

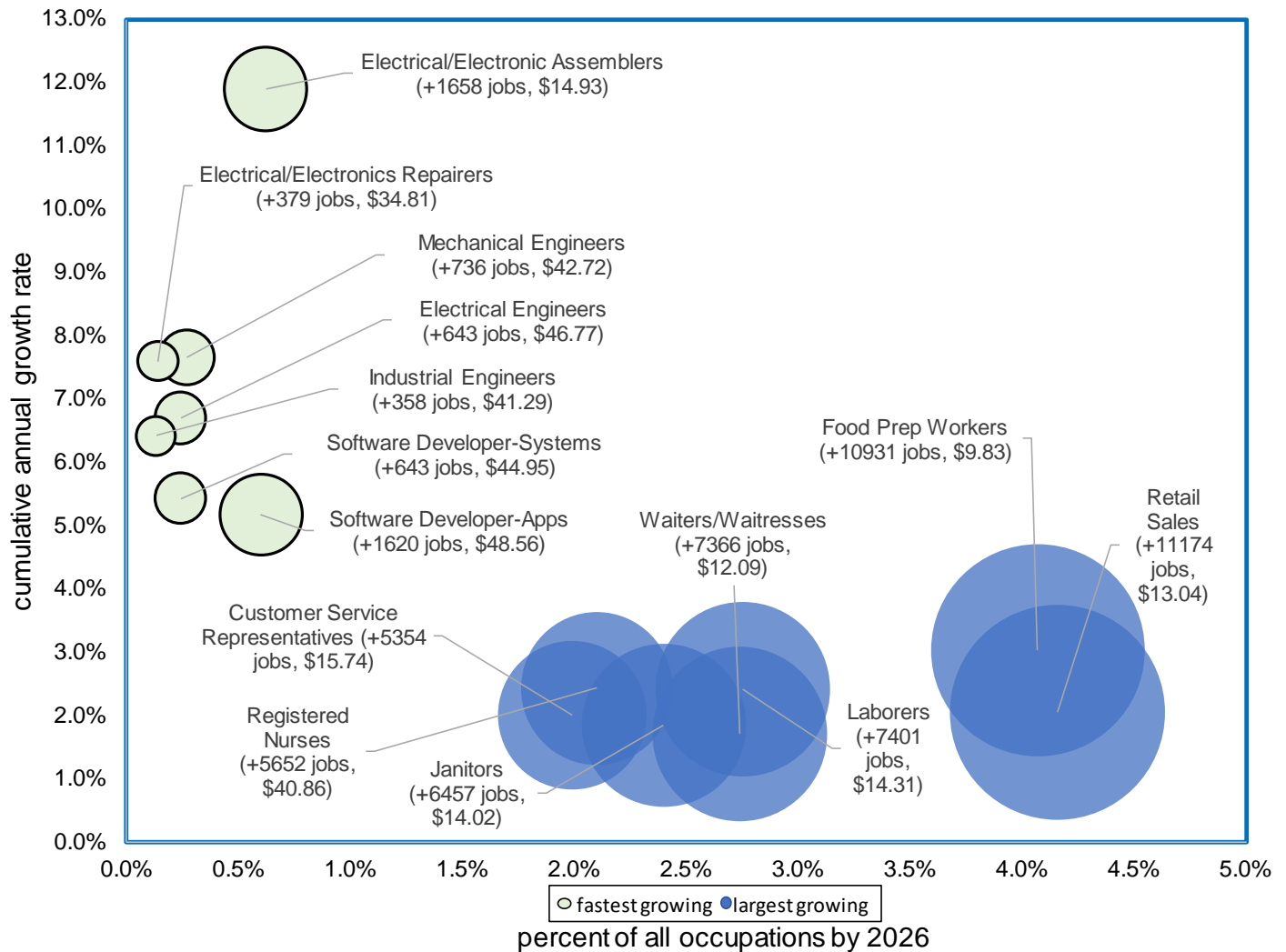
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Top Growing Occupations
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Fast Growth in Quality Occupations Projected Over the Long-term



- The *Research & Analysis Bureau* creates industry and occupational projections for both the short-term (two years) and long-term (ten years). Short-term projections are produced annually for the State, three metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), and the balance of state area. Long term projections are produced every two years for the same areas.
- With the recent release of the Statewide 2016-2026 long-term occupational projections, we analyze Nevada's top growing occupations.
- Occupations with the largest projected nominal job growth over the ten-year period consist of retail sales workers (+11,174), food prep workers (+10,931), laborers (+7,401), waiters/waitresses (+7,366), janitors

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(+6,457), registered nurses (+5,652), and customer service reps (+5354). In total, these occupations account for nearly 54,300 jobs or 20 percent of all occupations to be added in the State by 2026.

- Of the top seven occupations with the largest projected nominal growth, all but registered nurses earn below the Statewide average wage of \$21.65 per hour.
- Occupations with the fastest cumulative annual growth rates consist of electrical/electronic assemblers (11.90%), mechanical engineers (7.66%), electrical/electronic repairers (7.60%), electrical engineers (6.71%), industrial engineers (6.42%), software developers, applications (5.44%), software developers, system software (5.18%).
- Although the fastest growing occupations account for a small portion of total growth over the ten-year period, a majority of these jobs fall in top ten percent of highest paid jobs in the State (average wages greater than \$39.12 per hour). Roughly 4,000 of these new jobs expected will earn an average wage greater than \$41 per hour, which places them in the top wage tier.