

# **Network to Work Meeting**

Resource Materials - April 2018

# Labor Market Information (LMI) - Maine

Each state produces employment and economic statistics in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Labor Market Information (LMI) includes employment statistics, unemployment rates, wage and salaries, and job prospects. It includes occupational trends such as projected industry growth and information about growing occupations and those with the most job openings.

Source: various online resources

#### What is Labor Market Information (LMI)?

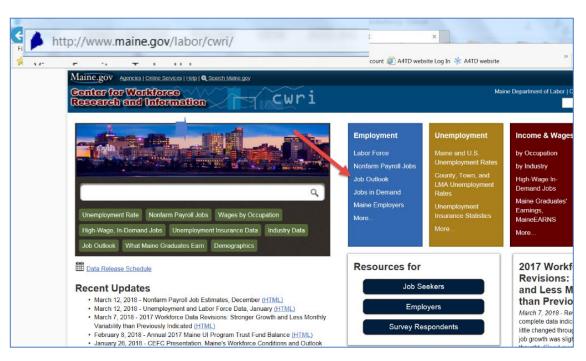
Information about people, work and the job market, including:

- ✓ Geographic area where do people work
- ✓ Industry and Business Who people work for
- ✓ Occupation What people do
- ✓ Wages How much people earn

Maine's Labor Market Information: <a href="https://www.maine.gov/labor/cwri">https://www.maine.gov/labor/cwri</a>

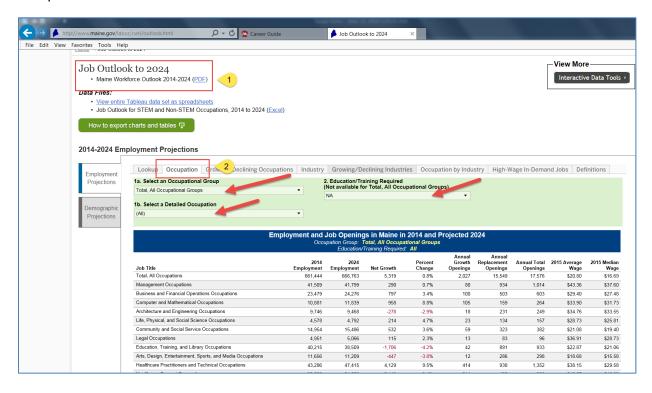
Explore this website to capture employment trends that can help you in your job search.

Here you can find valuable data to guide your efforts, including wage information, employment trends, skills required, training information, and much more.



#### Job Outlook:

In the *Job Outlook* section you can see the 10-year (2014 – 2024) employment projections for many occupations.



## **#1: Maine Workforce Outlook report:**

This page contains link to a PDF file of the Maine Workforce Outlook report.

Here you will find a list of "Industries Projected to Gain or Lose the Largest Number of Jobs in Maine between 2014 and 2024".

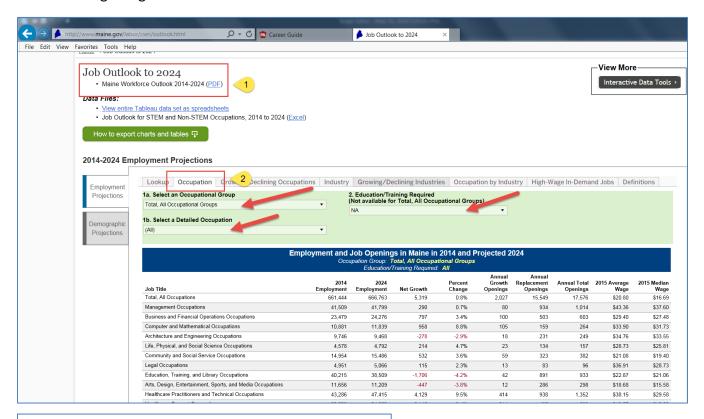


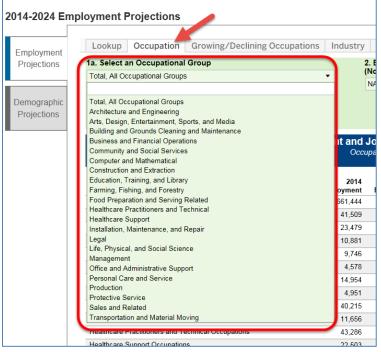
Industries Projected to Gain or Lose the Largest Number of Jobs in Maine Between 2014 and 2024			
Industries Expected to Gain Jobs		Industries Expected to Lose Jobs	
Ambulatory health care services	3,728	Paper manufacturing	-1,851
Administrative and support services	3,132	Transportation equipment manufacturing	-881
Hospitals	2,310	Wood product manufacturing	-685
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,942	Food manufacturing	-595
Food services and drinking places	1,785	Computer and electronic product manufacturing	-458
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,424	Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	-440
Social assistance	873	Plastics and rubber products manufacturing	-419
Educational services	530	Printing and related support activities	-407
Chemical manufacturing	414	Fabricated metal product manufacturing	-385
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	375	Publishing industries, except Internet	-362
Accommodation	344	Leather and allied product manufacturing	-297
Gasoline stations	220	Clothing and clothing accessories stores	-276
Management of companies and enterprises	219	Textile mills	-259
Securities, commodity contracts, investments	160	Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	-238
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	158	Forestry and logging	-208
Private households	142	Credit intermediation and related activities	-198
Construction of buildings	124	Telecommunications	-185
Building material and garden supply stores	112	Furniture and related product manufacturing	-183
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	102	Nonstore retailers	-174
Support activities for transportation	88	Textile product mills	-166
Membership associations and organizations	88	Utilities	-151
Real estate	87	Broadcasting, except Internet	-128
Performing arts and spectator sports	86	Apparel manufacturing	-116
Health and personal care stores	82	Insurance carriers and related activities	-103
Museums, historical sites, zoos, and parks	77	Furniture and home furnishings stores	-94

