Projected Occupational Shortages 2017-2020: National

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

1. Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners
2. Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing
3. Computer Occupations
4. Advertising, Marketing, PR, and Sales Managers
5. Motor Vehicle Operators

Relative Size of Occupational Shortage

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- Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners
- Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing
- Computer Occupations
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Health Diagnosis and Treating Practitioners are projected to be the most at risk for labor shortages nationally. Motor Vehicle Operators are projected to have about one quarter of the shortage of Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners jobs.

Percentage of Projected Job Postings (Demand)

Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners accounts for the highest percentage of projected job openings nationally (13.8%).

Percentage of 50+ in Each Occupation Currently

Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners currently have the highest percentage of 50+ workers among the projected shortage occupations nationally (4.3%).

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