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## Abstract

What occupations in Egypt are (potentially) green and what are their characteristics? In this report, we rely on two commonly used databases, the O\*NET database, developed for the U.S., and the ESCO database, developed for the European Union, to estimate two alternative greenness indices for occupations in Egypt. The greenness indices are based on the prevalence and relative importance of tasks (in O\*NET) and skills (in ESCO) designated as green in each occupation according to these two databases. Based on specific cutoff values in these indices, we classify occupations into five green task categories from very high green task intensity to no green tasks and provide information about occupations in each category, such as their share in total employment, their employment growth rates, their education and gender composition, and their broad industrial composition. We refer to occupations with very high and high green task intensity as "green" occupations for short and provide more detailed information about specific occupations in these categories. We end the analysis by examining the most prevalent green tasks/skills as well as the fastest growing ones in the Egyptian context.

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## **Executive Summary**

#### **Measuring Green Occupations**

As countries work toward meeting their commitments to address climate change and progress in their green transitions, there is a great deal of interest in the jobs that will likely be needed with the expansion of the green economy. Egypt has ambitious goals for its green transition, as described in its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which commit to substantially reduce emissions from electricity generation and transmission, oil and gas production, and the transport sector, and to decarbonize industry, promote sustainability in buildings and cities, strive towards low carbon and greener tourism development, and improve integrated waste management to increase materials and energy recovery.

Efforts to determine the implications of the green transition for labor markets have taken many forms, one of which is an attempt to identify green occupations. Since occupations generally involve both green and non-green tasks, the literature has suggested that the greenness of occupations should be measured along a continuum rather than as a binary characteristic, based on the relative prevalence of green tasks in them. Since Egypt does not (yet) have a database that describes the task content of occupations in sufficient detail and a way to designate tasks as green or not, we rely in this report on two commonly used databases that do just that, the O\*NET database developed for the U.S. and the ESCO database developed for the European Union.

Both of these databases breakdown occupations into specific tasks, skills, or knowledge concepts, some of which are designated as green.<sup>1</sup> The O\*NET database gives an importance weight from 1 to 5 to each task in each occupation and the ESCO system designates each skill as either essential or optional. We use this information to generate greenness indices from each of these databases that vary from 0 (no green tasks) to 1 (all tasks are green) for each occupation in these datasets and then create a crosswalk between these occupations and the equivalent occupation at the 4-digit level of detail in the ISCO-08 classification of occupations used in Egypt.

Our resulting database provides information about a total of 427 4-digit ISCO-08 occupations covered by either the O\*NET or ESCO databases out of a total of 437 4-digit occupations in the ISCO-08 classification. We then derive additional information about these 4-digit occupations from Egypt's official Labor Force Survey (LFS), such as employment size relative to total employment, employment growth rates over the period 2018 to 2022, gender composition, educational composition, and distribution across

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> O\*NET uses the term "tasks" to describe the building blocks of occupations (The National Center for O\*NET Development, 2010), whereas ESCO uses the terms "skills" and "knowledge concepts" (European Commission, 2022).

broad industry sectors (specifically: agriculture, industry, and services).<sup>2</sup> An occupation that is present in the O\*NET and ESCO databases but not present in the LFS data is assigned an employment share of zero. Based on the estimated greenness index, we classify occupations as having (i) no green tasks (greenness=0), (ii) low green task intensity (greenness>0 & <0.1), (iii) moderate green task intensity (greenness>=0.1 & <0.25), (iv) high green task intensity (greenness>=0.5). In addition, the O\*NET system subdivides occupations with no green tasks into ones that are not relevant to the green transition and ones that will grow with the green transition. We refer to occupations with high or very high green task intensity as "green occupations" for short and delve a little deeper into their characteristics.

