

Career Interests & Projected Job Openings

The five fastest-growing career fields based on 2010–20 annual projected job openings account for 55% of the demand for jobs calling for at least a 2-year degree. The percentage of 2012 ACT-tested high school graduates interested in careers in these fields was less than the projected demand.

In three fields—Education, Computer/Information Specialties, and Marketing/Sales—the projected demand was more than twice the potential supply.

Graph reads: In 2012, Education was projected to be one of the five fastest-growing career fields, accounting for 17% of all job openings in 2020. About 7% of all 2012 ACT-tested high school graduates indicated a career interest in Education.

Note: 2010–20 projected job openings data are from the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Percent of 2012 ACT-Tested High School Graduates with Career Interests and Projected 2020 Annual Job Openings by Career Field

