

Occupations in Demand

Faster than average growth and many annual openings

High School and Limited Training

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Annual Growth
Home Health Aides	\$23,236	4.5%
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$39,690	4.4%
Personal & Home Care Aides	\$21,783	4.4%
Medical Assistants	\$27,217	2.8%
Derrick Operators, Oil & Gas*	\$49,665	2.7%
Customer Service Representatives	\$28,835	2.3%
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers*	\$50,727	2.2%
Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	\$31,232	2.2%
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$46,165	2.2%
Carpenters	\$35,398	2.2%
Painters, Construction & Maintenance	\$33,175	2.1%
Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas & Mining	\$45,981	2.0%
Construction Equipment Operators	\$43,300	1.8%
Construction Laborers	\$26,437	1.8%
Electricians*	\$48,917	1.7%

Vocational, Technical or Apprenticeship

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Annual Growth
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$45,149	3.4%
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	\$23,401	3.3%
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$42,007	2.9%
Automotive Technicians	\$33,884	2.7%
Dental Hygienists*	\$60,589	2.6%
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	\$21,652	2.6%
Electrical & Electronics Technicians*	\$53,617	2.5%
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$31,760	2.1%
Geological & Petroleum Technicians	\$35,272	1.9%
Medical Records Technicians	\$33,920	1.6%
Preschool Teachers	\$19,783	1.6%
Computer Support Specialists	\$45,374	1.5%
Bus, Truck & Diesel Engine Mechanics	\$50,865	1.4%
Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$44,200	1.3%
Radiologic Technologists & Technicians*	\$50,974	1.1%

Bachelor's or Higher Degree

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Annual Growth
Health Educators	\$22,071	3.1%
Physical Therapists	\$65,460	2.6%
Petroleum Engineers*	\$110,995	2.5%
Geoscientists	\$87,141	2.5%
Registered Nurses	\$60,969	2.3%
Construction Managers*	\$93,897	2.0%
Sales Managers*	\$90,558	1.8%
Financial Managers	\$78,745	1.7%
Child, Family & School Social Workers	\$36,739	1.6%
Administrative Services Managers	\$70,475	1.5%
Accountants & Auditors	\$61,105	1.5%
Special Education Teachers, P-K & Elementary	\$46,976	1.3%
Management Analysts	Confidential	1.2%
Elementary School Teachers	\$48,173	0.8%
Middle School Teachers	\$46,825	0.6%

