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Arizona 2-Year Industry Employment Projections; AZ Projected to Grow at 2.6%

The Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity has published short-term industry employment projections which estimate employment changes from Quarter 3 2017 through Quarter 2 2019. Arizona's industry employment projections are produced in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

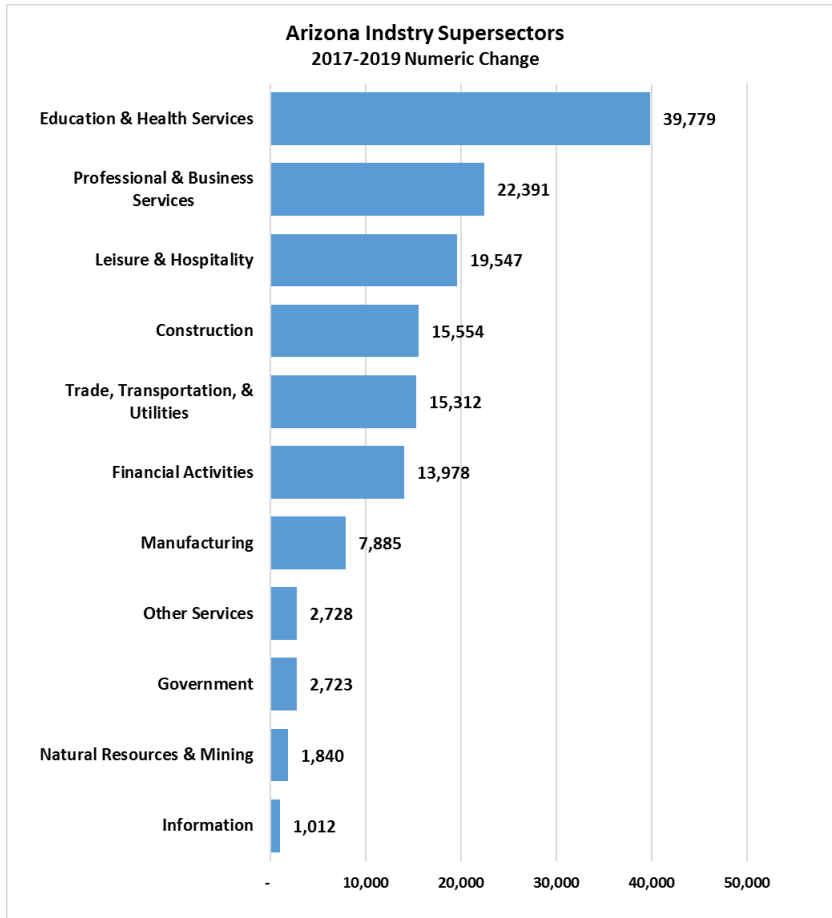
Geographic Area Selection

Geographic areas selected for projections were determined in accordance with the 11 local area designations chosen under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). This means that several of the 15 counties in Arizona work together to form multi-county local areas or have distinguished themselves from their county region, including:

Local Area	Counties
Balance of Maricopa	Maricopa County minus City of Phoenix
City of Phoenix	*Uses geocoded data from Maricopa County that falls within Phoenix boundaries
Mohave and La Paz	Mohave County and La Paz County
Northeastern Arizona	Apache County, Gila County, Navajo County,
Southeastern Arizona	Cochise County, Graham County, Greenlee County

All other counties within Arizona maintained their same county boundaries. For this report and subsequent data publications regarding these short-term projections, we are publishing the two local areas that make up Maricopa County both independently and combined.

Projected State and Substate Industry Employment Growth



Employment in Arizona is projected to increase from 2,933,968 to 3,086,936 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 152,968 jobs or 2.6% annualized growth. Supersectors Construction (5.2% annualized growth) and Financial Activities (3.3% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Arizona.

Balance of Maricopa County (Maricopa County minus City of Phoenix) employment is projected to increase from 1,124,325 to 1,224,398 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 100,073 jobs or 4.4% annualized growth. Growth in the area is projected to outpace state growth over the projections period. Supersectors Construction (8.2% annualized growth) and Financial Activities (5.9% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Balance of Maricopa County.

