

As a follow-up to the 2017 Talent Forecast, the GPEDC has conducted an analysis of workforce trends in the region. This fact sheet summarizes workforce trends occurring at the regional and county levels.

REGIONAL EDUCATION ATTAINMENT LAGS BEHIND STATE, COMPARES WITH NATION.

	GP	IL	US
EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL	59 %	62 %	58 %
BACHELORS DEGREE OR HIGHER	26%	32 %	29%

LABORFORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINE

REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

now DOWN to approximately

has returned to **NORMAL** since the Great Recession.

ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS 20,993

TECH JOBS GROW.

HEALTHCARE JOBS STAY STEADY. MANUFACTURING JOBS DECLINE.







TOP HIGHER ED COMPLETIONS BY SUBJECT

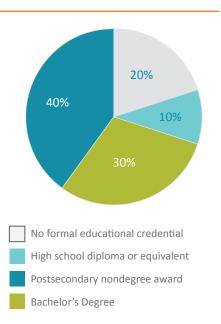
1. Health and Related Professions	1,496
2. Liberal Arts and Sciences	984
3. Business and Marketing	503
4. Engineering	373
5. Computer Sciences	235
6. Mechanic and Repair Tech	213

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MANUFACTURING

EDUCATION LEVEL REQUIRED

TOP 10 JOB TOTALS



7,022 JOBS IN INDUSTRY

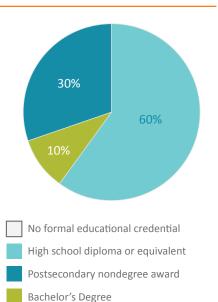
1,563 REGIONAL DEMAND

TOP 10 JOBS	JOBS IN INDUSTRY	REGIONAL DEMAND	EDUCATION LEVEL	MEDIAN WAGE
1. Team Assemblers	1187	156		\$17.26
2. Mechanical Engineers	1131	134		\$50.63
3. Industrial Engineers	808	75		\$42.83
4. Machinists	643	74		\$19.48
5. Industrial Truck	580	180		\$16.93
and Tractor Operators				
6. General and Operations Managers	552	295		\$44.15
7. Supervisors of Production Workers	556	69		\$29.94
8. Production Workers, All Other	549	103		\$16.66
9. Inspectors, Testers, Sorters,	527	83		\$22.20
Samplers, and Weighers				
10. Laborers and Freight, Stock,	489	394		\$14.07
and Material Movers, Hand				

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EDUCATION LEVEL REQUIRED

TOP 10 JOB TOTALS



13,066 JOBS IN INDUSTRY

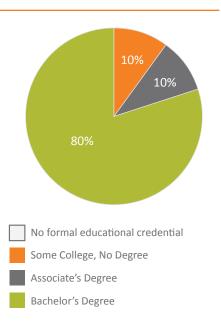
1,545 REGIONAL DEMAND

TOP 10 JOBS	JOBS IN INDUSTRY	REGIONAL DEMAND	EDUCATION LEVEL	MEDIAN WAGE
1. Registered Nurses	4505	244		\$29.19
2. Nursing Assistants	2390	293		\$11.48
3. Personal Care Aides	1107	191		\$9.84
4. Practical and Vocational Nurses	854	74		\$21.49
5. Childcare Workers	794	190		\$9.17
6. Medical Assistants	781	91		\$13.53
7. Home Health Aides	744	116		\$11.82
8. Medical Secretaries	686	82		\$15.64
9. Receptionists and	618	165		\$12.98
Information Clerks				
10. Social and Human	587	99		\$9.81
Service Assistants				

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

EDUCATION LEVEL REQUIRED





293 JOBS IN INDUSTRY

346 REGIONAL DEMAND

TOP 10 JOBS	JOBS IN INDUSTRY	REGIONAL DEMAND	EDUCATION LEVEL	MEDIAN WAGE
1. Computer Systems Analysts	55	120		\$44.00
2. Electronics Engineers	38	11		\$59.62
3. Computer Systems Administrators	37	32		\$35.14
4. Computer User Support Specialists	37	51		\$19.10
5. Software Developers	33	38		\$41.65
6. Computer Network Support Specialists	30	15		\$28.14
7. All Other Computer Occupations	25	34		\$36.99
8. Information Systems Managers	14	29		\$58.48
9. Computer Network Architects	13	6		\$34.29
10. Database Administrators	11	10		\$39.99

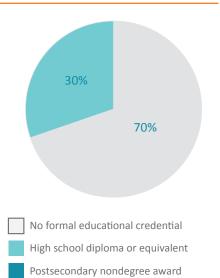


RETAIL/HOSPITALITY

EDUCATION LEVEL REQUIRED

Bachelor's Degree





23,241 JOBS IN INDUSTRY

4,201 REGIONAL DEMAND

TOP 10 JOBS	JOBS IN INDUSTRY	REGIONAL DEMAND	EDUCATION LEVEL	MEDIAN WAGE
1. Retail Salespersons	5155	817		\$11.64
2. Food Preparers and Serving	4342	909		\$9.41
3. Cashiers	3925	820		\$9.60
4. Waiters and Waitresses	2767	567		\$9.25
5. Restaurant Cooks	1640	254		\$11.31
6. Retail Supervisors	1504	185		\$15.86
7. Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1437	288		\$13.15
8. Food Preparation Workers	1053	235		\$9.79
9. Fast Food Cooks	720	102		\$9.51
10. Fast Food Supervisors	698	124		\$12.90

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