

Occupations in Demand

Faster than average growth and many annual openings

High School and Limited Training

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Annual Growth
Personal & Home Care Aides	\$19,548	5.6%
Home Health Aides	\$20,356	4.1%
Pharmacy Technicians	\$29,303	3.8%
Medical Assistants	\$26,962	3.5%
Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$27,538	2.6%
Customer Service Representatives	\$27,694	2.3%
1st-Line Spvrs of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$27,919	1.8%
Retail Salespersons	\$24,920	1.4%
Construction Laborers	\$23,371	1.3%
Teacher Assistants	\$16,830	1.3%
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer*	\$39,382	1.2%
Office Clerks, General	\$23,608	1.1%
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks*	\$30,365	1.1%
1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers*	\$40,152	1.0%
Cashiers	\$18,948	0.8%

Vocational, Technical or Apprenticeship

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Annual Growth
Surgical Technologists	\$34,548	3.1%
Dental Hygienists*	\$75,062	2.9%
Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$28,966	2.5%
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	\$24,276	2.1%
Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$32,547	1.9%
Radiologic Technologists & Technicians*	\$55,551	1.8%
Telecommunications Equipment Technicians	\$46,728	1.8%
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$37,745	1.7%
Environmental Engineering Technicians	\$38,748	1.4%
Bus, Truck & Diesel Engine Technicians	\$40,519	1.1%
Preschool Teachers	\$21,952	1.0%
Computer Support Specialists	\$46,499	0.9%
Electro-Mechanical Technicians	\$55,511	0.8%
Automotive Service Technicians	\$34,805	0.6%
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses*	\$55,794	0.5%

Bachelor's or Higher Degree

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Annual Growth
Applications Software Engineers*	\$80,910	3.2%
Graduate Teaching Assistants	Confidential	3.0%
Pharmacists*	\$98,678	3.0%
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$42,266	2.8%
Registered Nurses	\$64,602	2.8%
Kindergarten Teachers	\$56,246	2.3%
Computer Systems Analysts	\$78,102	2.2%
Child, Family & School Social Workers	\$37,312	2.1%
Elementary School Teachers	\$48,148	2.0%
Systems Software Engineers*	\$99,874	1.9%
Middle School Teachers	\$48,851	1.8%
Construction Managers	\$67,837	1.7%
Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$60,404	1.6%
Secondary School Teachers	\$60,477	1.2%
Accountants & Auditors	\$59,950	1.0%

