

## Chiropractic, Health Care Job Market Predicted to Grow Dramatically

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According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics latest 10-year job projections for professional industries, jobs in chiropractic will increase by 28 percent by 2020, a rapid growth rate during that time frame compared to many other professions. (The average predicted growth rate from 2010-2020, according to the bureau, is 14 percent.) Published in the bureau's 2012-2013 *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, findings represent the percent change in employment predicted to occur; for the chiropractic profession that means an expected increase of 14,900 jobs.

Overall, health care jobs dominated the top 20 predicted growth positions, led by personal care aids (#1; 70 percent predicted growth rate by 2020) and home care aids (#2; 69 percent predicted growth rate). Other health care occupations in the top 20 include biomedical engineers (#3; 62 percent), veterinary technologists and technicians (#6; 62 percent), diagnostic medical sonographers (#11; 44 percent), occupational therapy assistants (#12; 43 percent), and medical secretaries (#16; 41 percent).

Additionally, physical therapy jobs are predicted to increase by an even greater percentage than chiropractic by 2020, according to the *Handbook*, including careers as physical therapists (#20; 39 percent), physical therapist aids (#8; 43 percent) and physical therapist assistants (#13; 46 percent).