

Demographic Profile

Population Trends

Population and Components of Change

Area	Estimate Year			Change from 2000 to 2009					
	2000	2008	2009	Net	Percent	Natural Increase	Components of Change		
							Total	International	Internal
Maine	1,277,225	1,319,691	1,318,301	41,076	3.2%	12,149	38,804	8,079	30,725
Aroostook	73,866	71,827	71,488	-2,378	-3.2%	-1,397	-595	506	-1,101

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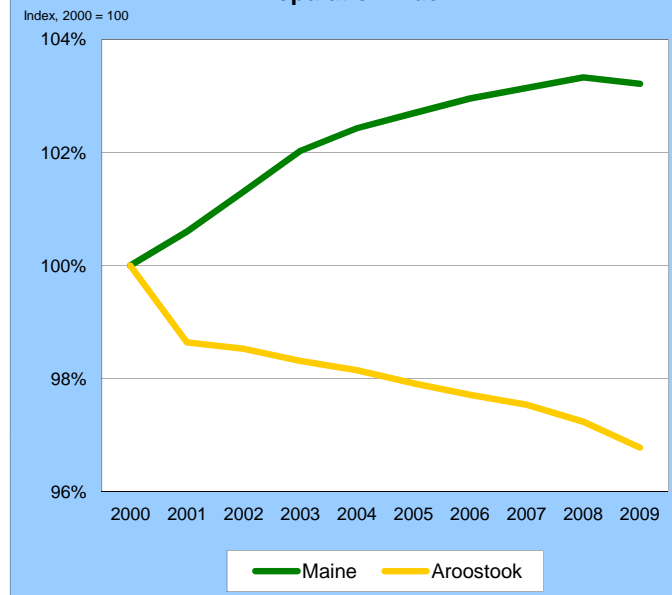
Population by Gender and Age, 2009

Gender/Age Group	Number	Percent of Total	
		Aroostook	Maine
Total	71,788	100.0%	100.0%
Male	35,149	49.0%	48.8%
Female	36,639	51.0%	51.2%
Under 14	11,619	16.2%	16.8%
15 to 24	8,998	12.5%	13.1%
25 to 34	6,996	9.7%	11.2%
35 to 44	9,239	12.9%	13.6%
45 to 54	11,577	16.1%	16.5%
55 to 64	10,401	14.5%	13.5%
65 to 74	6,783	9.4%	7.9%
75 to 84	4,599	6.4%	5.2%
85+	1,576	2.2%	2.1%
Median Age	-	44	42

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Demographic Facts

- Population growth in Aroostook County has been declining for several years.
- The share of foreign born residents is higher than the statewide average but lower than the national average.
- The population is older than the statewide average.
- Educational attainment is lower than the statewide average.
- Most income measures are lower and poverty is higher than statewide averages.

Population density: 11 people per square mile

Largest cities (population): Preques Isle (9,104), Caribou (8,154), Houlton (6,169)

Population born outside U.S.: 5.5%

Median age: 44 years

Average household size: 2.27

Population age 25+ with:

high school diploma - 83.9%

bachelor's or higher degree - 16.4%

Average work commute: 16 minutes

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Education, Income & Poverty Characteristics