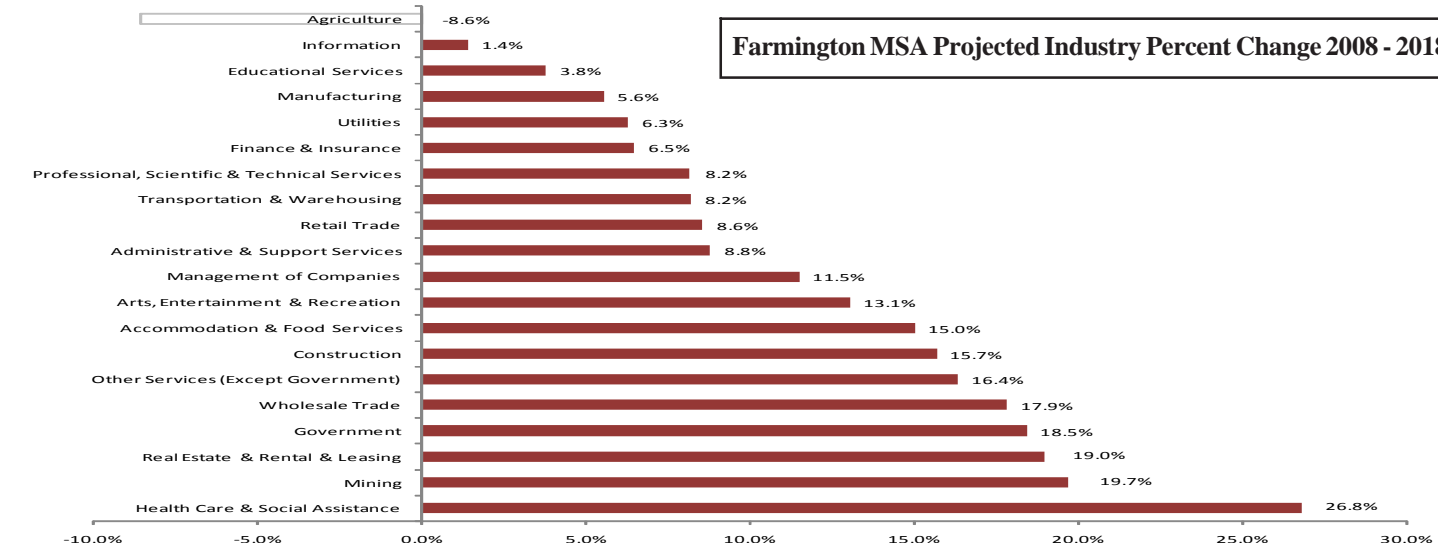
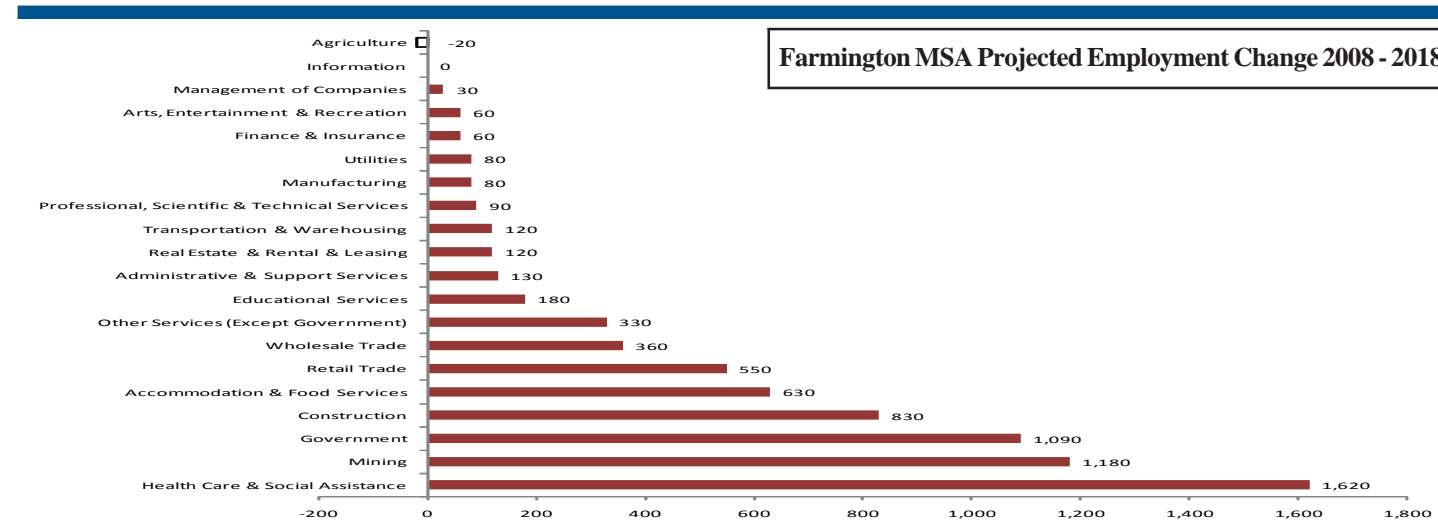
*Top paying job



2018 Employment Projections

The 2018 Farmington 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*, the Employment Projections 2018 for the other MSA regions and WIAs, and on our website at www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html.

The Farmington MSA economy is expected to generate about 7,900 new jobs through the year 2018. This represents growth of about 14.1 percent. The healthcare & social assistance sector leads the growth by adding over 1,600 alone, followed by mining and government each projected to add over 1,000 jobs. Occupations with the highest annual openings make up a diverse group. Examples include: personal care aides, construction & extraction workers, retail salespersons, home health aides, registered nurses, administrative support workers, teachers, police, and restaurant workers.



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Occupations

Industries

Fastest Growing Occupations 2008-2018

Occupations with Most Annual Openings 2008-2018

Farmington MSA	% Change	Farmington MSA	Total Annual Openings
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	44.4%	Personal & Home Care Aides	86
Personal & Home Care Aides	43.8%	Retail Salespersons	79
Medical Assistants	28.3%	Cashiers	66
Automotive Service Mechanics	26.7%	Combined Food Preparation & Servers	53
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	25.6%	Construction Laborers	46
Customer Service Representatives	23.5%	Registered Nurses	43
Combined Food Preparation & Servers	22.9%	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	41
Registered Nurses	22.6%	1st-Line Spvrs of Construction & Extraction Workers	31
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	22.2%	Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	30
Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	22.0%	Automotive Technicians	28
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	21.6%	Secretaries	28
Carpenters	21.5%	1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers	27
Painters, Construction & Maintenance	20.6%	Construction Equipment Operators	27
Construction Equipment Operators	18.1%	Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	26
1st-Line Spvrs of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	17.9%	Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	25

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 construction equipment operators are in the top 15 for both lists, and wages for these occupations exceed \$40,000/year. Although not included in the top 15, jobs such as electricians (ranked 18th for fastest growing and 17th for most annual openings) and bus, truck & diesel engine mechanics (ranking 19th for fastest growing and 21st for most annual openings) are well-paying jobs.

