Northeast Iowa Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) 2022-2032 Occupational Projections Summary

Occupational employment in Northeast Iowa LWDA expects to increase by 6% from 2022 to 2032 (or .6% annually). Job growth will vary across major occupational groups depending on the industry. Service-providing occupations expect generally to outperform goods-producing occupations. Both employment change and growth rates reflect this.

Major occupational groups expected to grow at or faster than the LWDA annual average include Management (.6%), Business-Financial (1%), Computer-Mathematical (1.5%), Architecture-Engineering (1.5%), Life-Physical-Social Science (.9%), Community-Social Service (1.5%), Legal (.9%), Education (.7%), Arts-Design-Entertainment-Sports-Media (.6%), Healthcare Practitioner (1.3%), Healthcare Support (2%), Food Prep (.6%), Building-Grounds Maintenance (.8%), Personal Care (1%), Construction (.8%), Installation-Maintenance-Repair (.9%), and Transportation-Material Moving (.8%). Growing less than the LWDA average include Protective Services (.5%), Sales (.2%), Office-Administrative (-.2%), Farming-Fishing-Forestry (0%), and Production (.3%) major occupational groups. Several major 2022-2032 occupational trends follow in this report.

Northeast Iowa LWDA's Occupations with the Largest Projected Job Growth, 2022-2032

Northeast Iowa LWDA's top occupations expected to have the largest employment growth for 2022-2032 will account for 5,265 (or 29%) of the projected 17,865 new jobs. The major occupational groups of Transportation-Material Moving, Food Prep, Healthcare, and Management will account for most of the new jobs as shown below.



Northeast Iowa LWDA's Occupations with the Largest Projected Job Decline, 2022-2032

Northeast Iowa LWDA's top occupations expected to have the largest employment decline for 2022-2032 will account for 1,275 (or 60%) of the projected 2,135 lost jobs. The Office-Administrative and Sales occupational groups will make up the bulk of these jobs as shown below.

Occupation	# of Jobs
Secretaries/Administrative Assistants	-280
Cashiers	-185
Bookkeeping/Accounting/Auditing Clerks	-145
Customer Service Reps	-125
Office Clerks, General	-125
Executive Secretaries/Assistants	-120
Tellers	-95
Cooks, Fast Food	-85
HelpersProduction Workers	-60
Shipping/Receiving/Inventory Clerks	-55

Northeast Iowa LWDA's Fast Growing Occupations, 2022-2032

Northeast Iowa LWDA's top occupations expected to have the largest percentage of employment growth for 2022-2032 are primarily in the Installation-Maintenance-Repair, Healthcare, Computer-Mathematical, and Management major occupational groups with Wind Turbine Service Technicians leading the way. Growth along with employment levels and job openings are critical aspects of occupational analysis.



Northeast Iowa LWDA's Fast Declining Occupations, 2022-2032

Northeast Iowa LWDA expects occupations in the Arts-Design-Entertainment-Sports-Media, Office-Administrative, and Production major occupational groups to have the largest percentage of employment decline for 2022-2032 as shown below. Employment costs, competition, technological change and other economic factors may contribute to deteriorating industry employment. In addition, further occupational analysis must factor in occupational training time, costs, and future forecast.

Occupation	%
	Change
Photographic Process/Machine Operators	-2.1
Data Entry Keyers	-1.9
Floral Designers	-1.9
Drilling/Boring Machine Tool Setters	-1.8
Order Clerks	-1.6
Executive Secretaries/Administrative Assistants	-1.6
Legal Secretaries/Administrative Assistants	-1.4
Structural Metal Fabricators/Fitters	-1.4
Telemarketers	-1.3
Payroll/Timekeeping Clerks	-1.3

Northeast Iowa LWDA's Occupations with the Most Annual Openings, 2022-2032

Northeast Iowa LWDA's top occupations expected to have the greatest annual openings for 2022-2032 will account for 9,410 (or 28%) of the projected 33,675 total openings. The major occupational groups of Sales, Food Prep, Management, Healthcare, and Transportation-Material Moving will account for the most openings as shown below.



Source: Labor Market and Workforce Information Division, Iowa Workforce Development