Sources of Personal Income, 2000 and 2009

Source	Income (in 000 \$)		Change in Personal Income		Percent of Total	
	2000	2009	Net	Percent	#REF!	Maine
Personal income	\$1,539,909	\$2,213,362	\$673,453	43.7%	100.0%	100.0%
Net earnings 1/	\$917,327	\$1,186,841	\$269,514	29.4%	53.6%	63.9%
Personal current transfer receipts	\$397,831	\$762,280	\$364,449	91.6%	34.4%	19.6%
Income maintenance 2/	\$44,575	\$69,532	\$24,957	56.0%	3.1%	1.6%
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$6,485	\$24,324	\$17,839	275.1%	1.1%	0.3%
Retirement and other	\$346,771	\$668,424	\$321,653	92.8%	30.2%	17.7%
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$224,751	\$264,241	\$39,490	17.6%	11.9%	16.5%
Earnings by place of work (\$000)	\$1,032,834	\$1,367,938	\$335,104	32.4%	61.8%	69.7%
Wage and salary disbursements	\$746,317	\$985,140	\$238,823	32.0%	44.5%	50.0%
Supplements to wages and salaries	\$171,583	\$276,938	\$105,355	61.4%	12.5%	12.0%
Employer pension and insurance contributions	\$115,300	\$203,170	\$87,870	76.2%	9.2%	8.6%
Employer govt social insurance contributions.	\$56,283	\$73,768	\$17,485	31.1%	3.3%	3.5%
Proprietors' income	\$114,934	\$105,860	-\$9,074	-7.9%	4.8%	7.7%
Nonfarm proprietors' income	\$100,967	\$143,257	\$42,290	41.9%	6.5%	7.6%
Farm proprietors' income	\$13,967	-\$37,397	-\$51,364	-367.8%	-1.7%	0.1%

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Household Income, 2009

Income Bracket	Number of Households	Percent of Households	
		Aroostook	Maine
Total households	30,660	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	3,164	10.3%	7.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,808	9.2%	6.3%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	4,811	15.7%	12.5%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	4,337	14.1%	11.9%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	4,866	15.9%	15.5%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	5,906	19.3%	20.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,659	8.7%	12.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,551	5.1%	9.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	333	1.1%	2.6%
\$200,000+	225	0.7%	2.1%
Median household income		\$35,654	\$46,428
Mean household income		\$44,953	\$59,488

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School Enrollment, 2009

Enrollment	Number	Percent of Total	
		Aroostook	Maine
Total	16,171	100.0%	100.0%
Primary School	8,091	50.0%	49.3%
Secondary School	3,969	24.5%	23.1%
College/graduate school	4,111	25.4%	27.5%

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Per Capita Personal Income

Year	Aroostook	Maine	U.S.
2000	\$21,384	\$26,696	\$30,318
2001	\$23,103	\$28,201	\$31,145
2002	\$24,043	\$28,892	\$31,462
2003	\$24,804	\$29,930	\$32,271
2004	\$25,488	\$31,466	\$33,881
2005	\$26,680	\$32,008	\$35,424
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2007	\$27,555	\$33,694	\$37,698
2008	\$28,420	\$35,028	\$39,392

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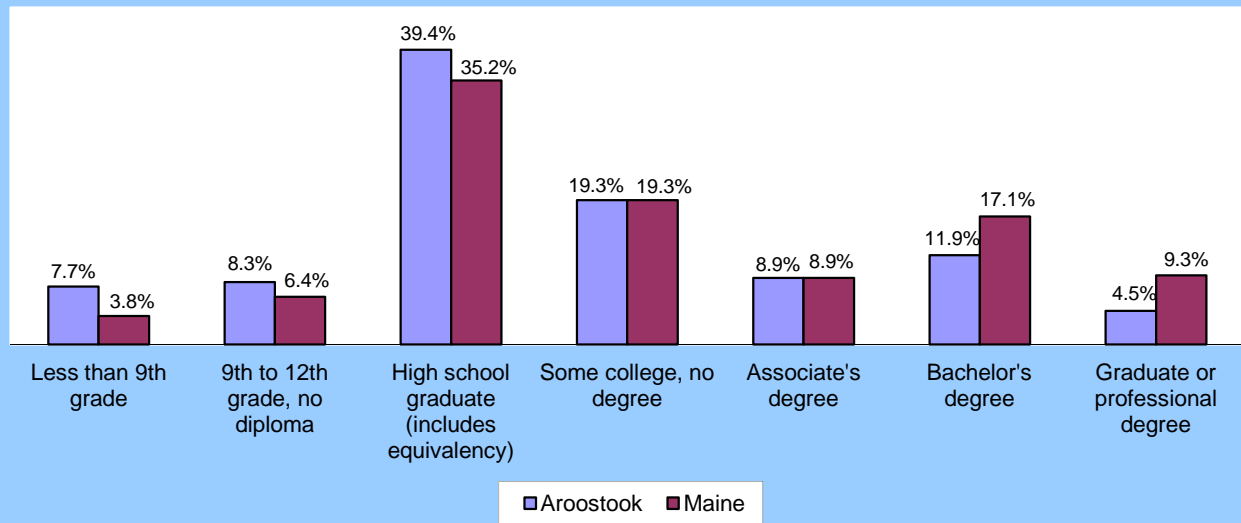
Poverty Rates, 2009