#### **Top Green Occupations**

The results indicate that a handful of occupations that are mostly related to managing and protecting the environment and engagement in the circular economy emerge among the top 30 green occupations in both the O\*NET and ESCO systems. These include environmental protection professionals, environmental engineers, civil engineers, nonmedical life sciences technicians, garbage and recycling collectors, and refuse sorters. Outside this limited set, the two systems designate different sets of occupations among their top 30 green occupations primarily because O\*NET and ESCO place a different emphasis on what tasks/skills they designate as green. Because of the O\*NET system's emphasis on tasks related to managing and overseeing environmental processes, renewable energy, and material flows, it highlights occupations related to the construction and mining sectors, as well as various managerial, executive and planning related occupations. ESCO, with its emphasis on biological and conservation processes, tends to produce high greenness scores for occupations related to agriculture and forestry. Many of these agricultural and forestry occupations are designated by O\*NET as either having no green tasks but will grow with the green transition, or as having low green task intensity. Despite this, almost a third of green jobs identified by O\*NET are in agriculture because of the inclusion of farm managers and employers in agriculture among one of the managerial categories identified as green. Besides the occupations in agriculture and forestry, ESCO assigns high greenness scores to a handful of occupations in architectural design, pest control, insulation, and health and environmental inspection.

The proportion of employment in the very high and high green task intensity categories, that we refer to for short as "green" occupations is 9.7 percent, according to O\*NET, and 16.4 percent, according to ESCO. The largest occupations in terms of employment in this group according to O\*NET include service managers not elsewhere classified (which include farm managers and agricultural employers), house builders, building and related electricians, plumbers and pipefitters, physical and engineering sciences technicians,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All characteristics other than employment growth refer to an average for the period from 2020 to 2022.

managing directors and chief executives, refuse sorters, garbage and recycling workers, civil engineers, commercial and sales representative, and business services and administrative managers. The largest "green" occupations according to ESCO include some of the same, such as refuse sorters, garbage and recycling workers, plumbers and pipefitters, commercial and sales representatives, and civil engineers, but also mixed crop and field and vegetable crop growers, painters, and farming and forestry advisers.

#### Green Occupations are Fast-Growing

Green occupations in Egypt are growing appreciably faster than average. The very high green task intensity occupations were growing at 10.5 percent (O\*NET) per annum and 31 percent (ESCO) per annum in the 2018-2022 period, substantially higher than the average employment growth rate of 4.6 percent per annum in this period. The high green task intensity category was also growing much faster than average at 16.9 percent (O\*NET) per annum and 7.8 percent (ESCO) per annum. Moreover, even occupations that have no green tasks, but that are designated by O\*NET as ones that will grow with the green transition are growing in Egypt at 1.6 times the rate of occupations with no green tasks that are designated as not relevant to the green transition.

The green occupations that have grown in excess of 20 percent per annum from 2018 to 2022 include ones that are classified as green by both systems, such as refuse sorters and garbage and recycling collectors, others that are classified as green by O\*NET only, such as research and development managers, policy and planning managers, commercial and sales representatives, technical and medical sales professionals, various kinds of services managers, and ICT sales professionals, and some that are classified as green by ESCO only, such as mixed crop and livestock producers, farm laborers, and garden and horticultural laborers.

#### Green Occupations Span the Education Spectrum

Of relevance to education planners is the educational attainment of workers in green occupations. We do not observe a straightforward relationship between greenness and the educational attainment of the workforce. In fact, the highest share of educated workers appears to be in the "moderate green task intensity" category, where about 45 percent of workers have technical secondary education and nearly a third have a higher education according to either system, which is higher than their shares of 35 percent (technical secondary) and 25 percent (higher education) in overall employment. According to the O\*NET system, about 30 percent or workers in green occupations (very high and high green task intensity) have technical secondary education and another 25 percent have higher education, which is slightly lower or roughly similar to their proportions in overall employment. Because of the over-representation of agricultural workers among occupations designated as green in the ESCO system and because these workers generally have lower educational attainment, the proportion of educated workers

in green occupations according to ESCO is lower, with 28 percent having a technical secondary education and only 7 percent having a higher education.

The green occupations with the highest proportion of technical secondary workers in the O\*NET system are the ones related to construction, manufacturing, mining, and utilities. In the ESCO system, they are the ones related to utilities, some of the agricultural occupations, and one related to environmental and occupational health inspection. The green occupations according to O\*NET with the highest proportion of workers with higher education are those related to managerial and executive functions, engineering, technical and medical sales, and, according to ESCO, farming and forestry advisers, environmental and occupational health inspectors, and travel guides.

