

Table 3c. The 10 occupations with the largest job growth, 2002-12
(Numbers in thousands of jobs)

Occupation	Employment		Change		Most significant source of postsecondary education or training ¹
	2002	2012	Number	Percent	
Registered nurses	2,284	2,908	623	27	Associate degree
Postsecondary teachers	1,581	2,184	603	38	Doctoral degree
Retail salespersons	4,076	4,672	596	15	Short-term on-the-job training
Customer service representatives	1,894	2,354	460	24	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	1,990	2,444	454	23	Short-term on-the-job training
Cashiers, except gaming	3,432	3,886	454	13	Short-term on-the-job training
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	2,267	2,681	414	18	Short-term on-the-job training
General and operations managers	2,049	2,425	376	18	Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience
Waiters and waitresses	2,097	2,464	367	18	Short-term on-the-job training
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	1,375	1,718	343	25	Short-term on-the-job training

1. An occupation is placed into one of 11 categories that best describes the education or training needed by most workers to become fully qualified. For more information about the categories, see Chapter II, "Selected Occupational Data, 2000 and Projected 2010" in Occupational Projections and Training Data, Bulletin 2542 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, January 2002), pp. 18-19, or in Bulletin 2572, the forthcoming 2004-05 edition of this publication.

Table 4. Civilian labor force by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin, 1982, 1992, 2002, and projected 2012
(Numbers in thousands)

Group	Level					Numeric change			Percent change			Percent distribution					Annual growth rate (percent)		
	1982	1992	2002		2012	1982-92	1992-2002	2002-12	1982-92	1992-2002	2002-12	1982	1992	2002		2012	1982-92	1992-2002	2002-12
			1990 census weights	2000 census weights										1990 census weights	2000 census weights				
Total, 16 years and older	110,204	128,105	142,534	144,863	162,269	17,901	14,429	17,406	16.2	11.3	12.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	1.1	1.1
16 to 24	24,606	21,616	22,425	22,366	24,377	-2,990	809	2,011	-12.2	3.7	9.0	22.3	16.9	15.7	15.4	15.0	-1.3	0.4	0.9
25 to 54	70,506	91,429	99,865	101,720	106,866	20,923	8,436	5,146	29.7	9.2	5.1	64.0	71.4	70.1	70.2	65.9	2.6	0.9	0.5
55 and older	15,092	15,060	20,244	20,777	31,026	-32	5,184	10,249	-0.2	34.4	49.3	13.7	11.8	14.2	14.3	19.1	0.0	3.0	4.1
Men	62,450	69,964	76,052	77,500	85,252	7,514	6,088	7,751	12.0	8.7	10.0	56.7	54.6	53.4	53.5	52.5	1.1	0.8	1.0
Women	47,754	58,141	66,481	67,363	77,017	10,387	8,340	9,654	21.8	14.3	14.3	43.3	45.4	46.6	46.5	47.5	2.0	1.3	1.3
One race																			
White	96,143	108,837	118,569	120,150	130,358	12,694	9,732	10,208	13.2	8.9	8.5	87.2	85.0	83.2	82.9	80.3	1.2	0.9	0.8
Black or African American	11,331	14,162	16,834	16,564	19,765	2,831	2,672	3,201	25.0	18.9	19.3	10.3	11.1	11.8	11.4	12.2	2.3	1.7	1.8
Asian	2,730	5,106	7,130	5,949	8,971	2,376	2,024	3,022	87.0	39.6	50.8	2.5	4.0	5.0	4.1	5.5	6.5	3.4	4.2
All other groups ¹	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,200	3,175	n/a	n/a	975	n/a	n/a	44.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	2.0	n/a	n/a	3.7
Hispanic or Latino	6,734	11,338	16,200	17,942	23,785	4,604	4,862	5,843	68.4	42.9	32.6	6.1	8.9	11.4	12.4	14.7	5.3	3.6	2.9
Other than Hispanic origin	103,470	116,767	126,334	126,921	138,484	13,297	9,567	11,562	12.9	8.2	9.1	93.9	91.1	88.6	87.6	85.3	1.2	0.8	0.9
White (only) non-Hispanic	89,630	98,724	103,360	103,348	106,237	9,094	4,636	2,889	10.1	4.7	2.8	81.3	77.1	72.5	71.3	65.5	1.0	0.5	0.3

1. The "All other" group includes those reporting the race categories of (1a) American Indian and Alaska Native or (1b) Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders, and (2) those reporting two or more races. Data for 1982 and 1992 represents the "Asian & other" race category with 1990 census weights. Data for 2002 and 2012 represents the "Asian only" race category with 2000 census weights. The historical data for 2002 has been computed for "All other groups".