Age Group	Aroostook	Maine
All people	16.3%	12.4%
Under 18 years	21.0%	16.5%
18 years and over	15.1%	11.3%
18 to 64 years	16.2%	11.8%
65 years and over	11.1%	9.2%
People in families	11.7%	8.8%

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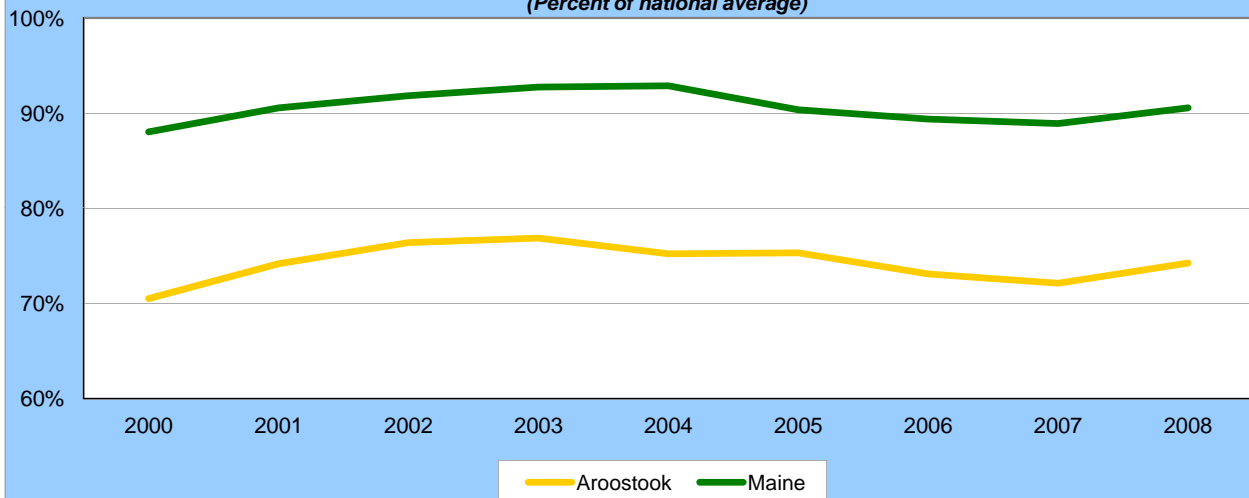
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Educational Attainment



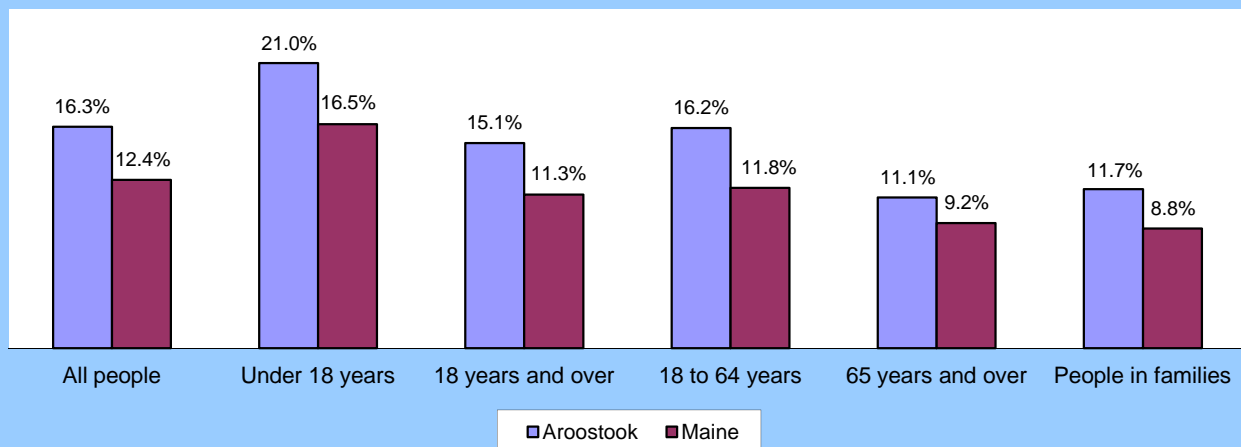
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Per Capita Income (Percent of national average)



