

## Job growth

According to projections from the Illinois Department of Employment Security, the Rock River Valley is poised for healthy job creation from 2004 through 2014. As of the 2004 calculations, the area's growth in engineering jobs actually was expected to lag overall job growth as well as several other service occupations.

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Pct. increase</b>
All occupations	166,104	185,492	11.7
Nursing/home health aides	2,453	3,091	26
Primary, secondary teachers	5,432	6,754	24.3
Health practitioners	5,382	6,683	24.2
Counselors/social workers	1,669	2,058	23.4
Computer specialists	1,967	2,407	22.4
Business operations specialists	3,915	4,706	20.2
Health technicians	3,121	3,737	19.7
Food service workers	5,254	6,181	17.6
Cooks, food prep. workers	3,383	3,958	17
Financial specialists	2,330	2,663	14.3
Religious workers	973	1,078	10.8
<b>Engineering</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>10.2</b>