*Top paying job



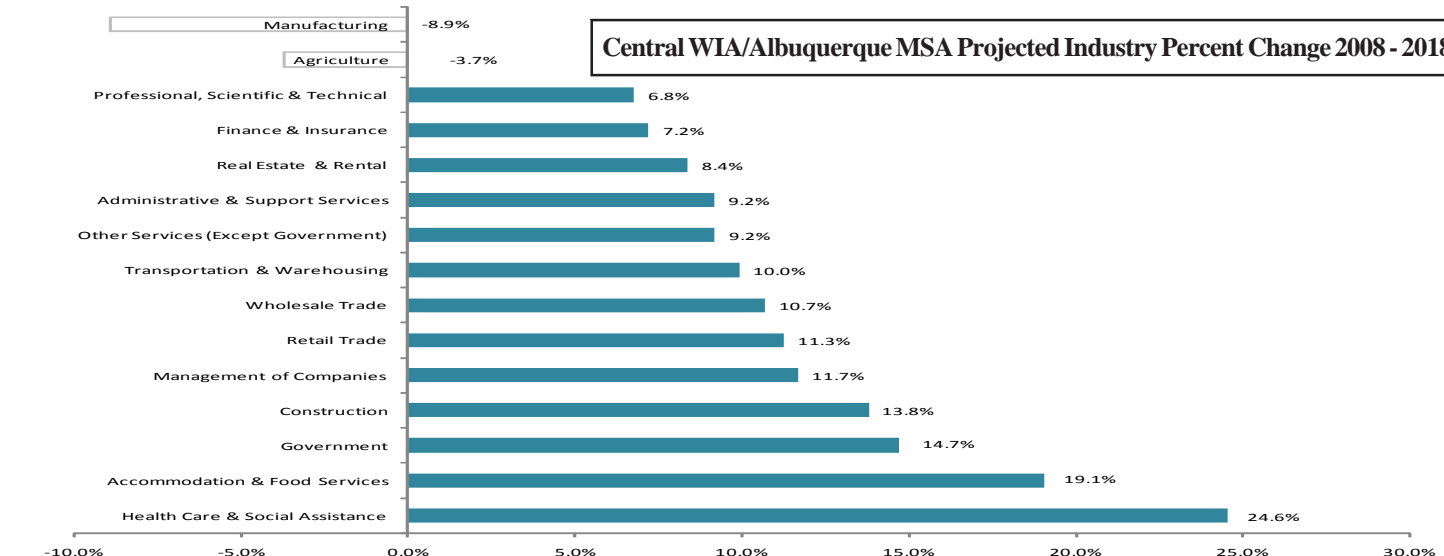
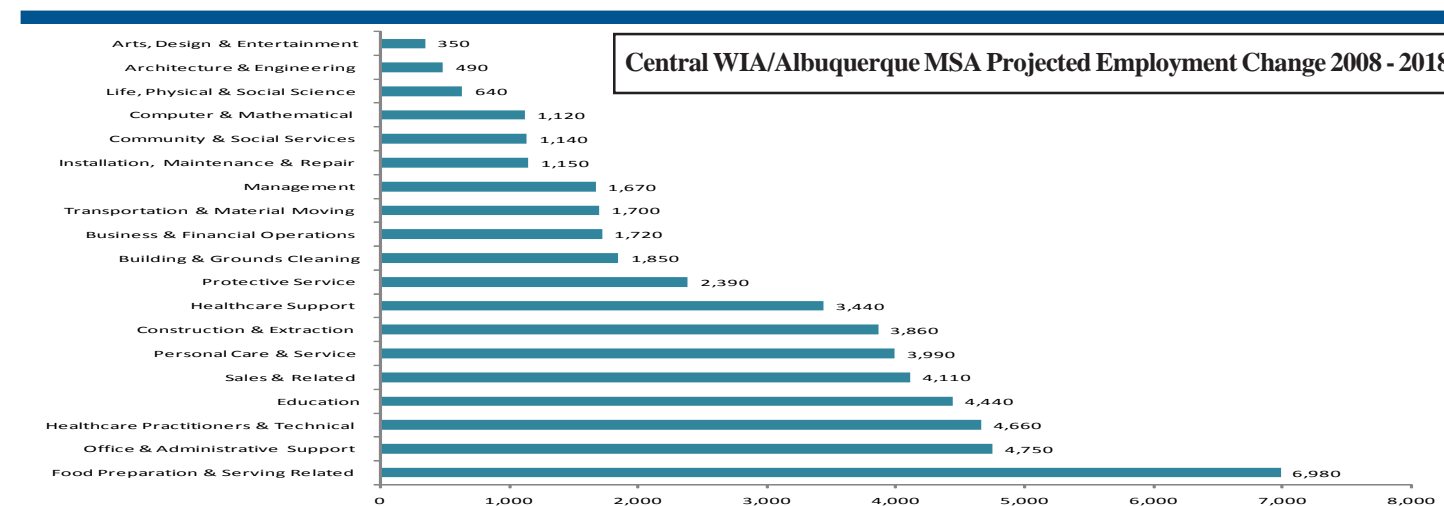
IM Brief



2018 Employment Projections

The 2018 Central WIA/Albuquerque MSA Employment Projections presents a summary of information about the region's job market and economy for ten years from 2008 – 2018. The following graphs and tables present information on industries and occupations that will impact our state's economic outlook. Additional information can be found in the *2018 In Brief*, and the Employment Projections 2018 for the other WIA regions and MSAs, and on our website at www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html.

The Central WIA/Albuquerque MSA economy is expected to generate about 50,010 new jobs through the year 2018. This represents growth of about 12.2 percent. The healthcare & social assistance sector leads the growth by adding over 12,360 alone, followed by accommodations & food services and education projected to add over 12,600 jobs combined. Occupations with the highest annual openings make up a diverse group. Examples include: personal care aides, retail salespersons, registered nurses, administrative support workers, and teachers.



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Occupations

Industries

Fastest Growing Occupations 2008-2018

Occupations with Most Annual Openings 2008-2018

Central WIA/Albuquerque MSA	% Change	Central WIA/Albuquerque MSA	Total Annual Openings
Personal & Home Care Aides	56.1%	Personal & Home Care Aides	246
Home Health Aides	40.9%	Customer Service Representatives	225
Pharmacy Technicians	37.9%	Retail Salespersons	217
Medical Assistants	35.0%	Registered Nurses	179
Registered Nurses	28.2%	Home Health Aides	145
Correctional Officers & Jailers	26.0%	Correctional Officers & Jailers	101
Customer Service Representatives	23.2%	Construction Laborers	86
Elementary School Teachers	20.0%	Elementary School Teachers	76
1st-Line Spvrs of Food Prep & Servers	18.3%	Cashiers	74
Middle School Teachers	17.7%	Office Clerks, General	71
Construction Managers	17.5%	1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers	68
Retail Salespersons	14.5%	Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	64
Construction Laborers	13.5%	Medical Assistants	62
Teacher Assistants	13.3%	Teacher Assistants	53
Security Guards	12.9%	Pharmacy Technicians	50

Many of the jobs with the most openings and fastest growing require little education and training. Unfortunately, the wages for most are lower than the statewide average. On a positive note, registered nurses and elementary school teachers are in the top 15 for both lists, and wages for these occupations exceed \$45,000/year. Although not included in both top 15 lists, jobs such as construction managers (ranked 11th for fastest growing and 23rd for most annual openings) and 1st-line supervisors of retail sales workers (ranking 22nd for fastest growing and 11th for most annual openings) are well-paying jobs.