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Poverty Rates



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Employment & Unemployment

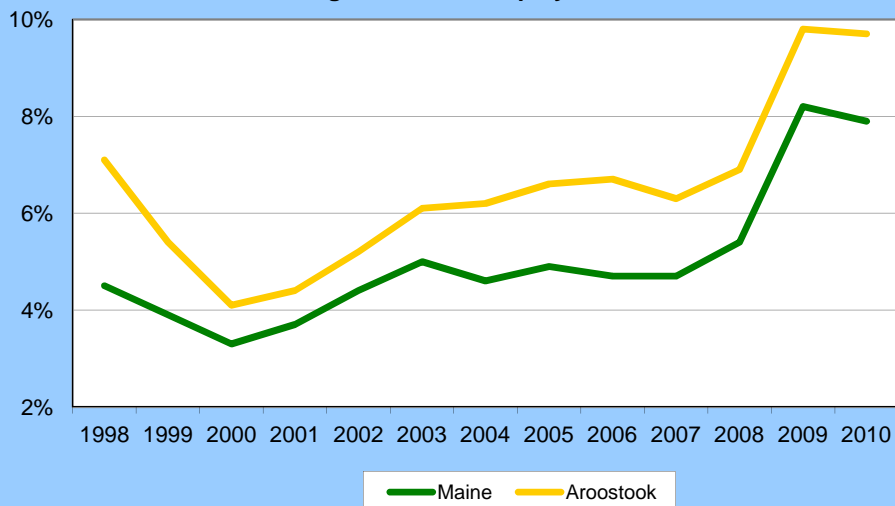
April Labor Force Estimates for Aroostook County (*not seasonally adjusted*)

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate		
				Aroostook	Maine	U.S.
2011	34,307	30,535	3,772	11.0%	7.9%	8.7%
2010	34,464	30,593	3,871	11.2%	8.4%	9.5%
2009	34,728	30,900	3,828	11.0%	8.3%	8.6%
2008	35,081	32,541	2,540	7.2%	5.0%	4.8%
2007	35,026	32,456	2,570	7.3%	4.9%	4.3%

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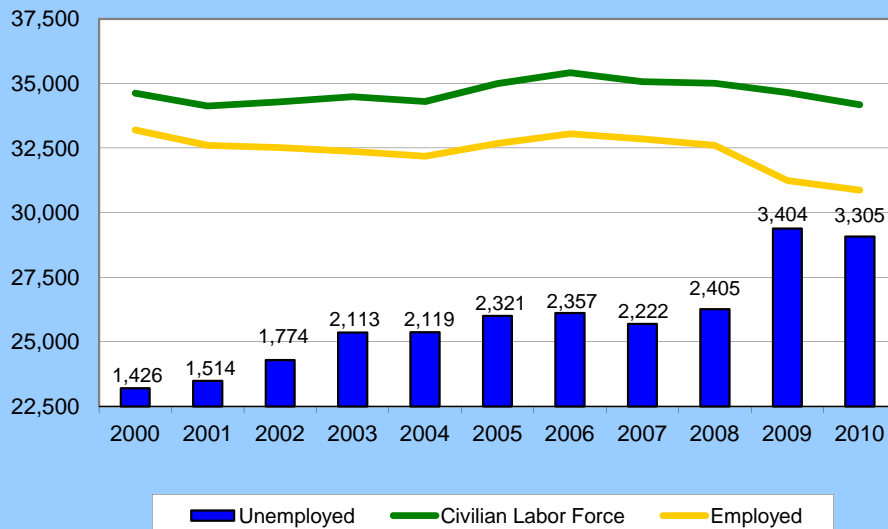
Average Annual Unemployment Rate



