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### **STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT FORECASTED TO EXPAND BY 4 PERCENT 60,540 Total Job Openings in All Major Industries and Occupations by 2015.**

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations today announced the release of its *Employment Forecasts for the Short-Term – 2015* publication, which forecasts that statewide employment will expand by 4.0 percent, or 26,880 jobs, from the first quarter of 2013 to the first quarter of 2015. While tourism sparked Hawaii's rise from the Great Recession, the construction industry will lead the economic recovery with the fastest growth rate (16.7 percent), as well as by creating the most jobs (4,960).

#### **Occupational Projections**

All major occupational groups should experience positive job growth as well. Job growth will produce 13,590 annual openings, in addition there will be 16,680 openings that arise due to replacement needs. Therefore, the forecasted total number of job openings during the 2013 to 2015 period is 60,540.

Large-sized occupations with slower growth rates dominate the top 20 occupations with the most job openings. Six of these occupations are in the food preparation and serving related occupational group: combined food preparation and serving workers; waiters and waitresses; hosts and hostesses of restaurants, lounges, and coffee shops; dining room and cafeteria attendants and bartender helpers; counter attendants of cafeteria, food concession, and coffee shops; and restaurant cooks.

The report forecasts that construction and extraction jobs will grow the most rapidly at 11.5 percent, creating 2,350 job openings annually. The types of fast growing jobs include elevator installers and repairers, reinforcing iron and rebar workers, cement masons and concrete finishers, carpenters and helpers, drywall and ceiling tile installers, sheet metal workers, supervisors, laborers, roofers, electricians, tile and marble setters, plumbers, operating engineers, and carpet installers.

Jobs in services, the largest group of occupations, will contribute the greatest number of job openings with 9,480 annually. Many of these jobs will be of the food preparation and serving related variety, and others will be building and grounds cleaning and maintenance jobs.

**Occupational Employment and Growth, 2013-2015, State of Hawaii**

Occupational Group	Employment		Growth		Average Annual Growth	Average Annual Openings		
	2013 Q1	2015 Q1	Net	Percent		Growth	Replmt.	Total
Construction and Extraction	32,070	35,740	3,670	11.5%	5.7%	1,840	510	2,350
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	25,660	26,840	1,170	4.6%	2.3%	590	550	1,140
Transportation and Material Moving	39,890	41,680	1,800	4.5%	2.3%	910	960	1,860
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	29,110	30,400	1,290	4.4%	2.2%	650	530	1,180
Service	179,410	186,980	7,560	4.2%	2.1%	3,780	5,700	9,480
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>673,600</b>	<b>700,470</b>	<b>26,880</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>13,590</b>	<b>16,680</b>	<b>30,270</b>
Management, Business & Financial Oper.	80,150	83,270	3,120	3.9%	2.0%	1,560	1,480	3,040
Sales and Related	68,220	70,560	2,340	3.4%	1.7%	1,170	2,320	3,490
Office and Administrative Support	94,460	97,140	2,680	2.8%	1.4%	1,450	2,040	3,490
Computer, Engineering, and Science	27,990	28,770	780	2.8%	1.4%	400	580	970
Production	15,920	16,350	430	2.7%	1.3%	220	350	580
Education, Legal, Comm. Svc., Arts, Media	73,850	75,760	1,910	2.6%	1.3%	950	1,460	2,410
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	6,860	6,990	130	1.8%	0.9%	60	200	270

*Totals may not add due to rounding to the nearest ten.*

## Industry Projections

**Industry Employment and Growth, 2013-2015, State of Hawaii**

Industry	Employment		Growth		Average Annual Growth
	2013 Q1	2015 Q1	Net	Percent	
Construction	29,640	34,600	4,960	16.7%	8.4%
Professional and Business Services	78,640	83,100	4,460	5.7%	2.8%
Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers	55,020	57,320	2,300	4.2%	2.1%
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Leisure and Hospitality	109,220	113,380	4,160	3.8%	1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	115,570	119,850	4,290	3.7%	1.9%
Education and Health Services*	132,000	136,300	4,300	3.3%	1.6%
Information	8,370	8,620	250	3.0%	1.5%
Financial Activities	26,640	27,410	770	2.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	13,360	13,640	290	2.1%	1.1%
Other Services	24,230	24,750	520	2.1%	1.1%
Government	74,500	75,070	570	0.8%	0.4%
Natural Resources and Mining	6,410	6,440	20	0.4%	0.2%

*\* State Education and Hospitals are excluded from Government and included in Education & Health Services.  
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## **Methodology**

The *Employment Forecasts for the Short-Term Future* report provides short-term industry and occupational projections for the State of Hawaii. The forecasts use actual first quarter 2013 employment for the base year and employment is projected to the first quarter of 2015. Although this report is done on an annual basis, it has usually been done using the third quarter as a basis. However, future forecasts will be based on first quarter employment. The full report, including a description of the methodology, is available at the Hawaii Workforce Infonet (HIWI) website:

<https://www.hiwi.org/admin/gsipub/htmlarea/uploads/Short-TermForecasts-2013-2015.pdf>

## **Hawaii Workforce Infonet (HIWI)** <https://www.hiwi.org>

The Hawaii Workforce Infonet (HIWI) website is a powerful labor market information system. It was specifically designed for employers, job seekers, researchers and analysts, and others seeking economic and workforce information. The system provides fast access to a complete set of data tools in one web site. It is designed to be a comfortable system for everyone, even the person who has little computer experience. Examples of HIWI features that help employers, job seekers, and researchers and analysts include:

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