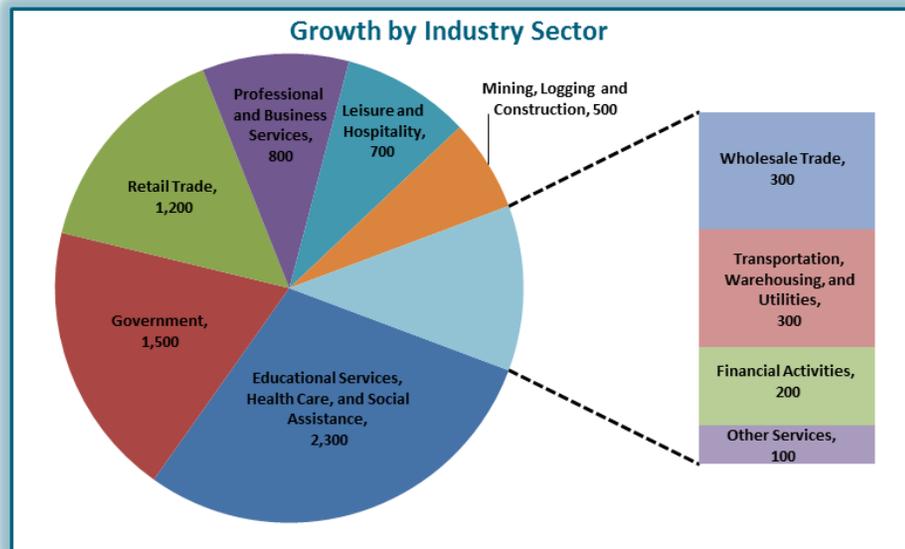


**Industry Employment**, which includes self-employment, unpaid family workers, private household workers, farm, and nonfarm employment in Imperial County, is expected to reach 72,400 by 2022, an increase of 11.2 percent over the 10-year projections period.



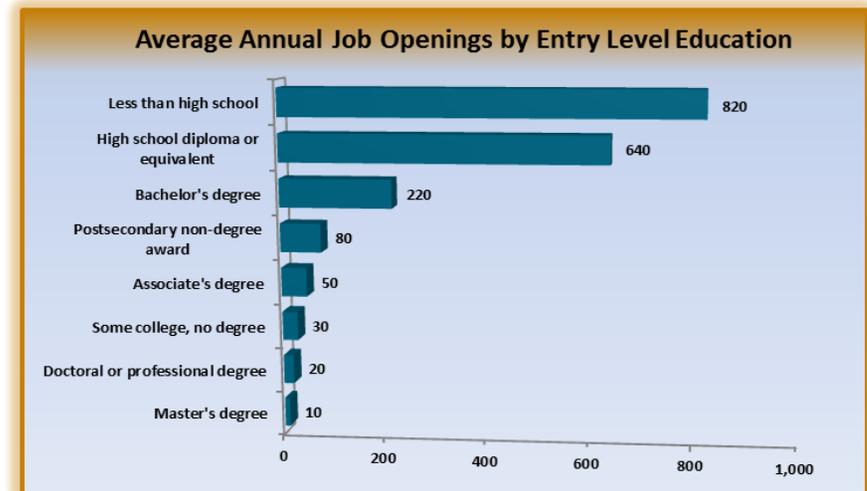
Total nonfarm employment is projected to grow by nearly 6,800 jobs by 2022. Seventy-four percent of all projected nonfarm job growth is concentrated in three industry sectors.

- Educational services, health care, and social assistance is projected to be the fastest growing industry over the 10-year period, at a 33.8 percent growth rate, adding 2,300 jobs.
- Government is expected to add 1,500 jobs, while growing 8.4 percent over the projection period. Local government will lead the way with 1,100 jobs over the ten years.
- Retail trade is expected to add 1,200 jobs while growing 15.6 percent over the projection period.

**Occupational Employment** forecasts 8,700 new jobs from industry growth and 15,600 job openings from replacement needs for a combined total of 24,300 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings are forecasted to generate about 1,400 total job openings annually, which is about 56 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 have median wages ranging from approximately \$9 to \$10 per hour and require less than a high school education. Higher-skilled occupations, requiring a bachelor's degree or higher, include general and operations managers; teachers (elementary, and secondary); compliance officers; and accountants and auditors.

The 48 fastest growing occupations anticipate an annual growth rate of 1.1 percent or higher. Twenty-nine percent of the fastest growing occupations are either in office and administrative support or sales and related fields. Occupations range from home cashiers that require less than a high school education and earn \$9 per hour to computer systems analysts that require a bachelor's degree and pay median wages of nearly \$39 per hour.



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

## 2012-2022 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)
Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education (18.8% or 30 jobs) Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education (18.6% or 180 jobs) General and Operations Managers (18.3% or 110 jobs) Management Analysts (15.4% or 20 jobs) Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education (13.3% or 20 jobs)	<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education (390 jobs) General and Operations Managers (220 jobs) Accountants and Auditors (180 jobs) Compliance Officers (150 jobs) Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education (120 jobs)
Registered Nurses (19.0% or 160 jobs) Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education (6.7% or 10 jobs)	<b>Associate's Degree</b>	Registered Nurses (320 jobs) Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education (60 jobs)
Nursing Assistants (50.0% or 60 jobs) Dental Assistants (33.3% or 40 jobs) Medical Assistants (27.3% or 60 jobs) Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (25.0% or 40 jobs) Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (6.0% or 50 jobs)	<b>Postsecondary Non-degree Award</b>	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (180 jobs) Medical Assistants (100 jobs) Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (80 jobs) Nursing Assistants (80 jobs) Dental Assistants (70 jobs)
Teacher Assistants (11.4% or 90 jobs)	<b>Some College, No Degree</b>	Teacher Assistants (270 jobs)
Medical Secretaries (37.5% or 90 jobs) Electricians (28.6% or 60 jobs) First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers (25.0% or 40 jobs) Billing and Posting Clerks (23.5% or 40 jobs) Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products (23.3% or 70 jobs)	<b>High School Diploma or Equivalent</b>	Correctional Officers and Jailers (470 jobs) Office Clerks, General (360 jobs) Detectives and Criminal Investigators (310 jobs) Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers (300 jobs) First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (280 jobs)
Cooks, Restaurant (28.3% or 130 jobs) Counter and Rental Clerks (25.0% or 40 jobs) Parts Salespersons (25.0% or 40 jobs) Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food (24.2% or 230 jobs) Cashiers (16.8% or 330 jobs)	<b>Less than High School</b>	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse (2,360 jobs) Retail Salespersons (1,220 jobs) Cashiers (1,180 jobs) Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food (590 jobs) Waiters and Waitresses (300 jobs)

Excludes "All-Other" occupations and those with employment less than 120 in 2012.

Source: California Employment Development Department