

## Module 6

# Understanding Job Forecasts

### Objectives

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1. To describe the present distribution of workers in different job areas.
2. To describe the projected employment trends in various occupations.
3. To understand the complexity and accuracy of employment forecasting.
4. To identify the lowest and highest employment demand areas.

### Below Are Activities to Help You Achieve These Objectives

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- a. Perform a search on Career Key under the “Career and Life Planning” menu topics: “National Job Outlook” and “Local/Regional/State Job Outlook”.
- b. Read materials in the Career Library Module 6 folders in the Mobile File. *Employment Outlooks* (6) contains information regarding forecasts nationwide, while *Florida Outlook* (6:1) contains projections for the various geographic sections of Florida. For additional information on the Florida labor market, visit [fred.labormarketinfo.com](http://fred.labormarketinfo.com).
- c. Scan resources such as:
  - *American Almanac of Jobs and Salaries* ..... IC W7
  - *Career Information Center: Employment Trends*..... IIA CIC-13
  - *Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance Vol 1-Vol 5*..... IIA E6
  - *Florida Occupational Wages* ([floridawages.com](http://floridawages.com)).....ID F5
  - *NACE Salary Survey* ..... IC N3
  - *Occupational Outlook Handbook* ([stats.bls.gov/oco/home.htm](http://stats.bls.gov/oco/home.htm)) .....IIA O25
- d. Review occupational information materials located in the Occupational Files for outlook information on specific occupations.
- e. Get print-outs on specific occupations from computer-assisted career guidance systems such as Choices, eDiscover, & SIGI 3
- f. For additional job market information visit the following Web sites:
  - U.S. job market ([acinet.org](http://acinet.org))
  - State occupational projections ([projectionscentral.com/it\\_search.aspx](http://projectionscentral.com/it_search.aspx))
  - Employment and industry trends ([rileyguide.com/trends.html](http://rileyguide.com/trends.html))

