



## **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.

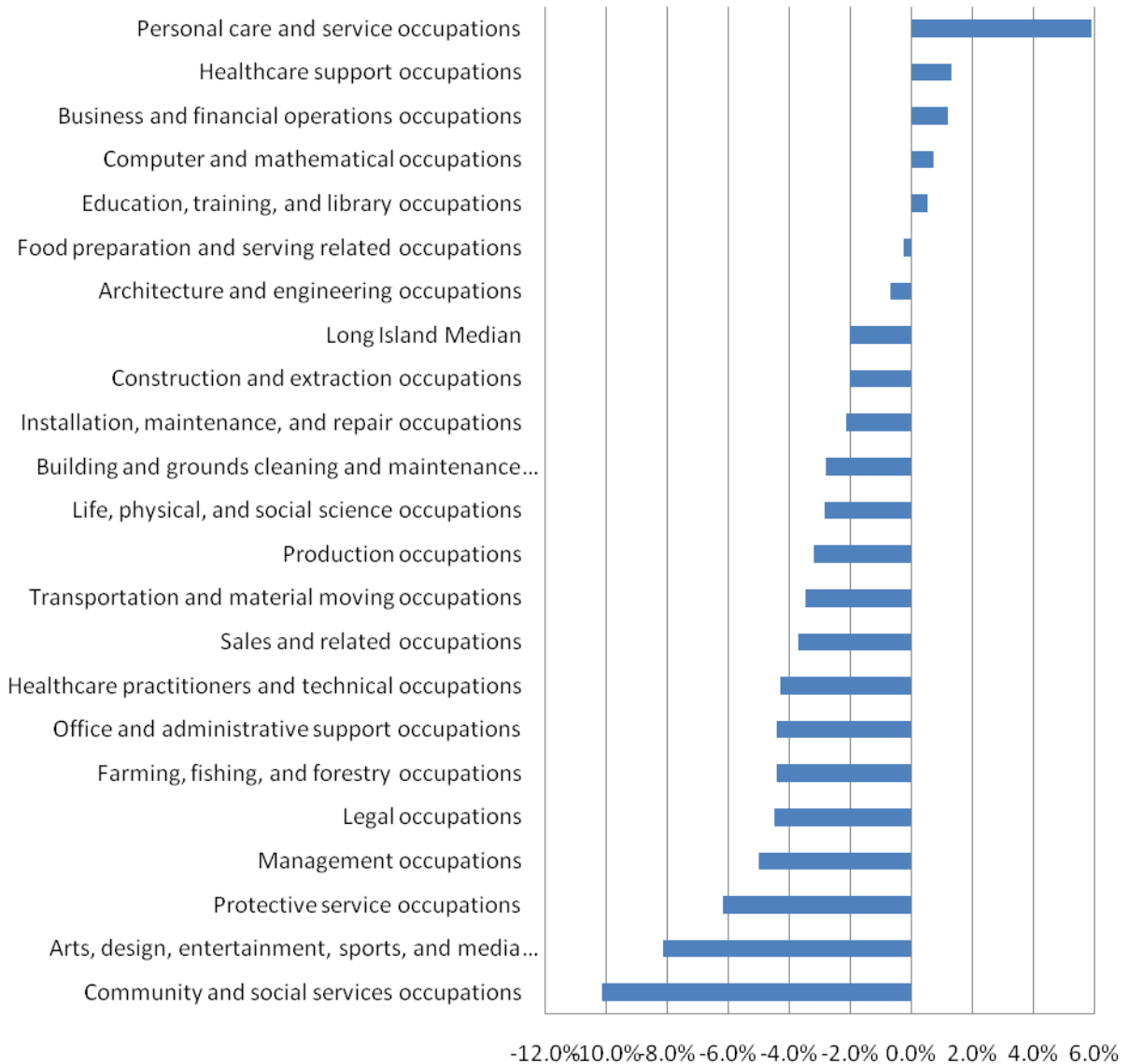
### **How are we doing?**

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)

CHART A

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



# CHART B