#### **#2: Occupational Groups and Detailed Occupations:**

Also in the *Job Outlook* section, under the "Occupation" tab, the *2014-2024 Employment Projections* can be filtered based on selected occupational groups and detailed occupations within an occupational group. It will show information such as:

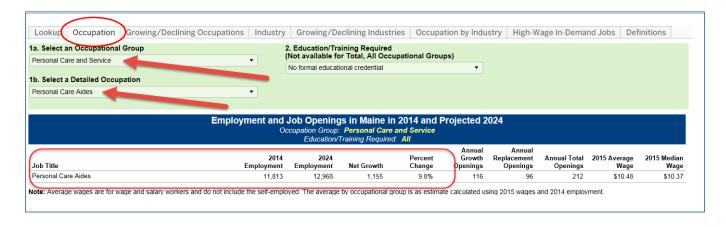
- projected rates of growth or decline;
- education requirements, and
- average wages.







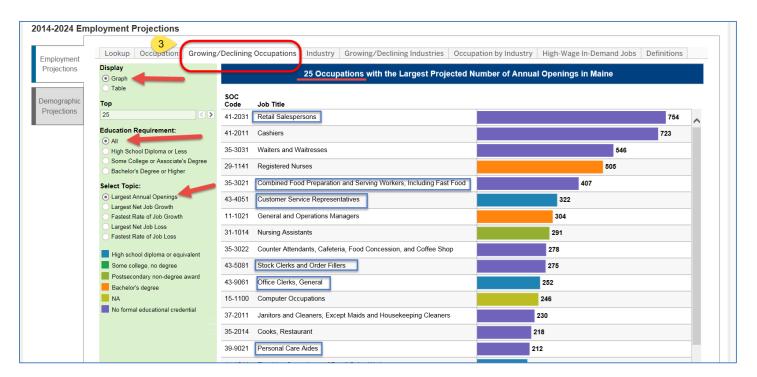
A sort can be done within the Occupational Group to obtain information about a particular occupation. For example, the one below was done in the Occupation Group called "Personal Care and Service" for information about the "Personal Care Aide" occupation.



### **#3:** Growing / Declining Occupations:

Within the "Growing / Declining Occupations" tab you will find a chart detailing the "25 Occupations with the Largest Projected Number of Annual Openings in Maine". This list can be sorted based on educational requirements and is color coded to highlight those requirements. The image below details the largest annual openings.

**Note** the highlighted jobs that correspond to the training offered by A4TD.



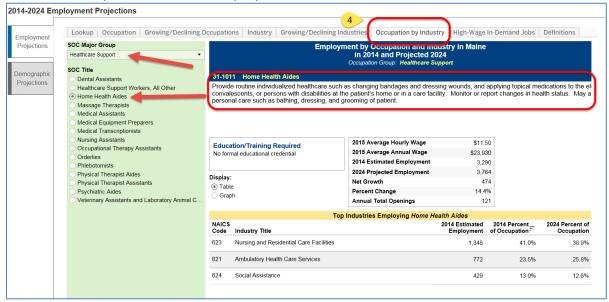
This same information can be displayed in a table format. This view provides additional information regarding educational requirements and the number of projected annual job openings.



### **#4: Occupations by Industry:**

Under the "Occupation by Industry" tab, you can learn more about a specific job within an occupation group. This image shows information about "Home Health Aides" within the "Healthcare Support" Occupation Group. Specific information includes:

- o A detailed description of the responsibilities of a Home Health Aide;
- The education or training required;
- The current average hourly and annual wage;
- o Projected employment in 2024, including the net growth and percent increase in jobs;
- The top industries that employ Home Health Aides.



Once you are equipped with valuable Labor Market Information, you can use the information to target companies that have job openings that match Labor Market Information and your job goal.

# **Targeting Companies**

#### The Job Search process:

- a. Research Labor Market Information to find which occupation will have the most job openings;
- Identify jobs / occupations that are a good match for your skills and interests; obtain any necessary training;
- c. Consider other factors regarding what's important to you in a job, such as pay, perks, location, security, etc. (see list below);
- d. Then create a target list of companies.

How do you decide which companies to target? As we said above, Labor Market Information is an important criteria to consider. It helps you determine where the jobs are. You can then decide which jobs are a good match for your skills and interest.

Here are some other factors for you to consider as you evaluate companies to target for jobs:

# What's important to you in a job?

- 1. Full time or part time?
- Hours / shift; day time or night time
- Location and distance from home
- 4. Rate of pay
- 5. Benefits and perks
- 6. White collar / blue collar
- 7. Job security
- 8. Opportunities for advancement
- 9. Company culture
- 10. Work environment
- 11. The kind of supervisor
- 12. Interest in / enjoyment of the work