

Job Outlook

State

- 45% of all occupations in the state will require postsecondary education or training by 2012.
- **162,400 jobs** in nonfarm employment and agriculture are projected to be added in Iowa from 2008-2018. (Based on Iowa's Industry Projections 2008-2018)
 - The following two industry sectors are expected to account for over 43% (70,600) of the state's job growth:
 - Health Care and Social Assistance
 - Professional and Business Services

East Central Iowa

The Skills 2010 Technology Corridor Report reflects that education is a high priority among area employers whether they are replacing or expanding positions.

- 75% of all replacement and new jobs will require education beyond a high school diploma.
- 51% of all replacement and new jobs will require a four year or graduate degree.

Table III: Summary of Workforce Needs by Educational Level

EDUCATION LEVEL	Current Employees	Pct of Current	Replacement Employees	Pct of Replacement	New Employment	Pct of New	New and Replacement	Pct New and Replacement
High School	18,045	32%	3,065	27%	1,295	26%	4,359	27%
Associates Degree	10,395	18%	2,655	24%	912	18%	3,567	22%
Bachelors Degree	23,540	42%	4,336	39%	2,359	47%	6,696	41%
Masters Degree	4,504	8%	1,139	10%	489	10%	1,628	10%
Doctorate Degree	26	0%	4	0%	3	0%	7	0%
Grand Total	56,511	100%	11,199	100%	5,058	100%	16,257	100%

Sources:

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