

Module 6

Understanding Job Forecasts

Objectives

1. To describe the present distribution of workers in different job areas.
2. To describe the projected employment trends in various occupations.
3. To understand the complexity and accuracy of employment forecasting.
4. To identify the lowest and highest employment demand areas.

Activities to Help You Achieve These Objectives

- Read materials in the Career Center Library Module 6 folders in the Mobile File (located in Section I); *Employment Outlooks* (6:0) contains information regarding forecasts nationwide, while *Florida Outlook* (6:1) contains projections for the various geographic sections of Florida. For additional information on the Florida labor market, visit freida.labormarketinfo.com.
- Scan Career Center Library resources such as:
 - American Almanac of Jobs and Salaries*..... IC W7
 - Career Information Center: Employment Trends*..... IIA CIC-13
 - Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance Vol 1-Vol 5*..... IIA E6
 - NACE Salary Survey*..... IC N3
 - Occupational Outlook Handbook* (stats.bls.gov/ooh)..... IIA O25
- Review occupational information materials located in the Occupational Files, section II in the Career Center Library, for outlook information on specific occupations.
- Obtain print-outs on specific occupations from computer-assisted career guidance systems such as FOCUS2 and SIGI 3 (see a Career Advisor for access to the systems).
- For additional job market information visit the following websites:
 - i. U.S. job market (acinet.org)
 - ii. State occupational projections (projectionscentral.com)
 - iii. Employment and industry trends (rileyguide.com/trends.html)
 - iv. Florida Occupational and Employment Wages EDS (www.floridawages.com/eds.php)
 - v. FSU Hiring and Salary Data (career.fsu.edu/stats/)