#### Green Occupations are Male Dominated

Women tend to be under-represented in green occupations in Egypt, but some green occupations have higher than average female shares of employment. In the O\*NET system, these include ICT sales professionals, research and development managers, policy administration professionals, town and traffic planners, policy and planning managers, and advertising and public relations

managers. In the ESCO system, feminized green occupations include mixed crop and animal producers and garden and horticultural laborers.

#### Green Occupations are Concentrated in Agriculture and Industry

Green occupations, according to the O\*NET system, are over-represented in the industry and agricultural sectors, despite the fact that no explicitly agricultural occupation is designated as green in this system. This is due to the fact that a high proportion of the occupation "service manager not elsewhere classified," which is classified by O\*NET as green, is in fact mostly made up of farm managers or employers in agriculture. Most of the green occupations related to construction, manufacturing, mining and utilities are predictably in the industry sector, and most of the services managers of various sorts, senior government officials, traditional heads of villages are in the services sector. Because of the ESCO system's emphasis on green skills related to agriculture, jobs in green occupations according to ESCO are predominantly in the agricultural sector.

#### Top Green Tasks/Skills

The O\*NET system identifies 1,386 tasks out of a total of 19,642 tasks in the database as green, whereas the ESCO system identifies 558 skills and knowledge concepts as green out of a total of 13,123 unique skills and knowledge concepts. The top 20 green tasks in the O\*NET system are mostly related to environmental processes, material flows and material recovery, and developing and deploying renewable energy projects. These

tasks are used in occupations that make up about 4.3 percent of total employment in Egypt. The top 20 green skills or knowledge concepts in the ESCO system relate mostly to sustainable agriculture and tourism and are relevant to 15-20 percent of employment in Egypt, because of the importance of agricultural employment in the Egyptian economy. Based on the growth of the occupations that incorporate them, the fastest growing green tasks in Egypt based on the O\*NET system are related to the repair or servicing of air conditioning systems, the installation and maintenance of wind turbines, and the installation, control, and maintenance of other environmental systems. The fastest growing ESCO green skills in Egypt are more diverse and relate to business sustainability, managing naturally protected areas and sustainable tourism, skills related to materials recovery and recycling, and skills related to sustainable agriculture.

#### **Policy Implications**

The occupational greenness index and the green task intensity categories elaborated in this report and applied to Egyptian labor market data are a necessary step in identifying and eventually anticipating the skills and competences needed to support the green transition in Egypt. This step is a pre-requisite to subsequent policy efforts needed to support the green transition and green jobs. For instance, this work can inform educational policy makers in elaborating a holistic strategy to prepare the future Egyptian workforce for the green transition. Additionally, this research can support policy makers, employers, and stakeholders in the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) system to help the existing workforce with the re-skilling and upskilling needed to adapt to job reallocations that will necessarily accompany the transition and thus ensure a more just transition that does not impose an undue burden on any group of workers.

## Introduction

#### Motivation

Addressing climate change through a transition to a green economy – a socially inclusive economy that relies less on fossil fuels, produces less pollution and greenhouse gases (GHG), strives for agricultural sustainability, and is resource efficient - has now become a top global priority (Barbier & Markandya, 2012; ILO, 2018; Jacob et al., 2015; UNEP, 2011). Egypt demonstrated its commitment to responding to the threat of climate change early on by ratifying the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 1994 (Government of Egypt, 2022). It declared its first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) at the time it signed the Paris Agreement in 2016, which it later ratified on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017. These NDCs were later updated in 2022 to cover the period from 2015 to 2030. Egypt's updated NDCs commit the country to reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 compared to the business-as-usual scenario of 33 percent from electricity generation and transmission, of 65 percent from oil and gas production, and of 7 percent from the transport sector. The updated NDCs include additional commitments to decarbonize industry, promote sustainability in buildings and cities, strive towards low carbon and greener tourism development, and improved integrated waste management to increase materials and energy recovery (ibid.).<sup>3</sup>

