

# A CAREER IN HEAL

HEAL occupations employ over 132,000 workers in Rhode Island

## What is HEAL?

HEAL encompasses the fields of Healthcare, Education, and Arts-emphasizing not only the professions themselves but also the roles of driving and leading positive societal impact with these sectors, giving the “L” for Leadership. Leadership is a key component across all HEAL fields, involving the guidance and inspiration of others, whether in community services, education, arts, or healthcare.

Professionals in HEAL roles often act as leaders in their communities, classrooms, clinics, studios, and organizations, driving change, influencing people, and fostering growth. Essentially, HEAL professions are centered around people interacting with people.



During the 2022 to 2032 Projection period for Rhode Island, employment in HEAL occupations is projected to grow 8.8 percent compared to the 6.2 percent growth rate projected for all occupations in the state. During the projection period RI employers will seek to fill over 145,000 HEAL openings, resulting from both occupational growth and the need to replace workers who leave their occupation.

## Community & Social Service Jobs

2022 Employment: 9,730  
2032 Employment: 10,822  
Projected Increase: 1,092

**\$66,165**  
Median  
Annual Wage

## Educational Instruction & Library Jobs

2022 Employment: 31,606  
2032 Employment: 32,591  
Projected Increase: 985

**\$80,766**  
Median  
Annual Wage

## Arts, Design, Ent., Sports, & Media Jobs

2022 Employment: 10,163  
2032 Employment: 10,762  
Projected Increase: 599

**\$61,859**  
Median  
Annual Wage

## Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Jobs

2022 Employment: 39,250  
2032 Employment: 42,747  
Projected Increase: 3,497

**\$91,208**  
Median  
Annual Wage

## Healthcare Support Jobs

2022 Employment: 24,655  
2032 Employment: 28,317  
Projected Increase: 3,662

**\$45,614**  
Median  
Annual Wage

## Personal Care & Service Jobs

2022 Employment: 16,843  
2032 Employment: 18,656  
Projected Increase: 1,813

**\$39,978**  
Median  
Annual Wage

# HEAL JOBS IN RHODE ISLAND

Knowing which occupations are projected to have the most job openings may help you narrow your career options.

STEM occupations with the most total openings during the 2022-2032 projection period.		2032 Employment	Yearly Openings	Median Wage
Registered Nurses	12,703	7,400	\$45.60	\$45.60
Nursing Assistants	10,008	14,444	\$20.00	\$20.00
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	9,998	15,183	\$18.25	\$18.25
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	5,116	3,191	\$39.97	\$39.97
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	4,431	2,977	\$42.81	\$42.81
Childcare Workers	4,184	6,948	\$16.91	\$16.91
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	3,736	5,153	\$16.60	\$16.60
Medical Assistants	3,599	4,715	\$21.15	\$21.15
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	3,348	3,905	\$18.03	\$18.03
Social and Human Service Assistants	3,155	3,385	\$21.40	\$21.40
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	2,411	1,622	\$41.07	\$41.07
Nurse Practitioners	2,087	1,427	\$61.89	\$61.89
Exercise Trainers and Group Fitness Instructors	1,930	3,560	\$21.19	\$21.19
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	1,876	1,512	\$31.21	\$31.21
Pharmacy Technicians	1,876	1,804	\$17.54	\$17.54
Animal Caretakers	1,867	3,385	\$16.72	\$16.72
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	1,806	1,457	\$36.94	\$36.94
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	1,525	1,641	\$43.30	\$43.30
Self-Enrichment Teachers	1,493	1,818	\$21.52	\$21.52
Pharmacists	1,428	619	\$60.76	\$60.76
Instructional Coordinators	1,410	1,227	\$30.66	\$30.66
Public Relations Specialists	1,350	1,121	\$33.04	\$33.04
Graphic Designers	1,348	1,114	\$32.19	\$32.19
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	1,344	1,237	\$22.13	\$22.13
Physical Therapists	1,245	587	\$45.91	\$13.98
Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	1,213	803	\$33.35	\$45.91
Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors	1,102	816	\$31.27	\$33.35
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	1,061	598	\$39.65	\$19.97
Photographers	1,037	936	\$23.36	\$31.27
Writers and Authors	1,020	1,024	\$31.24	\$39.65

Occupational wages are from the May 2024 Occupational Employment Statistics Survey.

HEAL Occupations are Major Occupational Groups 21, 25, 27, 29, 31, and 39

Yearly Openings are a function of projected growth, turnover and exits (think retiring or leaving a profession altogether) in a particular occupation.

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