

Opportunity Occupations: Florida

Exploring Economic Opportunity for Workers in the Southeast



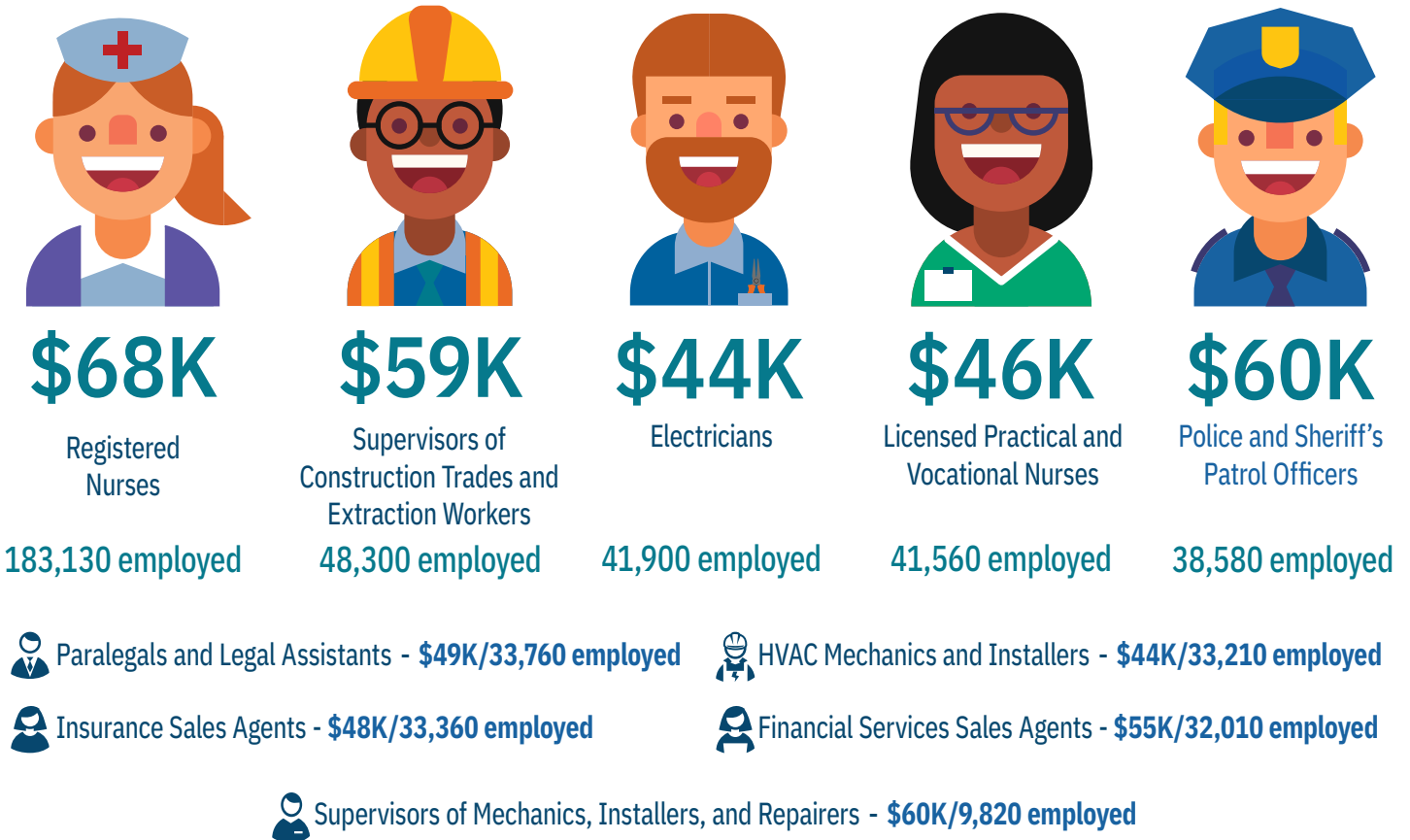
What Are Opportunity Occupations?

Opportunity occupations are occupations that are generally accessible to workers without a bachelor's degree and that pay more than the national median wage (\$41,950 in 2020), adjusted for local cost-of-living differences. They offer economic opportunity for middle-skill workers—those who have finished a high school degree but have not completed college—and for workers in certain occupations who do not have a high school degree.

What Are the Jobs?

Top 10 Opportunity Occupations

Median Annual Wage and Number of Employed in 2020



Where Are the Jobs?

