

## What Employment Projections information does BLS provide?

Employment Projections provides information about the nation's economy and labor market 10 years into the future. Projections for the 2014–24 decade are available in searchable databases and widely-used career information resources, including the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) and [Career Outlook](#).

## What does BLS project?

- Labor force participation and the size and demographic makeup of the future workforce
- Aggregate economy, including gross domestic product (GDP)
- Industry output and employment
- Occupational employment and job openings

## Who uses projections?

- Students, jobseekers, and career counselors, to make career decisions or provide guidance
- Education and training specialists, to plan and develop training programs
- Workforce investment boards, for policy and strategic planning purposes
- Economic developers, to understand demand for skilled workers
- State labor market information offices, to develop state and regional employment projections (see [www.projectionscentral.com](http://www.projectionscentral.com))

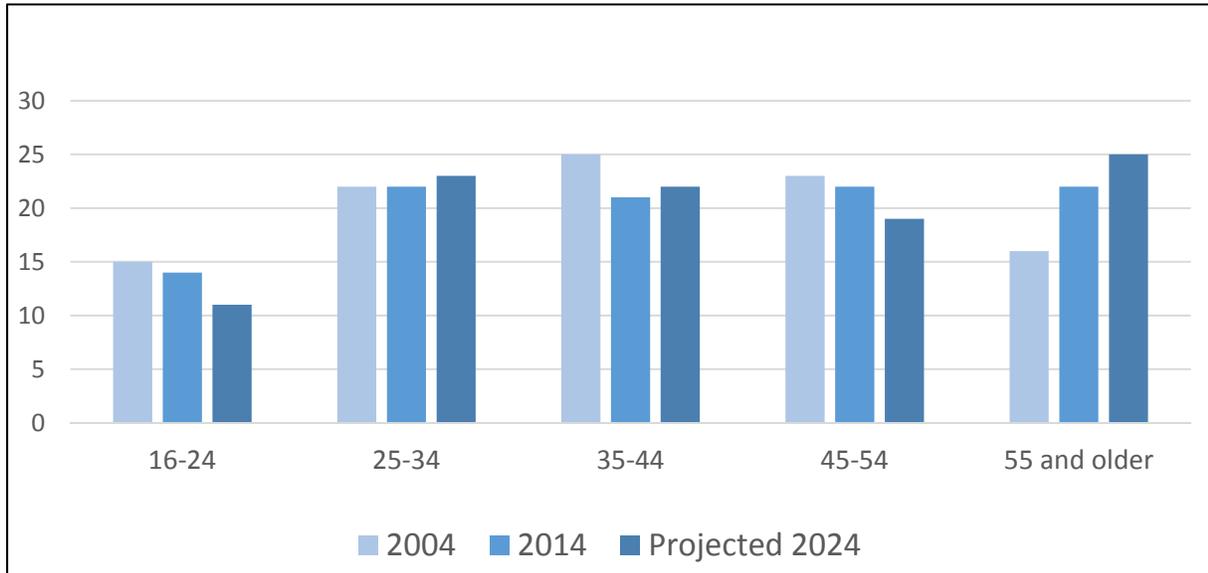
## What are some highlights from the latest projections?

- Workers age 55 and older are expected to make up nearly one-quarter of the labor force in 2024.
- The labor force is projected to grow more slowly over the next 10 years.
- GDP is projected to grow at 2.2 percent annually over the coming decade, maintaining its average growth rate experienced in the recovery from 2010-2014.
- The healthcare and social assistance industry is projected to account for over one-third of total job growth.
- Among occupations, those in healthcare are projected to add 2.3 million jobs, about 1 in 4 new jobs. Occupations in food preparation and serving, personal care services, and sales are projected to add another 2.4 million jobs. Together, these 4.7 million new jobs represent approximately one-half of all employment gains over the coming decade.
- The 30 occupations projected to grow the fastest include 18 in healthcare. The fastest-growing occupation is projected to be wind turbine service technicians. Personal care aides—who provide assistance to the aging population and others needing help with daily living—are projected to add the most new jobs and also place among the top 30 fastest-growing occupations.
- The fastest growth among detailed occupations is projected to be in jobs requiring a graduate degree for entry.

## Where can you find Employment Projections information?

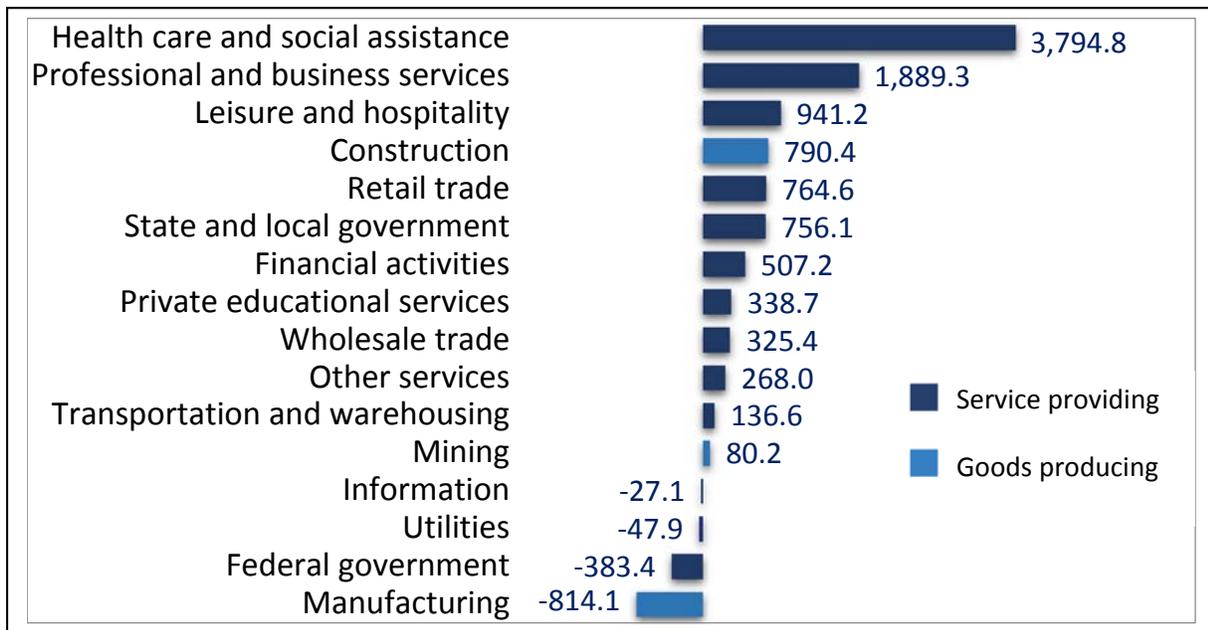
At [www.bls.gov/emp](http://www.bls.gov/emp) you can search for projections by occupation, education and training needs, fastest-growing jobs, and other criteria. You can access the [Monthly Labor Review](#) for a complete analysis of all the 2014–24 projections and also find our career publications: the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) and [Career Outlook](#).

## Labor force share by age group, percent



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Employment change by industry sector: projected 2014–24, thousands of wage and salary jobs



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