Industry Change 2008-2018

Industry Sectors with Number of Jobs 2008-2018

Central WIA/Albuquerque MSA	% Change	Central WIA/Albuquerque MSA	Change
Health Care & Social Assistance	24.6%	Health Care & Social Assistance	12,360
Accommodation & Food Services	19.1%	Accommodation & Food Services	6,810
Government	14.7%	Educational Services	5,840
Construction	13.8%	Retail Trade	5,040
Management of Companies	11.7%	Government	5,030
Retail Trade	11.3%	Construction	3,870
Wholesale Trade	10.7%	Administrative & Support Services	2,680
Transportation & Warehousing	10.0%	Professional, Scientific & Technical	2,160
Other Services (Except Government)	9.2%	Wholesale Trade	1,410
Administrative & Support Services	9.2%	Transportation & Warehousing	990
Real Estate & Rental	8.4%	Other Services (Except Government)	970
Finance & Insurance	7.2%	Finance & Insurance	840
Professional, Scientific & Technical	6.8%	Real Estate & Rental	490
Agriculture	-3.7%	Management of Companies	400
Manufacturing	-8.9%	Agriculture	-20
Total Employment, All Jobs	12.2%	Total Employment, All Jobs	50,010

Health care & social assistance, accommodation & food services, and government continue to top the lists of fastest growing industries and industries with the highest number of jobs in the Central WIA. This trend is evident from social assistance, food services & drinking places, and local government subsectors leading both lists as well. The two sectors projected to decline are agriculture (-3.7%) and manufacturing (-8.9%).

Central WIA/Albuquerque MSA Employment Projections by Major Occupation Category

Occupational Category	2008	2018	Employment	Percent
	Annual Employment	Projected Employment	Change 2008-2018	Change 2008-2018
Food Preparation & Serving Related	36,010	42,990	6,980	19.4%
Office & Administrative Support	68,320	73,070	4,750	7.0%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	22,320	26,990	4,660	20.9%
Education	22,500	26,940	4,440	19.7%
Sales & Related	45,130	49,240	4,110	9.1%
Personal Care & Service	14,870	18,850	3,990	26.8%
Construction & Extraction	29,970	33,830	3,860	12.9%
Healthcare Support	12,650	16,090	3,440	27.2%
Protective Service	11,660	14,050	2,390	20.5%
Building & Grounds Cleaning	15,420	17,260	1,850	12.0%
Business & Financial Operations	15,140	16,860	1,720	11.3%
Transportation & Material Moving	21,310	23,010	1,700	8.0%
Management	20,310	21,980	1,670	8.2%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	15,110	16,260	1,150	7.6%
Community & Social Services	6,130	7,270	1,140	18.6%
Computer & Mathematical	7,630	8,740	1,120	14.6%
Life, Physical & Social Science	4,960	5,600	640	12.9%
Architecture & Engineering	13,680	14,170	490	3.6%
Arts, Design & Entertainment	5,560	5,900	350	6.2%
Total, All Occupations	409,900	459,910	50,010	12.2%

Fastest Growing Industry Subsectors 2008-2018

Leading Industry Subsectors 2008-2018

Central WIA/Albuquerque MSA	% Change	Central WIA/Albuquerque MSA	Change
Social Assistance	23.5%	Food Services & Drinking Places	6,050
Local Government	22.8%	Local Government	3,370
Building Material & Garden Equipment Suppliers	21.3%	Specialty Trade Contractors	2,630
Food Services & Drinking Places	20.1%	Administrative & Support Services	2,590
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	17.5%	Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	2,160
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	16.4%	Social Assistance	2,090
State Government	15.7%	State Government	1,090
Food & Beverage Stores	14.6%	Merchant Wholesalers, Durables	1,030
Specialty Trade Contractors	14.5%	Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	870
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation Industries	13.8%	Amusement, Gambling & Recreation Industries	860
Transit & Ground Passenger Transport	13.7%	Food & Beverage Stores	820
Accommodation	13.6%	Accommodation	760
Merchant Wholesalers, Durables	13.6%	Building Material & Garden Equipment Suppliers	750
Truck Transportation	11.7%	Construction of Buildings	710
Management of Companies	11.7%	Federal Government, Excluding Post Office	620
Construction of Buildings	10.4%	Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	540
Administrative & Support Services	9.1%	Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	530
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	9.0%	Management of Companies	400
Credit Intermediation	8.9%	Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	340
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	6.8%	Truck Transportation	330
Insurance Carriers	6.4%	Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	320
Federal Government	6.0%	Transit & Ground Passenger Transport	180
Telecommunications	3.1%	Telecommunications	180