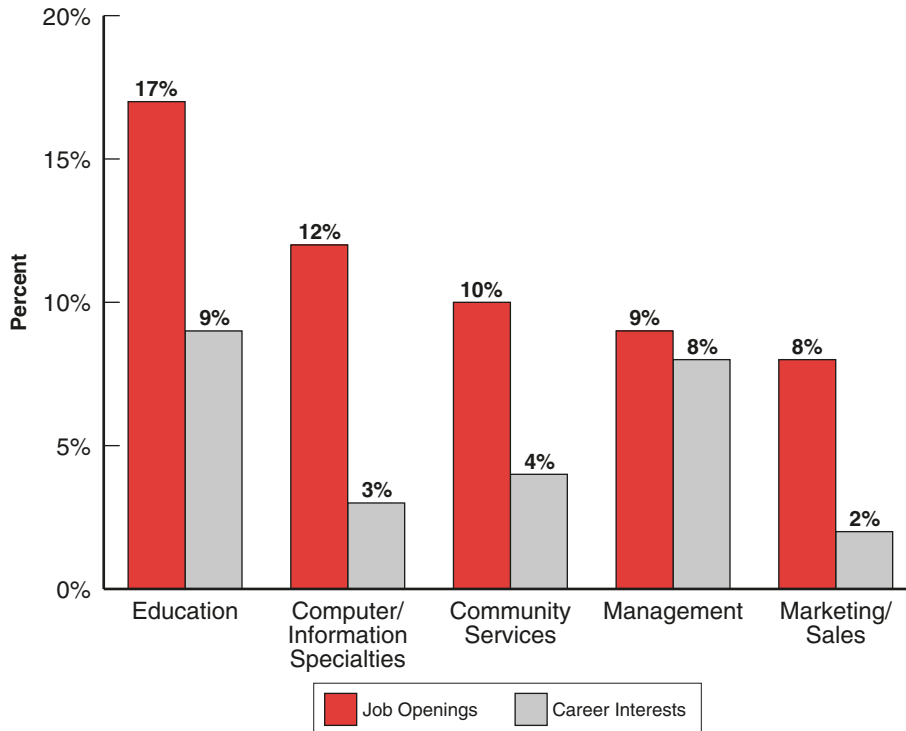


# Educational/Career Aspirations & Economic Development

## Graduate Career Interests & Projected Job Openings

**Percent of 2009 Graduates with Career Interests and Projected 2016 Annual Job Openings by Career Field**



The five fastest-growing career fields based on 2006–2016 annual projected job openings account for 56% of the demand for jobs requiring at least a 2-year degree. The percentage of 2009 high school graduates interested in careers in these fields was less than the projected demand.

For Computer/Information Specialties, Community Services, and Marketing/Sales, the difference between projected demand and potential supply was greater than 50%. For Education and Management fields, the differences between projected demand and potential supply were 47% and 11%, respectively.

Graph reads: In 2009, education was projected to be one of the five fastest growing career fields, accounting for 17% of all job openings in 2016. About 9% of all ACT-tested 2009 high school graduates indicated a career interest in education.

Note: 2006–2016 projected job openings data are from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.