Selected Metropolitan Areas

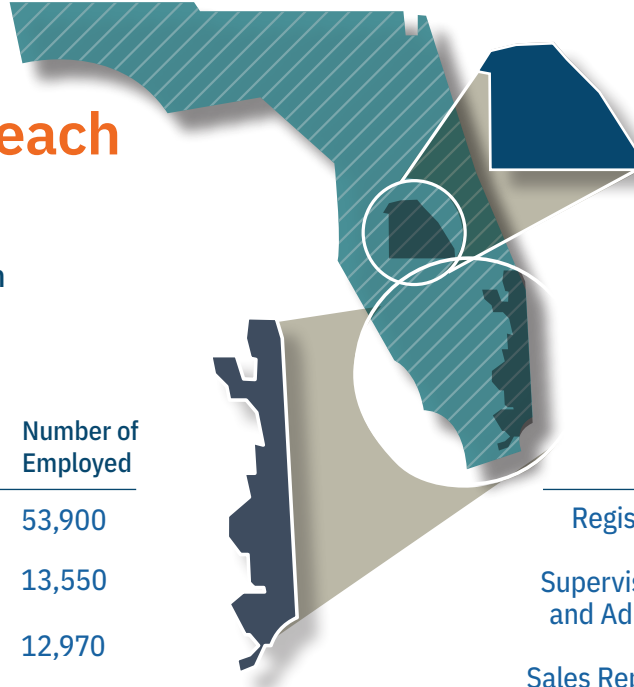
Top Opportunity Occupations, Median Wage, and Number of Employed in 2020

Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach

18.3%

of workers are employed in opportunity occupations.

Occupation	Median Wage	Number of Employed
Registered Nurses	\$70K	53,900
Financial Sales Agents	\$66K	13,550
Police Officers and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$73K	12,970
Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses	\$48K	10,650
Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$61K	8,240



Lakeland-Winter Haven

28.2%

of workers are employed in opportunity occupations.

Occupation	Median Wage	Number of Employed
Registered Nurses	\$63K	4,030
Supervisors of Office and Admin. Workers	\$53K	3,070
Sales Representatives	\$56K	2,140
Light Truck Drivers	\$50K	1,920
Automotive Technicians and Mechanics	\$44K	1,560

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Distribution of Employment by Wages in 2020



53.4%

Lower Wage Employment

23.5%

Opportunity Employment

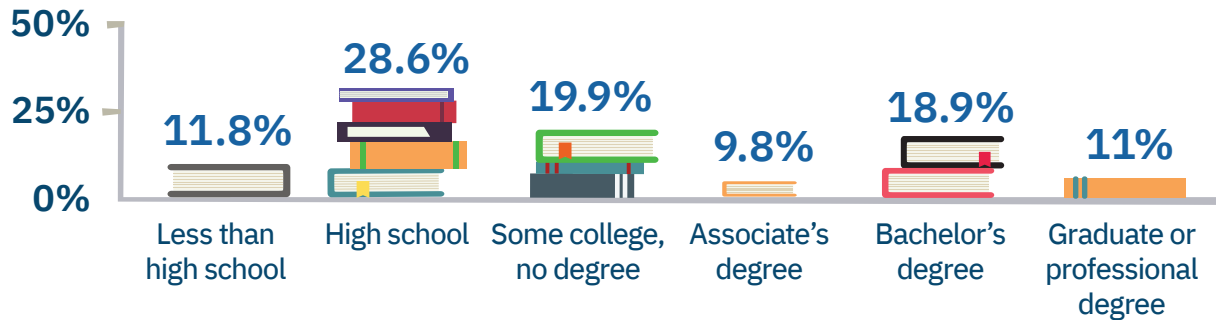
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Higher Wage, BA Degree Required

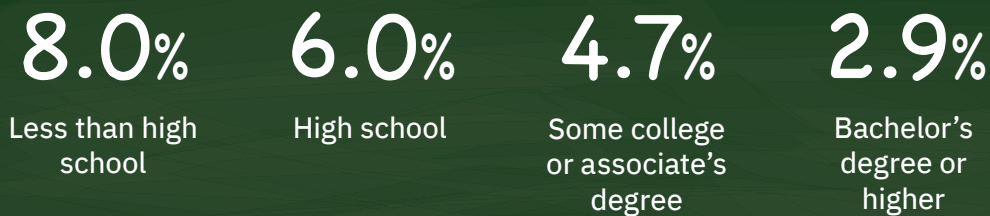
Educational Attainment in Florida

How Many Pursue Higher Education?

Educational Attainment for People over 25 (2019)



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR PEOPLE between 25 and 65 (2019)



MEDIAN EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR PEOPLE OVER 25 (2019)