The effect of a transition to a green economy on employment and labor markets has been a subject of intense interest around the world, with particular interest in so-called "green jobs" or jobs that are created in the context of an expanding green economy (Bowen et al., 2018; Cappa et al., n.d.; ILO, 2018; Jacob et al., 2015; Kubursi & Abou-Ali, 2024). While some jobs will likely be lost as a result of the transition away from fossil fuels, many more job opportunities will likely be created, and others will undergo a transformation in their task profiles, as a result of expansion of the renewable energy sectors, the growth in the use of electrical vehicles, efforts to increase energy efficiency, the transition to more sustainable agricultural practices, and the expansion of the circular economy (ILO, 2018). The International Labor Organization (ILO) estimates that by 2030 almost 25 million jobs will be created globally as a result of the green transition and seven million jobs will be lost (ILO, 2019b). Of the seven million lost jobs, five million can likely be reallocated across industries in the same occupations, but one to two million workers will be in occupations where jobs will be lost without equivalent jobs in other industries. Additionally, the green transition is conditional on investments in training and skill development to meet the requirements and avoid skill mismatches (ILO, 2019b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For a comprehensive discussion of Egypt's progress in its green transition see Sarhan (2023).

Most studies conducted on the impact of the green economy on employment take a sectoral approach, with many using input-output methods to estimate the net employment effects of the expansion of the green economy or specific policies to promote the green transition (ILO, 2013, 2014, 2019a, 2022; ILO & UNDP, 2021). While such studies can estimate the size of the employment effects of climate and green economy policies, they cannot identify the kinds of jobs that will be created and transformed and their skill content. We focus here instead on studies that take an occupational approach in identifying green jobs by identifying the task or skill content of occupations and then determining which of these tasks or skills are green. This task-based approach acknowledges that some existing jobs may be in high demand due to the transition to a green economy, but may not involve any green tasks or skills, while others will include varying proportions of green tasks or skills. Greenness of occupations and jobs should, therefore, be considered as a continuum rather than a binary classification (Bowen et al., 2018; Vona et al., 2019).

Previous research has found that green occupations in the U.S. tend to be more highskilled and the share of green employment within high-skilled, abstract occupations is higher than within low-skilled, manual occupations, with the exception of installation and maintenance jobs (Vona et al., 2019). Green jobs grew faster than total employment in the U.S. from 2006 to 2014, that the bulk of the increase in green employment was among high-skilled jobs rather than low-skilled manual jobs (Vona et al., 2019). Moreover, in the U.S. green jobs pay a wage premium, which is higher for low-skilled workers (Vona et al., 2019).

A series of 32 national studies in 2017-18, covering both low- and middle-income countries as well as high income countries, worked to identify the skill needs of greening economies and the skills policies and strategy responses to respond to these needs (ILO, 2019b). The methodology used in these studies was primarily institutional and qualitative, some including qualitative surveys among experts. Likely because of data limitations, there are few quantitative studies identifying green occupations and skills in detail outside the U.S. and the European Union.

Identifying jobs that are in green occupations, as well as jobs that may not be green but that will grow with the green transition is essential for human resource development and effective environmental and labor market policies. Education planners need to know which occupations and skills to focus on and new labor market entrants would benefit from knowing which occupations are likely to grow as Egypt pushes forward with policies that will promote and accelerate the green transition. In this report, we not only examine the prevalence and growth of green occupations in Egypt, but we also analyze the prevalence and growth of green skills, the specific skills and tasks that make occupations green. Identifying such skills, their prevalence and growth is an essential input into a competence-based education and training curriculum design and planning system, such as the one that the Egyptian Ministry of Education and Technical Education is engaged in.<sup>4</sup>

#### Overview

Egypt does not (yet) have nationally representative detailed data on green skills or tasks and how they relate to specific occupations in the Egyptian context. In our analysis, we therefore use two different international databases linking green tasks/skills with occupations to calculate a greenness intensity index at the occupational level. The Occupational Information Network (O\*NET), developed for the U.S., links job task requirements with specific occupations using the U.S. Standard Occupational Classification (SOC). It classifies tasks as green or not green and gives each task an importance weight for each occupation, allowing the calculation of a greenness index for the occupation (Vona et al., 2019). The European Classification of Occupations, Skills and Competences (ESCO), developed for the European Union, also classifies skills and knowledge concepts specific to different occupations as green and then identifies each skill or knowledge concept as either essential or optional for each occupation (European Commission, 2022).

