

Opportunities in



Health Care

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Occupational Title	Employment		Total Openings	Median Wage	Training Codes
	2010	2020			
Registered Nurses	10,554	12,398	3,754	\$34.49	4
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	8,484	9,755	2,365	\$13.25	5
Home Health Aides	3,545	5,055	1,967	\$12.16	8
Medical Secretaries	2,916	3,608	1,083	\$17.10	7
Receptionists and Information Clerks	1,725	2,028	825	\$13.88	7
Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	1,938	2,117	563	\$83.30	1
Personal Care Aides	851	1,288	504	\$10.46	8
Medical Assistants	1,711	1,939	490	\$15.27	7
Medical and Health Services Managers	1,087	1,219	397	\$45.84	3
Social and Human Service Assistants	1,124	1,277	396	\$13.83	7
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	1,480	1,626	373	\$17.02	7
First-Line Supervisors: Office & Administrative Support Workers	960	1,070	367	\$26.74	7
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	971	1,072	360	\$25.19	5
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	1,071	1,243	338	\$30.12	4
Physical Therapists	930	1,142	321	\$38.39	1
Dental Hygienists	865	1,009	317	\$33.95	4
Office Clerks, General	1,039	1,168	313	\$14.33	7
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	687	850	301	\$15.58	5
Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	591	718	294	\$10.21	8
Dental Assistants	864	963	280	\$18.16	5
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	640	756	268	\$24.49	3
Food Preparation Workers	704	650	253	\$11.14	8
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,120	1,172	241	\$10.80	8
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	552	653	219	\$16.59	8
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	463	555	191	\$15.78	7
Healthcare Social Workers	367	460	180	\$28.31	2
Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers	370	435	168	\$8.76	8
Recreation Workers	420	519	166	\$11.16	3
Mental Health Counselors	344	434	164	\$16.88	2
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	1,159	1,163	159	\$17.66	7
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	490	557	157	\$18.00	7
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	325	424	149	\$35.70	4
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	503	549	147	\$17.83	5
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	680	752	147	\$17.84	7
Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	303	354	146	\$37.61	1
Billing and Posting Clerks	560	600	138	\$16.23	7
Occupational Therapists	277	357	133	\$34.11	2

<i>Training Codes:</i>	<i>3 - Bachelor's Degree</i>	<i>6 - Some College - No Degree</i>
<i>1 - Professional Degree</i>	<i>4 - Associate Degree</i>	<i>7 - High School Diploma or equivalent</i>
<i>2 - Master's Degree</i>	<i>5 - Postsecondary - Non Degree</i>	<i>8 - Less Than High School</i>

Wage rate reflects the median wage paid by all RI employers during May 2011

Rhode Island employment is expected to increase by more than 52,000 jobs during the 2010-2020 projection period as the state's economy continues to recover from recessionary losses. Employment in 2020 is projected to reach 540,550, an increase of 52,372 (10.7%) from the 2010 employment level.

Employment in Rhode Island's Health Care industry is projected to reach 79,100, an increase of 10,818 (15.8%) from the 2010 level. Health Care has consistently been one of Rhode Island's fastest growing industries. This growth is attributed to a number of factors including an aging population, medical advances and new technologies. During the 2010 to 2020 projection period, over twenty percent of new job creation in Rhode Island is expected to take place in the Health Care industry.

The Ambulatory Health Care subsector which includes offices of Physicians, Dentists, and other Health Practitioners; Outpatient Care Centers; Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories; Home Health Care Services; and Ambulance Services is projected to grow by 21.4 percent, twice the statewide growth rate, adding over 5,100 new jobs during the projection period. The occupations

with the largest projected openings in this sector are Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants; Registered Nurses; and Medical Secretaries. In this sector, 53.9 percent of the projected job openings are attributed to the economic growth with the remaining openings (46.1 %) due to replacement needs.

Employment in the Nursing and Residential Care Facilities subsector is expected to increase by 16.3 percent, creating over 3,000 jobs in our state. Hospital employment, including private and state employment, is expected to add over 2,600 new jobs during the projection period.

More than a third of the workers in Health Services (23,554) are employed as Registered Nurses (10,554); Nursing Aides, Orderlies and Attendants (8,484); Home Health Aides (3,545), or Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (971). It is projected that job growth among these four nursing care occupations will account for more than one-third of the new jobs that are expected in Health Services. A substantial number of job openings will also be available for those interested in working as Medical Secretaries, Receptionists, and Personal Care Aides.

Health Care's Fastest Growing Jobs*

Personal Care Aides

Home Health Aides

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers

Occupational Therapists

Mental Health Counselors

Healthcare Social Workers

Medical Secretaries

Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics

Recreation Workers

Physical Therapists

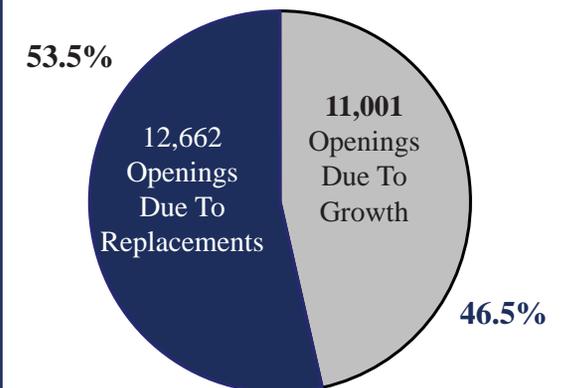
*Jobs with a minimum projected growth rate of 22 percent and generate a minimum of 100 openings during the projection period.

Rhode Island 2020 Projections

Employment in Health Care

	2010	2020	Net Change	2010 Annual Average Wage
Total - Health Care	68,282	79,100	10,818	\$44,446
Ambulatory Health Care Services	24,306	29,500	5,194	\$49,574
Hospitals	25,494	28,100	2,606	\$51,949
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	18,482	21,500	3,018	\$27,353

Distribution of Openings in Health Care



Job openings result from two major factors: the need to replace workers who leave an occupation and the need to fill vacancies created by economic expansion. During the projection period employers in Health Care will need to fill over 23,500 positions.