



Health Care



If you like making a difference in people’s lives, you may like the wide array of jobs in health care.

Health care hired 3,600 people in 2019. Over the last 10 years, it has been the region’s fastest-growing sector and is expected to continue to expand rapidly—18 percent—over the next eight years. No other sector has so many in-demand jobs.

Health care jobs range from entry-level positions that require only a little training beyond high school through medical doctors with years of schooling and internships. Below are the three largest health care occupations. Other occupations in high demand include: dental assistants, medical assistants, medical secretaries & administrative assistants, dental hygienists, radiologic technologists & technicians, phlebotomists, physical therapists, billing & posting clerks, physical therapist assistants, nurse practitioners, surgical technologists, pharmacy technicians, respiratory therapists, speech-language pathologists, physician assistants, occupational therapists, and dentists

Education or Training

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Dental Assistants | Postsecondary nondegree award |
| Dental Hygienists | Associate degree |
| Home Health Care Aides | 1-year certificate |
| Medical Assistants | 1-year certificate or associate degree |
| Medical Secretaries | 1-year certificate or associate degree |
| Nurses, Licensed Practical | Postsecondary nondegree award |
| Nurses, Registered | Associate or bachelor's degree |
| Nurse Practitioners | Master's degree |
| Nursing Assistants | Postsecondary nondegree award |
| Occupational Therapists | Master's degree |
| Pharmacy Technicians | 1-year certificates |
| Phlebotomists | Postsecondary nondegree award |
| Physical Therapist Assistants | Associate degree |
| Physical Therapists | Doctoral or professional degree |
| Radiologic Technologists | Associate degree |
| Respiratory Therapists | Associate degree |
| Surgical Technologists | Postsecondary nondegree award |



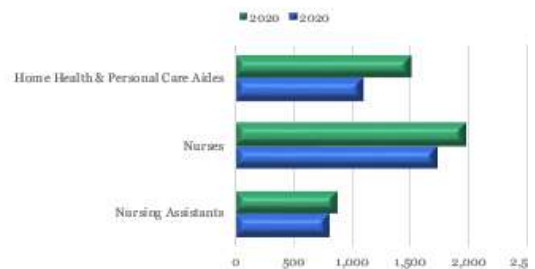
Employers

More than 300 doctors’ offices, dental offices, clinics, home health agencies, medical laboratories, and related employing 3,700 people

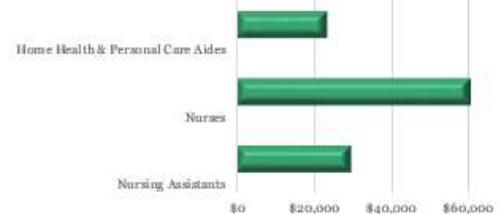
Eight hospitals employing 2,440 people

More than 60 nursing and residential care facilities, employing 2,000 people

Projected Job Growth



Median Earnings



To explore career possibilities

- Idaho JobScape
<https://www.labor.idaho.gov/JobScape/>
- Washington State Learn about an Occupation
<https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/learn-about-an-occupation#/search>
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>