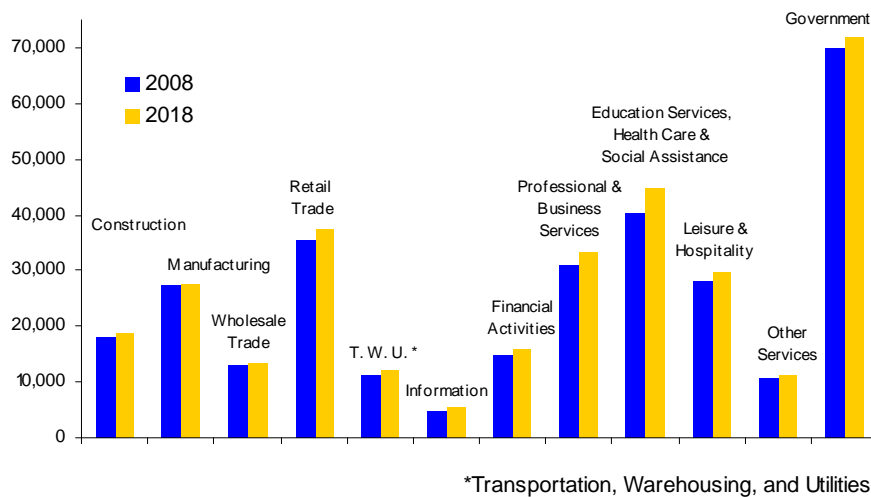


## 2008-2018 Fresno County Projection Highlights

**Industry** projections for total employment, which includes Self Employment, Unpaid Family Workers, Private Household Workers, Farm, and Nonfarm employment, is forecasted to reach approximately 410,000 by 2018 in Fresno County. An increase of approximately 19,600 jobs and a growth rate of 5 percent are projected over the ten-year period, lower than the projected statewide growth rate of 9.7 percent.

The Education Services, Health Care, and Social Assistance sector will generate an estimated 4,600 jobs, the most among the major industry sectors. An additional 2,800 new jobs are estimated for Professional and Business Services and 1,900 new jobs are projected in the Government sector. These three sectors account for 50 percent of new jobs in nonfarm employment.

**2008-2018 Industry Sector Employment Levels**



The fastest growing nonfarm industry sector is Information with an annual average growth rate of 1.3 percent. Other major industry sectors with significant growth rates are Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (1.2 percent) and Education Services, Health Care and Social Assistance (1.2 percent). The Government sector, which makes up about 23 percent of the county's nonfarm employment, is forecasted to remain relatively flat for the projection period.

**Occupational** projections for the period 2008 to 2018 forecast:

- Approximately 23,900 new jobs from industry growth.
- About 90,100 job openings from Net Replacements.
- A combined total of approximately 114,000 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate about 64,330 jobs, of which 79 percent will be due to replacement needs. The top five occupations are Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse; Cashiers; Retail Salespersons; Personal and Home Care Aides; and Waiters and Waitresses, which require short-term on-the-job training and earn median annual wages less than \$21,000. Elementary School Teachers and Accountants and Auditors require a bachelor's degree and earn median annual wages greater than \$60,000.

The 50 fastest growing occupations have an anticipated growth rate of 12.2 percent or higher for the forecast period. High paying occupations that require a bachelor's degree or higher are Physician Assistants and Physical Therapists, which earn annual wages of \$98,000 and \$74,000, respectively. Other high paying occupations that require an associate degree are Registered Nurses and Respiratory Therapists, with median annual wages of \$80,600 and \$63,700, respectively.

**Average Annual Job Openings by Education and Training Level**