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Average Annual Labor Force



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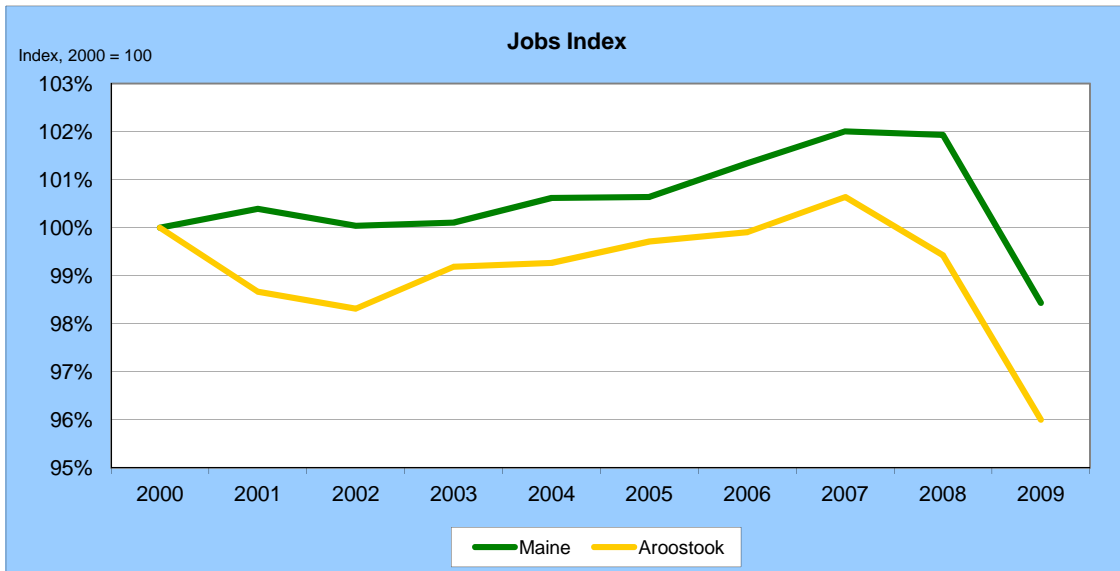
Industry Employment, Wages & Outlook

Industry Sector	Wage & Salary Jobs		Change		2010 Average Wage	2004 to 2014 Projected Job Growth*
	2000	2010	Net	Percent		
Total Employment	30,298	28,560	-1,738	-5.7%	\$31,277	0.2%
Goods-Producing	6,599	4,897	-1,702	-25.8%	\$36,243	-9.6%
Natural Resource & Mining	1402.08	1,341	-61	-4.4%	\$30,358	-3.8%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	1,393	1,341	-52	-3.8%	\$30,358	-3.9%
Construction	808	756	-52	-6.4%	\$32,099	-1.6%
Manufacturing	4,389	2,800	-1,589	-36.2%	\$40,178	-13.6%
Service-Providing	17,950	17,095	-855	-4.8%	\$27,354	4.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,005	5,771	-234	-3.9%	\$25,802	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	641	546	-95	-14.9%	\$40,793	1.0%
Retail Trade	4,219	4,152	-67	-1.6%	\$21,621	1.9%
Transportation and Warehousing	1,123	960	-163	-14.5%	\$32,051	-5.6%
Utilities	22	114	92	416.2%	\$53,812	-12.6%
Information	1,264	618	-646	-51.1%	\$30,702	3.3%
Financial Activities	1,266	999	-267	-21.1%	\$34,990	4.4%
Finance and Insurance	992	712	-280	-28.2%	\$40,038	1.2%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	274	288	14	5.0%	\$22,517	14.6%
Professional and Business Services	1,586	1,412	-174	-11.0%	\$29,651	0.4%
Professional and Technical Services	436	440	4	0.9%	\$34,684	2.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	277	271	-6	-2.0%	\$49,246	-9.1%
Administrative and Waste Services	873	701	-172	-19.7%	\$18,903	2.5%
Education and Health Services	5,229	5,785	556	10.6%	\$32,449	10.2%
Educational Services	N/D	204	N/D	N/D	\$28,860	-5.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	5,175	5,581	406	7.9%	\$32,580	10.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	1,920	2,032	112	5.8%	\$12,642	9.1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	84	106	23	26.9%	\$15,650	8.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	1,837	1,926	89	4.9%	\$12,476	9.1%
Other Services	566	477	-89	-15.8%	\$19,891	3.2%
Government	5,749	6,569	820	14.3%	\$37,784	1.6%
Federal	801	1,285	484	60.4%	\$55,386	-6.0%
State	1,067	1,335	268	25.1%	\$39,112	-1.0%
Local	3,881	3,950	69	1.8%	\$31,611	3.9%