Using this information, we calculate a greenness index for each occupation in these two databases. Each of the occupations in these respective classifications is then cross-walked to a corresponding 4-digit occupation in the ISCO-08 classification system used in Egypt. This results in a list of 427 4-digit occupations for which we are able to estimate a greenness index in either of the two systems.<sup>5</sup> The validity of our analysis depends, therefore, on the assumption that the task content of specific occupations in Egypt is similar to what is prevalent in the U.S. or European contexts. Of course, this assumption is unlikely to be entirely correct since Egypt is at a different stage in its green transition and many of the occupations that may have been greened due to the transition in the U.S. or Europe may not yet have a similar green content in Egypt. However, in the absence of Egypt-specific information on the green task or skill content of occupations, it is at the very least an indication of the direction in which things are likely to go in Egypt.

The mix of occupations and their relative importance in the Egyptian context is, of course, based on Egyptian data. In fact, the characteristics of occupations, such as the share of the occupation in total employment, the share of women in the occupation, and the percentage of employment in the occupation made up of technical school graduates is obtained from pooled 2020-22 data from the Egyptian Labor Force Survey (LFS). The Egypt Occupational Outlook is used to obtain growth rates for different occupations for the period from 2018 to 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Ministry of Education and Technical Education (2024). Technical Education Strategy 2.0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 43 of these occupations did not occur in the Egyptian Labor Force Survey rounds of 2020 to 2022 and were therefore assigned an employment share of 0.

We classify occupations based on the greenness index as obtained from each of the two systems into several green task intensity categories, from "no green tasks" to "very high green task intensity." Much of our analysis then focuses on occupations that are classified as very high or high green task intensity (a greenness index of 0.25 or higher on a 0-1 scale), which we refer to as "green occupations" for short. This classification allows us to determine the employment share, the rate of growth, the educational and gender composition, and the broad industry composition of jobs in different categories of occupations based on the green task intensity.

We should note however, that the O\*NET system classifies some occupations with no green tasks as ones that will grow with the green transition. Since these additional occupations make up about a quarter of employment in Egypt, it may be worth focusing on these as well.

Our analysis begins by identifying the top 30 greenest occupations according to each system and their employment share in total employment in Egypt. We then examine the relative size in terms of employment of the various green task intensity categories under each system and the relationship between greenness and employment growth. We also identify the fastest growing "green occupations" in Egypt according to each system. We then proceed to examine the educational and gender composition of green occupations, identifying green occupations that have high shares of technical secondary and higher education graduates and high female share. Finally, we examine the broad industrial composition of green occupations, distinguishing between agriculture, industry (mining, manufacturing, utilities, and construction), and services.

Since we know the green skills/tasks that are involved in each occupation, we can also estimate the percent of employment that utilizes specific green skills/tasks and the rate of growth of employment that utilizes these skills. We also classify the jobs that utilize the most common green skills/tasks by gender composition, educational attainment and by broad industry sector.

#### **O\*NET** Database

The O\*NET database version 24.1 (released November 2019) was used (National Center for O\*NET Development, n.d.),<sup>6</sup> as the most recent version of the database with green occupations and tasks. This version of the data includes 972 occupations and 19,642 unique tasks, with 1,386 of these tasks being green.

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The O\*NET data on green occupations categorizes occupations into one of four groups: (1) Not a green occupation, (2) Green increased demand<sup>7</sup> (3) Green enhanced skills<sup>8</sup> (4) Green new & emerging.<sup>9</sup> The O\*NET data also include tasks specifically identified as green tasks. All tasks are given an importance rating for each occupation.<sup>10</sup> The importance scale is from (1) not important to (5) extremely important.

