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By now, we have all heard that some jobs/industries are considered essential, while others are non-essential, during a stay-at-home order. For those who have lost their jobs or are looking to reskill or upskill it may be useful to understand what the [essential industries](#) and related job opportunities will be in the near-term, as well as the associated wages and education requirements. Of the 33,000+ jobs projected to be added in Southwest Florida over the next few years, we compiled a list of the essential occupations expected to add at least 50 jobs (from 2019 totals) with an annual salary of \$35,000 or more.

Projected Essential Jobs with a Salary of \$35K or more in Southwest Florida

Standard Occupational Classification	Job Description	Employed 2019	Projected Employed 2022	Jobs Added	Median wage	Education
11-1021	General Operations Manager	1,691	1,781	90	\$38.61	BS/BA
29-1126	Respiratory Therapists	817	885	68	\$32.85	Associate's
29-1141	Registered Nurse	7,079	7,500	421	\$32.19	BS/BA
25-2021	Elementary Teachers, Except Special Ed	3,557	3,634	77	\$29.12	BS/BA
11-9141	Property, Real Estate, and Commercial Area Management	2,067	2,176	109	\$27.11	High School or equivalent
33-3051	Police/Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,710	1,794	84	\$25.33	High School or equivalent
33-2011	Firefighters	1,899	1,962	63	\$25.15	Post-Secondary nondegree award
41-3021	Insurance Sales Agents	2,768	2,855	87	\$22.80	High School or equivalent
25-1099	Postsecondary Teachers	1,171	1,333	162	\$20.36	Doctoral
41-9022	Real Estate Sales Agents	3,105	3,229	124	\$20.00	High School or equivalent
41-1011	First-Line Supervisor of Retail Sales	1,444	1,494	50	\$19.45	High School or equivalent
53-3032	Heavy/Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,973	3,129	156	\$17.71	Post-Secondary nondegree award
49-9071	Maintenance & Repair Workers	3,292	3,479	187	\$17.53	High School or equivalent
21-1093	Social & Human Service Assistants	469	529	60	\$16.91	High School or equivalent
Total essential jobs added/\$35K+				1,738		

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Projections – Breakdown 2019-2022

Occupational

Jobs to be added (total essential and non-essential jobs):	33,910
Jobs to be added (essential):	7,494
Percentage essential :	22%
Percentage non-essential :	78%

Education (1,738 positions)

Associate's or greater required:	818 (47%)
< Associate's	920 (53%)

< Associate's (920 total) Breakdown

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| 1. High school or equivalent: | 701 (40% of 1,738) |
| 2. Post-secondary, non-degree award: | 219 (13% of 1,738) |

Source: EMSI (Economic Modeling):

[Source Citations](#)