Industry Change 2008-2018

Industry Sectors with Number of Jobs 2008-2018

Industry	Farmington MSA	% Change	Industry	Farmington MSA	Change
Health Care & Social Assistance		26.8%	Health Care & Social Assistance		1,620
Mining		19.7%	Mining		1,180
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing		19.0%	Government		1,090
Government		18.5%	Construction		830
Wholesale Trade		17.9%	Accommodation & Food Services		630
Other Services (Except Government)		16.4%	Retail Trade		550
Construction		15.7%	Wholesale Trade		360
Accommodation & Food Services		15.0%	Other Services (Except Government)		330
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation		13.1%	Educational Services		180
Management of Companies		11.5%	Administrative & Support Services		130
Administrative & Support Services		8.8%	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing		120
Retail Trade		8.6%	Transportation & Warehousing		120
Transportation & Warehousing		8.2%	Professional, Scientific & Technical Service		90
Professional, Scientific & Technical Service		8.2%	Manufacturing		80
Finance & Insurance		6.5%	Utilities		80
Utilities		6.3%	Finance & Insurance		60
Manufacturing		5.6%	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation		60
Educational Services		3.8%	Management of Companies		30
Information		1.4%	Information		0
Agriculture		-8.6%	Agriculture		-20
Total Employment, All Jobs		14.1%	Total Employment, All Jobs		7,900

Health care & social assistance, mining, and government continue to top the lists of fastest growing industries and industries with the highest number of jobs in the Farmington MSA. This trend is evident from ambulatory health care services, social assistance, repair & maintenance, and local government subsectors leading both lists as well. The information sector is projected to grow at less than 2 percent and declines are projected for the agriculture industry sector (-8.6%).

Farmington MSA Employment Projections by Major Occupation Category

Occupational Category	2008 Annual Employment	2018 Projected Employment	Employment Change 2008-2018	Percent Change 2008-2018
Construction & Extraction	8,340	9,870	1,520	18.3%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	4,600	5,480	870	19.0%
Personal Care & Service	2,510	3,220	710	28.2%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	4,200	4,880	680	16.2%
Office & Administrative Support	7,730	8,270	540	7.0%
Sales & Related	5,450	5,930	480	8.8%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	2,480	2,950	470	18.7%
Production	3,060	3,490	430	14.2%
Transportation & Material Moving	3,760	4,170	400	10.7%
Healthcare Support	1,330	1,700	380	28.4%
Protective Service	1,410	1,670	260	18.8%
Education, Training & Library	2,920	3,110	200	6.7%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maint	1,700	1,850	150	8.7%
Business & Financial Operations	1,020	1,150	130	12.5%
Community & Social Services	670	790	120	17.9%
Architecture & Engineering	860	970	110	13.3%
Life, Physical & Social Science	460	530	70	15.2%
Legal	400	450	50	12.1%
Arts, Design, Entertain, Sports & Media	360	370	10	1.9%
Total, All Occupations	55,900	63,800	7,900	14.1%

Fastest Growing Industry Subsectors 2008-2018

Leading Industry Subsectors 2008-2018

Subsector	Farmington MSA	% Change	Subsector	Farmington MSA	Change
Social Assistance		32.7%	Local Government		1,010
Ambulatory Health Care Services		32.1%	Support Activities for Mining		850
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing		25.7%	Ambulatory Health Care Services		750
Repair & Maintenance		25.5%	Food Services & Drinking Places		610
Construction of Buildings		24.7%	Specialty Trade Contractors		410
Support Activities for Mining		23.9%	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods		340
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers		23.6%	Repair & Maintenance		260
Building Material & Garden Equipment Suppliers		22.6%	Social Assistance		250
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods		21.8%	Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers		250
Local Government		21.5%	Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction		220
Food Services & Drinking Places		16.4%	Construction of Buildings		210
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction		14.3%	Educational Services		180
Specialty Trade Contractors		13.9%	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing		140
State Government		12.9%	Building Material & Garden Equipment Suppliers		130
Administrative & Support Services		8.4%	Administrative & Support Services		100
Truck Transportation		8.2%	Truck Transportation		100
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services		8.2%	Professional, Scientific & Technical Services		90
Credit Intermediation		7.2%	Utilities		80
Utilities		6.3%	General Merchandise Stores		70
Personal & Laundry Services		6.2%	State Government		60
General Merchandise Stores		4.4%	Credit Intermediation		50
Educational Services		3.8%	Personal & Laundry Services		40
Food & Beverage Stores		3.5%	Food & Beverage Stores		30