Projected Occupational Shortages 2017-2020: Rhode Island

Top 5 Occupations Most at Risk of Labor Shortages, 2017-2020

1. Business Operations Specialists
2. Computer Occupations
3. Engineers
4. Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners
5. Motor Vehicle Operators

Relative Size of Occupational Shortage

Business Operations Specialists is expected to be the most at risk for labor shortages in Rhode Island. Motor Vehicle Operators is projected to experience 36 percent of the shortage of Business Operations Specialists.

Percentage of Projected Job Postings (Demand)

Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners accounts for nearly 20 percent of Rhode Island’s projected job openings.

Percentage of 50+ in Each Occupation Currently

Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners currently has the highest percentage of 50+ workers among shortage occupations in Rhode Island (4.8%).

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