

# State of Iowa

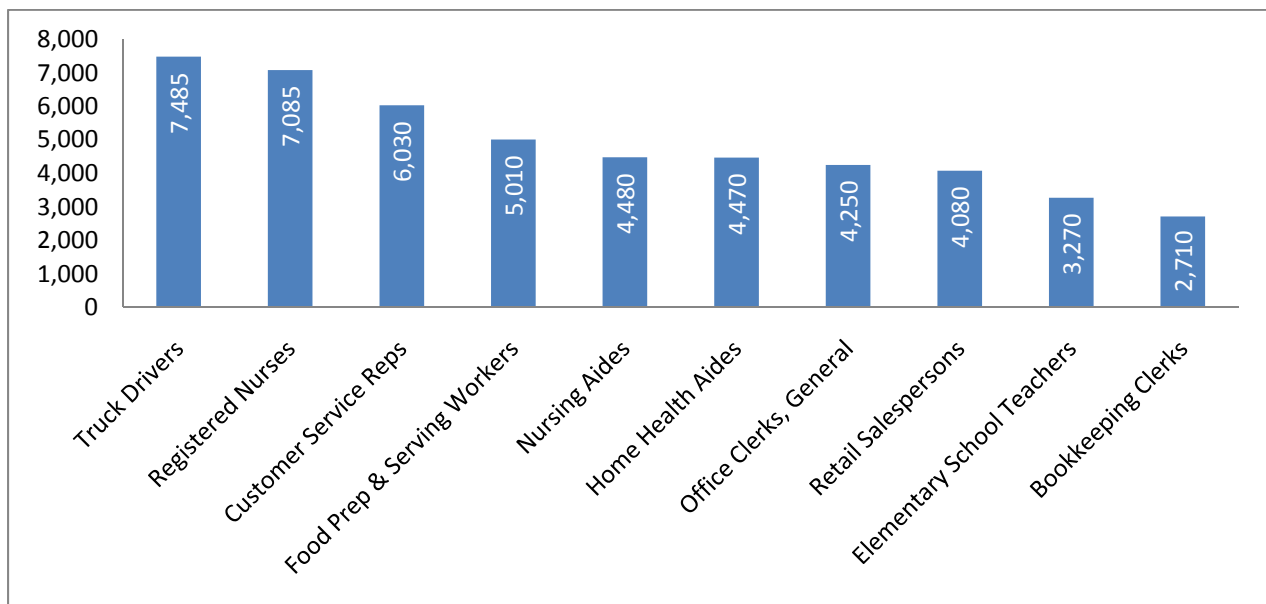
## 2008-2018 Occupational Projections Summary

Iowa's occupational employment is expected to increase by 10% from 2008 to 2018, or 1.0% annually. Job growth will vary across major occupational groups depending on the industry. Service-providing occupations are generally expected to outperform goods-producing occupations. This is reflected in both employment change and growth rates.

Major occupational groups expected to grow faster than the state average are healthcare, computer and mathematical, business and financial, personal care and service, community and social service, legal, life-physical-social science, education, arts-design-entertainment-sports-media, construction, and architecture-engineering. Growing less than the state average include the food, office-administrative, protective service, installation-maintenance-repair, transportation, building-grounds cleaning-maintenance, sales, production, management, and farming-fishing-forestry major occupational groups. A detailed look of 2008-2018 major occupational trends follows.

### Iowa's Occupations with the Largest Projected Job Growth, 2008-2018

Iowa's top 10 occupations expected to have the largest employment growth for 2008-2018 will account for 48,870 (or 28%) of the projected 172,615 new jobs. Of the 48,870 new jobs, 29,025 (or nearly 60%) will fall into the major occupational groups of healthcare and office-administrative as shown below.



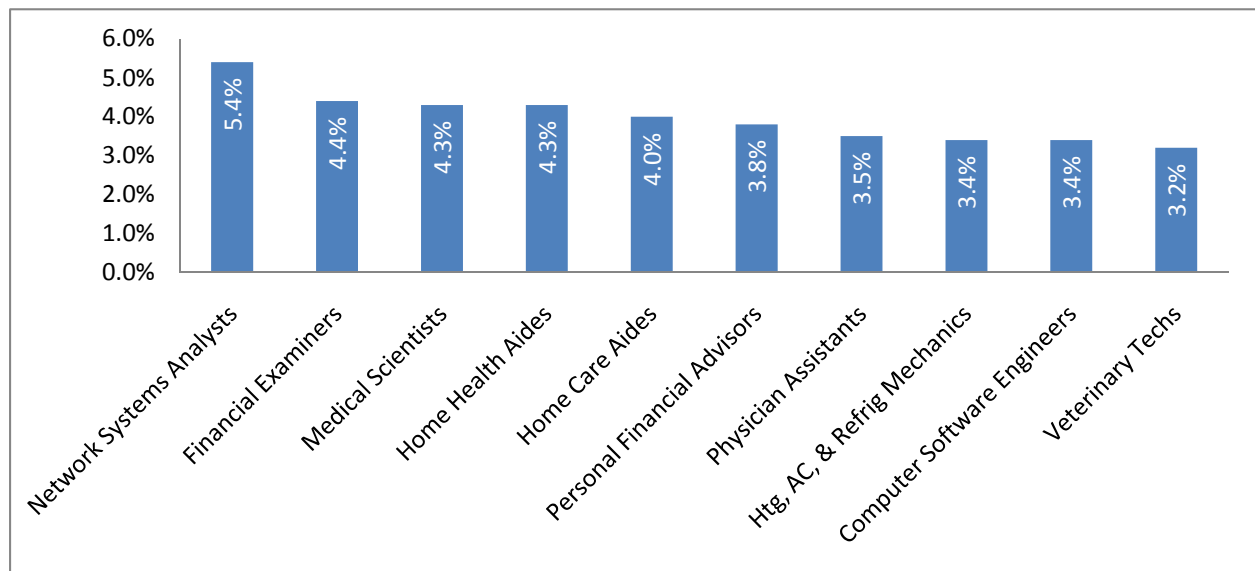
## Iowa's Occupations with the Largest Projected Job Decline, 2008-2018

