

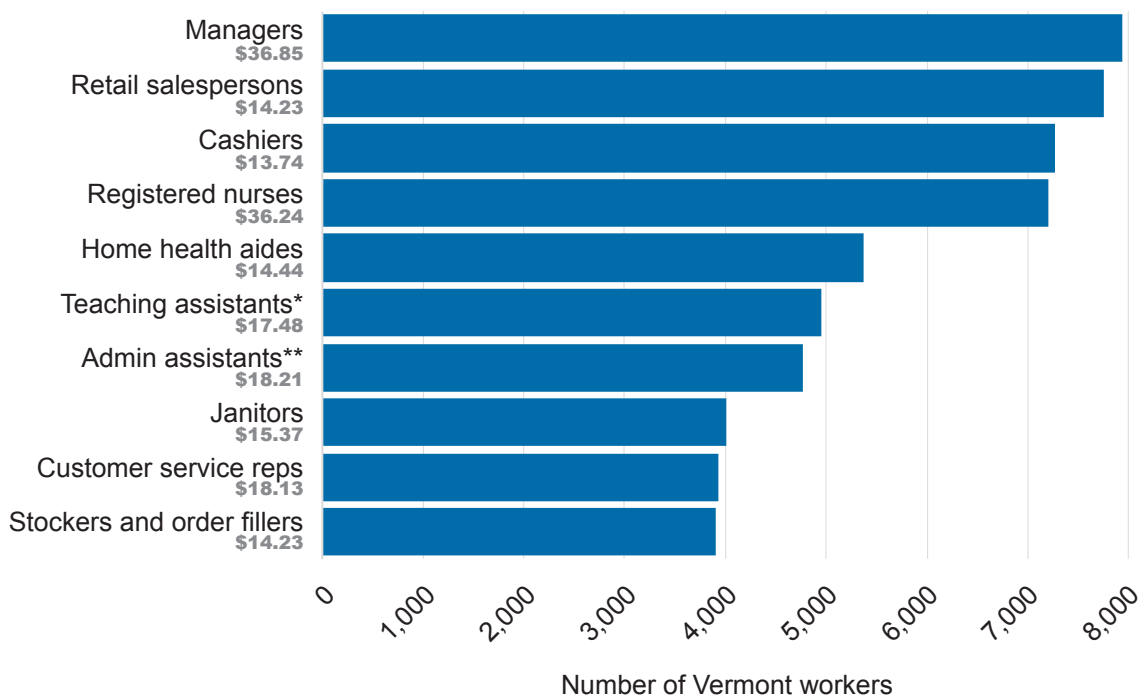
The pandemic shuffled Vermont's top 10 jobs list

Last year, managers held the No. 1 occupation in Vermont, with retail salespersons a close second. Managers' place at the top was a yet-unexplained surprise; the category has fallen low on the top 10 list in recent years. Notably missing from the 2021 list were waitstaff and food preparation workers, which pre-pandemic were Nos. 5 and 7, respectively. Over 57,000 Vermonters—20 percent of all workers, excluding the self-employed—were employed in the top 10 occupations.

Six of the 10 most common occupations in 2021 had a [median wage](#) over \$15 an hour. Managers and nurses, the top earners, made more than double this amount, at over \$36 an hour. Salespeople and cashiers earned less than \$15 an hour.

Management, retail sales, and nursing led 2021 jobs

Top 10 Vermont occupations and median hourly wage, 2021



*Excluding post-secondary **Excluding legal, medical, and executive

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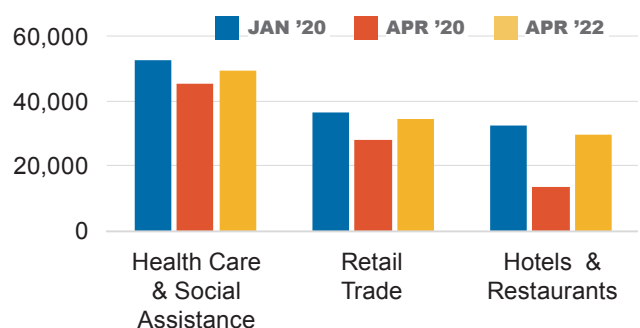
Vermont had 300,800 jobs in April 2022, 15,000 fewer than in January 2020, before the pandemic. Health care, retail, and hospitality, the hardest hit industries at the start of the pandemic, accounted for more than half the losses, or about 8,200 jobs in total.

LATEST BLS DATA - MAY 20, 2022			
	APR 2022	MAR 2022	APR 2021
Labor Force	332,742	331,430	328,125
Employment	324,532	322,649	315,875
Unemployment	8,210	8,781	12,250
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	2.6%	3.7%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Hardest hit industries have still not recovered

Seasonally adjusted jobs in select industries, Jan and Apr 2020, Apr 2022



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