*Projection for the Northern Region, which includes Aroostook and Washington Counties.

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Industry Employment, Wages & Outlook

Employment Dynamics

Workforce Indicators	Aroostook 2010 (Q2)	Aroostook (Avg:Selected + 3 Prior qtrs)	Maine 2010 (Q2)	Maine (Avg:Selected + 3 Prior qtrs)
Total Employment	26,880	27,397	551,705	560,552
Net Job Flows	-67	-318	33,580	694
Job Creation	2,170	1,462	60,236	32,090
New Hires	3,317	3,005	80,469	66,255
Separations	5,084	4,542	86,212	89,773
Turnover	9.2%	8.4%	7.5%	8.0%
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$2,551	\$2,571	\$3,103	\$3,109
Avg New Hire Earnings	\$1,836	\$1,636	\$2,077	\$1,854

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Workforce Facts

- The labor force has been relatively unchanged for many years.
- Nearly 5 percent of all jobs in Maine are with employers in Aroostook County.
- There is a larger share of jobs in the agriculture, fishing, forestry and hunting and health care sectors than most regions of the state.
- A smaller share of jobs are in the professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and finance and insurance sectors.
- The average monthly earnings in Aroostook county are significantly lower than the statewide average.
- The jobs turnover rate is close to the state average primarily due to a mix of high and low turnover industries.
- The share of jobs in material moving, installation, maintenance and repair, and the health care support occupations is high.

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Occupational Employment, Wages & Outlook

Occupational Group	2010		2004 to 2014
	Employed	Median Wage	Projected Job Growth*
<i>Total all occupations</i>	30,810	\$28,683	0.2%
Management	1,400	\$57,866	1.3%
Business and Financial Operations	800	\$51,480	-0.1%
Computer and Mathematical	210	\$42,390	25.0%
Architecture and Engineering	150	\$49,483	-1.7%
Life, Physical, and Social Science	170	\$48,984	1.0%
Community and Social Services	720	\$41,205	8.3%
Legal	90	\$48,360	9.1%
Education, Training, and Library	2,630	\$36,504	0.3%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	370	\$18,845	2.2%
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	2,060	\$51,792	8.2%
Healthcare Support	1,840	\$22,256	9.1%
Protective Service	760	\$37,918	6.3%
Food Preparation and Serving-Related	2,570	\$18,346	5.3%
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	870	\$21,923	2.5%
Personal Care and Service	770	\$19,947	7.6%
Sales and Related	2,480	\$21,174	0.2%
Office and Administrative Support	5,470	\$26,686	-6.6%
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	390	\$34,861	-4.7%
Construction and Extraction	1,120	\$29,682	-1.0%
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1,950	\$34,403	0.3%
Production	1,960	\$29,578	-12.0%
Transportation and Material Moving	2,060	\$27,498	-1.7%

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