

OCCUPATIONAL PROJECTIONS 2022 - 2032 MAJOR OCCUPATION

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The table provides employment data for the major occupational groups as defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics using the 2018 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. The SOC system is the federal statistical standard used by federal agencies to classify workers into occupational categories for the purpose of collecting, calculating, or disseminating data.

Rhode Island's employment is projected to reach 564,230 by 2032, representing an increase of 32,943 jobs (6.2%) from its 2022 level. In comparison, national employment is expected to grow by just 2.8% over the same period.

Computer and Mathematical Occupations are anticipated to experience the most significant growth at 15.4%, driven by the rising demand for technology-related roles. Similarly, Healthcare occupations are projected to see substantial increases, with Healthcare Support Occupations growing by 14.9% and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations by 8.9%, underscoring the ongoing expansion of the healthcare sector. Conversely, Office and Administrative Support Occupations are expected to decline by 3.8%, indicating a reduced demand for these roles.

Overall, the employment outlook suggests robust growth in the technology, healthcare, and transportation sectors, while more traditional administrative roles are expected to diminish.

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Occupational Group	Projected Employment		Percent Change	Exits	Openings Due To		
	2022	2032			Transfers	Growth	Total
Total, All Occupations	531,287	564,230	6.2	264,065	328,067	32,943	625,075
Management Occupations	24,489	26,767	9.3	7,155	11,798	2,278	21,231
Business & Financial Operations Occupations	40,049	42,734	6.7	12,608	19,409	2,685	34,702
Computer & Mathematical Occupations	16,149	18,637	15.4	3,760	6,382	2,488	12,630
Architecture & Engineering Occupations	7,561	8,096	7.1	2,055	2,774	535	5,364
Community & Social Service Occupations	9,730	10,822	11.2	3,884	4,938	1,092	9,914
Legal Occupations	5,771	6,209	7.6	1,635	1,651	438	3,724
Educational Instruction & Library Occupations	31,606	32,591	3.1	13,833	13,133	985	27,951
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media Occupations	10,163	10,762	5.9	4,078	5,719	599	10,396
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations	39,250	42,747	8.9	12,710	9,347	3,497	25,554
Healthcare Support Occupations	24,655	28,317	14.9	17,299	20,167	3,662	41,128
Protective Service Occupations	12,424	12,637	1.7	6,444	6,823	213	13,480
Food Preparation & Serving Related Occupations	47,354	49,997	5.6	41,200	49,465	2,643	93,308
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance Occupations	20,692	22,055	6.6	12,890	15,189	1,363	29,442
Personal Care & Service Occupations	16,843	18,656	10.8	11,590	17,555	1,813	30,958
Sales & Related Occupations	48,242	50,298	4.3	27,958	34,716	2,056	64,730
Office & Administrative Support Occupations	63,339	60,965	-3.8	33,636	37,614	(2,374)	68,876
Construction & Extraction Occupations	24,133	26,556	10.0	8,657	12,509	2,423	23,589
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Occupations	18,351	20,157	9.8	7,507	9,445	1,806	18,758
Production Occupations	30,219	30,675	1.5	14,019	19,149	456	33,624
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	33,887	37,662	11.1	19,185	26,128	3,775	49,088