Iowa's top 10 occupations expected to have the largest employment decline for 2008-2018 will account for 5,565 (or 71%) of the projected 7,860 lost jobs. Of the 5,565 jobs, 2,135 of them (or 38%) will fall into the major occupational group of farming-fishing-forestry as shown below.

Occupation	Number of Jobs
Farmers and Ranchers	-2,135
Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors, and Processing Machine Operators	-685
Order Clerks	-665
Telemarketers	-480
File Clerks	-370
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal/Plastic	-335
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	-280
Metal Workers and Plastic Workers, All Other	-230
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	-225
Conveyor Operators and Tenders	-160

## Iowa's Fast Growing Occupations, 2008-2018

Iowa's top 10 occupations expected to have the largest percentage of employment growth for 2008-2018 are primarily in the healthcare major occupational group as shown below. However, even though an occupation is expected to grow rapidly, it may not necessarily provide the largest number of job openings. Therefore, consideration should also be given to occupational employment levels.



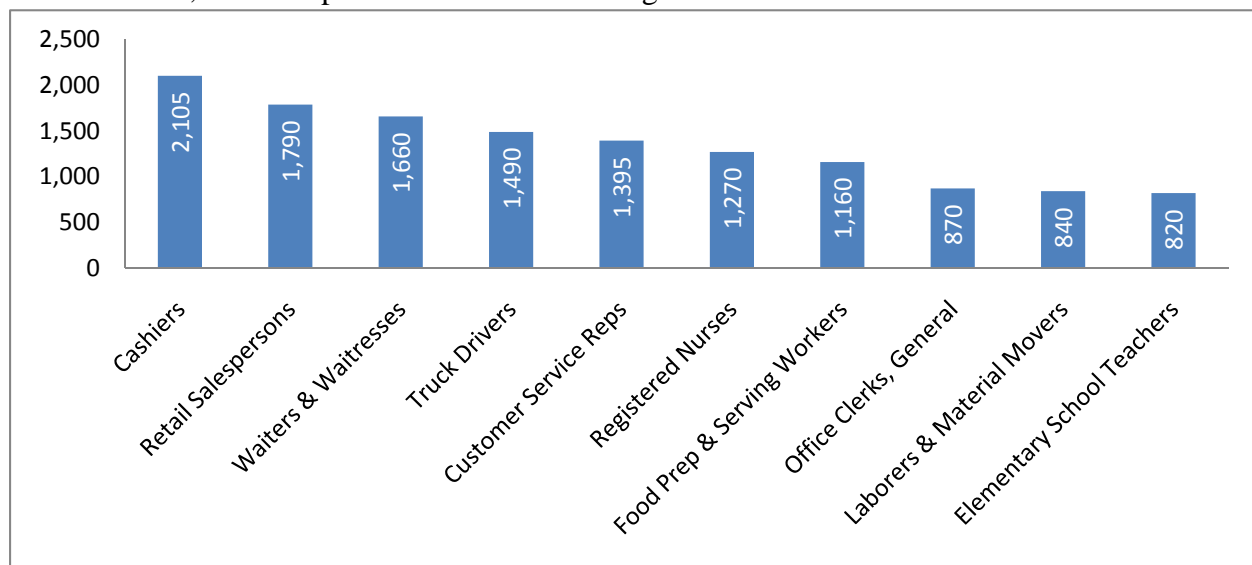
## Iowa's Fast Declining Occupations, 2008-2018

Iowa's top 10 occupations expected to have the largest percentage of employment decline for 2008-2018 are primarily in the office-administrative major occupational group as shown below. Declining occupations show the expected reduction rates that may occur due to declining industry employment and/or technological change. While such occupations may be considered a source for employment, careful thought should be given to training time and costs.

Occupation	Percent Change
Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors, and Processing Machine Operators	-3.0%
Order Clerks	-2.5%
File Clerks	-2.3%
Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping	-1.4%
Metal Workers and Plastic Workers, All Other	-1.3%
Conveyor Operators and Tenders	-1.2%
Gaming Change Persons and Booth Cashiers	-1.2%
Information and Record Clerks, All Other	-1.1%
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	-1.1%
Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	-1.0%

## Iowa's Occupations with the Most Annual Openings, 2008-2018

Iowa's top 10 occupations expected to have the most annual openings for 2008-2018 will account for 13,400 (or 23%) of the projected 57,640 openings. Of the 13,400 openings, 11,310 (or 84%) will fall into the major occupational groups of food prep and serving, sales, office-administrative, and transportation-material moving as shown below.



Source: Labor Force and Occupational Analysis Bureau, Iowa Workforce Development