Employment in City of Phoenix is projected to increase from roughly 942,711 to 956,759 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 23,048 jobs or 1.2% annualized growth.

Supersectors Construction (2.7% annualized growth) and Natural Resources & Mining (2.4% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in City of Phoenix.

Employment in Coconino County is projected to increase from roughly 70,107 to 72,350 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 2,243 jobs or 1.6% annualized growth. Supersectors Leisure & Hospitality (3.3% annualized growth) and Construction (2.8% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Coconino County.

Employment in Maricopa County (represented as Balance of Maricopa and City of Phoenix combined) is projected to increase from 2,067,036 to 2,190,157 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 123,121 jobs or 2.9% annualized growth. Supersectors Construction (5.8% annualized growth) and Education & Health Services (4.2% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Maricopa County.

Employment in Mohave and La Paz is projected to increase from roughly 59,173 to 61,573 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 2,399 jobs or 2.0% annualized growth. Supersectors Leisure & Hospitality (4.0% annualized growth) and Construction (3.3% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Mohave and La Paz.

Employment in Northeastern Arizona is projected to increase from roughly 74,509 to 76,722 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 2,263 jobs or 1.5% annualized growth. Supersectors Natural Resources & Mining (3.7% annualized growth) and Professional & Business Services (3.3% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Northeastern Arizona.

Employment in Pima County is projected to increase from roughly 392,316 to 405,671 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 13,355 jobs or 1.7% annualized growth. Supersectors Construction (3.7% annualized growth) and Manufacturing (3.0% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Pima County.

Employment in Pinal County is projected to increase from roughly 66,356 to 69,239 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 2,883 jobs or 2.1% annualized growth. Supersectors Construction (5.7% annualized growth) and Manufacturing (4.6% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Pinal County.

Employment in Santa Cruz County is projected to increase from roughly 15,080 to 15,156 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 76 jobs or 0.3% annualized growth. Supersectors Natural Resources & Mining (3.3% annualized growth) and Construction (1.9% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Santa Cruz County.

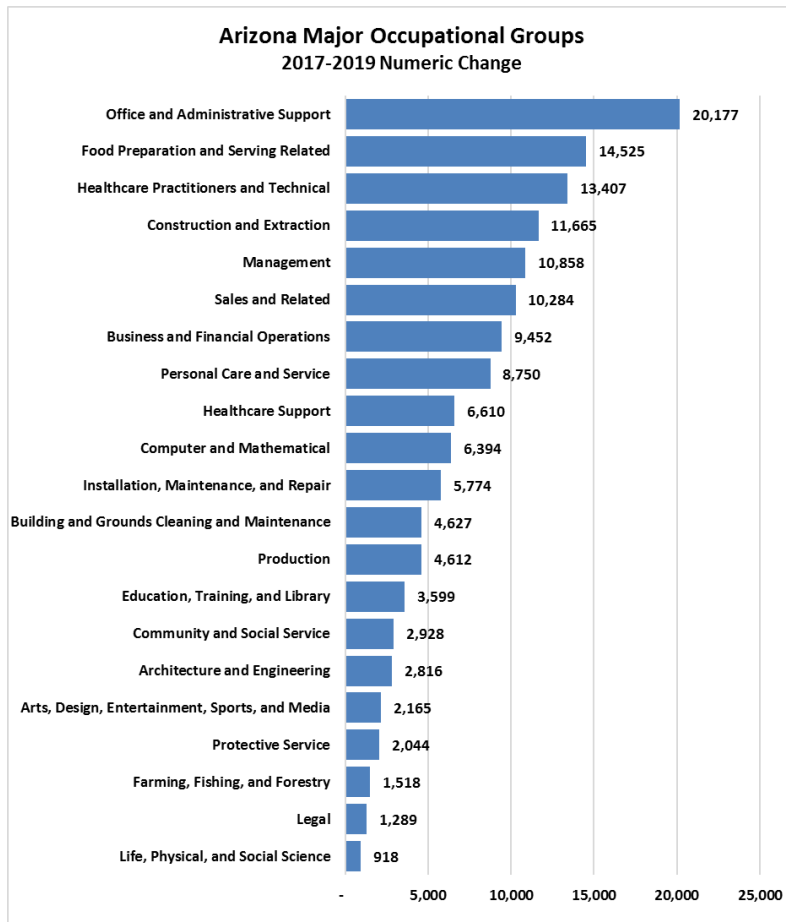
Employment in Southeastern Arizona is projected to increase from roughly 53,375 to 55,103 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 1,728 jobs or 1.6% annualized growth. Supersectors Construction (3.4% annualized growth) and Professional & Business Services (3.3% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Southeastern Arizona.

