

Indicator: Occupational Change

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Why is this important?

The occupational salary structure is a direct measure of the opportunity Long Islanders have to secure a job that provides an adequate standard of living. Changes in the size and pattern of growth and contraction within specific occupations and occupational groupings provide a guidepost to the areas of looseness and tightness in the job market. The relationship between occupational size and growth, on the one hand, and the average level of pay within occupational groups, on the other, relates to the standard of living experienced by working people on Long Island.

How are we doing?

In the last five years, workers in nearly all occupational groupings on LI have experienced decreases in pay after adjusting for inflation. The one exception to this is category of personal care and service occupations, which has seen a 6% increase in average annual pay. However, this group also has the second lowest average annual pay of 22 occupational groups (\$24,702). (CHART A)

The ten largest detailed occupations make up about 20% of the jobs on Long Island. Nine of these occupations (all but registered nurses) are non-professional/managerial occupations, and seven of them have average salaries that are below the average for Long Island. (CHART B)

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CHART A

Change in Annual Pay for Occupations on Long Island: 2003-2007

Personal care and service occupations
Healthcare support occupations
Business and financial operations occupations
Computer and mathematical occupations
Education, training, and library occupations
Food preparation and serving related occupations
Architecture and engineering occupations
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Construction and extraction occupations

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Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance...
Life, physical, and social science occupations
Production occupations

Transportation and material moving occupations

Sales and related occupations

Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations

Office and administrative support occupations

Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations

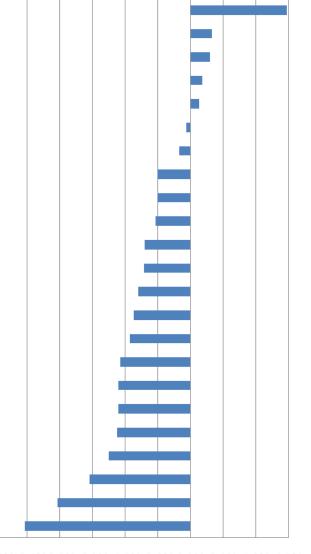
Legal occupations

Management occupations

Protective service occupations

Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media...

Community and social services occupations



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CHART B



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