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State Occupation Forecast Sees 27,000 Annual Job Openings through 2022

New long-term occupation projections released today by the Idaho Department of Labor forecast 27,000 job opportunities will be created annually for Idaho workers through 2022. On average, department analysts project around 11,000 new openings each year with another 16,000 job openings due to turnover, advancement and other labor market conditions.

Chief Research Officer Bob Uhlenkott said an influx of aging baby boomers into Idaho is contributing heavily to job growth opportunities in health care and construction.

Uhlenkott and the department analysts project total jobs will reach 781,000 in 2022, an increase of 16.2 percent - more than five percentage points higher than the national growth rate.

Construction and extraction with a 2013 median wage \$5,000 higher than the \$30,540 median for all jobs, is expected to increase 27 percent by 2022, accounting for nearly 9,000 of the 109,000 new jobs. No other sector is expected to grow as fast. Much of the growth is due to a recovery of jobs lost during the recession.

Health care practitioners, technicians and support staff are expected to increase by more than 24 percent over the next decade, adding another 13,000 jobs to the economy. While health care support jobs have a median wage about \$6,000 below the median for all jobs, practitioners and technicians have a median wage of \$56,510 - nearly double the all-job median.

Jobs in computers and mathematics - one of the smaller categories in Idaho - are expected to increase 15.4 percent over the next decade, adding almost 2,000 jobs with a median wage of \$61,000.

Office and administrative support, food service, sales and related occupations will generate a third of the new jobs with a combined increase of 36,700. These three sectors - with median wages below the median for all jobs - represented 33 percent of the Idaho's total employment in 2012. Food service, with a median wage of slightly more than \$18,000 a year, will account for 12,400 new jobs. Sales with a median wage of nearly \$24,000 accounts for 11,300 of the projected growth, and office and administrative support, with a median wage of about \$28,000, will provide nearly 13,000 more jobs.

Idaho Occupation Projections, 2012-2022

Major Occupational Group	Employment		Change, 2012-22		2013 Median Wage
	2012	2022	Number	Percent	
All Occupations	672,015	781,021	109,006	16.20%	\$30,540
Construction and Extraction	33,106	42,076	8,970	27.10%	\$35,750
Health care Practitioners and Technical	35,527	44,325	8,798	24.80%	\$56,510

Healthcare Support	17,850	22,181	4,331	24.30%	\$24,380
Food Preparation and Serving Related	52,280	64,729	12,449	23.80%	\$18,390
Personal Care and Service	23,428	28,747	5,319	22.70%	\$18,820
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	26,947	31,698	4,751	17.60%	\$38,030
Community and Social Service	12,320	14,398	2,078	16.90%	\$37,950
Sales and Related	67,065	78,380	11,315	16.90%	\$23,660
Computer and Mathematical	12,030	13,886	1,856	15.40%	\$61,090
Business and Financial Operations	23,435	26,860	3,425	14.60%	\$53,530
Transportation and Material Moving	43,607	49,592	5,985	13.70%	\$28,740
Production	40,455	45,962	5,507	13.60%	\$29,350
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	24,327	27,574	3,247	13.30%	\$21,940
Management	53,120	60,109	6,989	13.20%	\$68,480
Office and Administrative Support	100,126	113,109	12,983	13.00%	\$28,350
Farming, Fishing and Forestry	17,127	19,227	2,100	12.30%	\$22,630
Education, Training, and Library	39,747	44,119	4,372	11.00%	\$32,420
Architecture and Engineering	12,683	13,938	1,255	9.90%	\$73,070
Protective Service	12,958	14,222	1,264	9.80%	\$35,970
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports and Media	9,174	10,031	857	9.30%	\$31,550
Life, Physical, and Social Science	9,986	10,905	919	9.20%	\$47,500
Legal	4,717	4,953	236	5.00%	\$60,510

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

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