Employment in Yavapai County is projected to increase from roughly 69,233 to 72,103 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 2,870 jobs or 2.1% annualized growth. Supersectors Manufacturing (4.0% annualized growth) and Professional & Business Services (3.5% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Yavapai County.

Employment in Yuma County is projected to increase from roughly 66,281 to 68,306 over the two-year period. This represents growth of 2,025 jobs or 1.5% annualized growth. Supersectors Manufacturing (5.3% annualized growth) and Construction (3.5% annualized growth) are projected to see the largest percentage change in Yuma County.

2017-2019 Projected Job Growth by Region				
Area Name	2017 Estimated Total Employment Level	2019 Estimated Total Employment Level	2-year Numeric Growth	2-Year Annualized Percentage Growth
Arizona	2,933,968	3,086,936	152,968	2.6%
Balance of Maricopa	1,124,325	1,224,398	100,073	4.4%
City of Phoenix	942,711	965,759	23,048	1.2%
Coconino County	70,107	72,350	2,243	1.6%
Mohave and La Paz	59,173	61,573	2,400	2.0%
Maricopa County (Combined)	2,067,036	2,190,157	123,121	2.9%
Northeastern Arizona	74,509	76,772	2,263	1.5%
Pima County	392,316	405,671	13,355	1.7%
Pinal County	66,356	69,239	2,883	2.1%
Santa Cruz County	15,080	15,156	76	0.3%
Southeastern Arizona	53,375	55,103	1,728	1.6%
Yavapai County	69,233	72,103	2,870	2.1%
Yuma County	66,281	68,306	2,025	1.5%

Projected State and Substate Occupational Employment Growth



In Arizona 22 of the 22 major occupational groups are projected to see gain in employment over the two-year period, with Office and Administrative Support Occupations being the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 20,177 jobs (2.1% annualized growth).

In Balance of Maricopa 22 of the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year period. Office and Administrative Support Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 15,874 jobs (4.2% annualized growth).

In City of Phoenix 22 of the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year period. Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 3,290 jobs (2.9% annualized growth).

In Coconino County 21 of the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year

period. Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 410 jobs (2.1% annualized growth).

In Maricopa County (represented as Balance of Maricopa and City of Phoenix combined) 22 of the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year period. Office and Administrative Support Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 16,894 jobs (2.4% annualized growth).

In Mohave and La Paz 22 of the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year period. Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 515 jobs (4.1% annualized growth).

In Northeastern Arizona 21 of the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year period. Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 960 jobs (4.7% annualized growth).

In Pima County 22 of the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year period. Office and Administrative Support Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 1,624 jobs (1.3% annualized growth).

In Pinal County 21 of the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year period. Office and Administrative Support Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 412 jobs (2.4% annualized growth).

In Santa Cruz County of 19 the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year period. Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 38 jobs (2.4% annualized growth).

In Southeastern Arizona 22 of the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year period. Office and Administrative Support Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 225 jobs (1.5% annualized growth).

In Yavapai County 22 of the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year period. Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 383 jobs (2.4% annualized growth).

In Yuma County 22 of the 22 major occupation groups are projected to see gain over the two-year period. Office and Administrative Support Occupations is the group expected to see that largest numeric change with 257 jobs (1.4% annualized growth).

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