

# Fastest Growing Jobs

## Computer- and health-related occupations dominate the list of fastest growing jobs

Interested in a career in the computer- or health-related fields? You're in luck! Nine of the ten fastest growing jobs in New Hampshire are found in these fields. The two fastest growing jobs in the state, Computer support specialists and Systems analysts, combined, are expected to add more than 4,000 jobs by 2008. Although these two jobs topped the same list in the last round of projections, then they were only projected to add 3,000 new jobs by 2006.

Although the majority of the top 10 fastest growing jobs are computer-related, the story changes when the top 40 jobs are looked at. Almost half of these 40 jobs are found primarily in health-related fields. This is not surprising, as Health Services is one of the fastest growing industries in New Hampshire. Home health aides are expected to increase faster than any other health-related occupation with a growth rate of 62.3 percent. At this rate, an additional 1,349 Home health aides are expected to be working in the state by 2008, bringing the total up to 3,515. Other occupations, because of their size, will generate large growth rates though the actual number of jobs added will

be relatively small. For instance, Physician assistants ranked seventh on the chart with a growth rate of 59.9 percent. However, employment in this occupation is expected to increase by only 130, bringing the total to 347 by 2008.

Occupations found mostly in Education services and Manufacturing round out the top 40 list. These include occupations from Special education teachers to Combination machine tool operators and tenders.

Overall, New Hampshire is expected to add more than 105,000 new jobs from 1998 to 2008. The five computer-related occupations on the top 40 fastest growing list are expected to claim about one in every eighteen jobs while the eighteen Health-related occupations on the list should claim one in every seventeen jobs.

More information about industry and occupational trends in New Hampshire can be found in our new publication, *New Hampshire Employment Projections by Industry and Occupation, 1998 to 2008*.

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**New Hampshire's 10 Fastest Growing Occupations, 1998-2008**  
(1998 or 2008 employment greater than 100)

Title	OES Code	Employment		Total Change	
		1998	2008	Number	Percent
Computer Support Specialists	25104	1,942	3,649	1,707	87.9%
Systems Analysts	25102	2,706	5,070	2,364	87.4%
Desktop Publishing Specialists	89707	180	332	152	84.4%
Database Administrators	25103	296	511	215	72.6%
Home Health Aides	66011	2,166	3,515	1,349	62.3%
Instructional Coordinators	31517	303	486	183	60.4%
Physician Assistants	32511	217	347	130	59.9%
Computer Engineers	22127	2,585	4,061	1,476	57.1%
Medical Assistants	66005	791	1,241	450	56.9%
Medical Records Technicians	32911	349	535	186	53.3%