The greenness index was calculated based on the O\*NET data across all tasks for each occupation (*i*) (Elliott et al., 2021; following Vona et al., 2019). The greenness index (*Greenness*<sub>*i*</sub>) is based on multiplying whether each task (*j*) that is associated with occupation *i* is green or not ( $g_{j=0,1}$ ) and the importance weight ( $w_{i,j}$ , from 1-5) for each task within the occupation. In equation form this is:

$$Greenness_{i} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{i,j} * g_{j}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{i,j}}$$

The resulting greenness index ranges from 0 (no green tasks) to 1 (all tasks are green). We have categorized occupations based on the greenness index and the O\*NET green occupation classification into:

- No green tasks and not relevant to green transition (greenness=0)
- No green tasks, but will grow with green transition (greenness=0)
- Low green task intensity (greenness>0 but greenness<0.1)
- Moderate green task intensity (greenness>=0.1 but greenness <0.25)
- High green task intensity (greenness>=0.25 but greenness <0.5)
- Very high green task intensity (greenness>=0.5)

#### ESCO Database

The ESCO database was used as a secondary data source for estimating the greenness of different occupations. The most recent version of the data (v1.1.1, released September 2022) was used (*ESCO*, n.d.).<sup>11</sup> This version of the data includes 3,007 occupations and 13,123 unique tasks, with 558 of the tasks are classified as green. The greenness index for ESCO was calculated using the same methods as for the O\*NET. Because ESCO

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The definition of an occupation with green increased demand is "The impact of green economy activities and technologies is an increase in the employment demand for an existing occupation. However, this impact does not entail significant changes in the work and worker requirements of the occupation. The work context may change, but the tasks themselves do not" (Dierdorff et al., 2009, p. 4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Green enhanced skills are occupations that are expected to undergo substantial change in task content due to the green transition (Dierdorff et al., 2009, p. 4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Green new and emerging are new occupations in the green economy (Dierdorff et al., 2009, p. 4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> In cases (N=22 occupations, N=144 tasks) where green task importance values were not available, mean importance values for green tasks were used.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Acknowledgment: This publication uses the ESCO classification of the European Commission.

does not have a continuous weighting scale for task importance, but only specifies tasks as "optional" or "essential," an alternative approach was used to get quantitative weights. In the O\*NET system, tasks with important weights from 1 to <3 are considered supplemental, whereas tasks with importance weights of 3-5 are considered core tasks. Accordingly, the essential tasks in ESCO were assigned the average importance weight of core tasks in O\*NET. The optional tasks in ESCO were assigned the average importance weight of supplemental tasks in O\*NET, so as to facilitate comparison between the two indices.

#### Egypt Labor Force Survey

The Egypt Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a nationally representative, quarterly survey of labor force conditions in Egypt caried out by the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS). The LFS rounds of 2020-2022 were used to supplement the O\*NET and ESCO data so as to reflect the Egyptian context. Key summary characteristics for 4-digit occupations were extracted from the LFS. These include the employment share of each occupation in total employment in Egypt expressed as a percentage (the number of jobs in a particular occupation in Egypt, divided by the total number of jobs in Egypt, times 100). For instance, 2.2 percent of employment in Egypt is in the occupation "house builders." This variable was also estimated separately for men and women (number of jobs held by [men/women] in a particular occupation, divided by the total number of jobs held by [men/women] in Egypt, times 100). Additionally, percentage of employment held by women in an occupation was calculated (number of jobs held by women in a particular occupation was calculated in the occupation in Egypt, times 100).

Other key variables from the LFS are the distribution of employment in each occupation by broad educational attainment and by broad industry sector. Broad educational attainment is classified as less than secondary, technical secondary, or higher education.<sup>12</sup> The broad industry sectors are classified as agriculture (which includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting), industry (which includes mining, manufacturing, utilities, and construction), and services (which includes everything else).

#### Egypt Occupational Outlook (EOO)

The Egypt Occupational Outlook (EOO) was updated to use 2018-2022 data. Occupation growth rates were extracted from that database, which is originally based on LFS data. Because the coding system used in the LFS was changed from ISCO-88 to ISCO-08 in 2020, a common code bridging the two coding systems was used in the EOO. This was by necessity a more aggregated code than the 4-digit ISCO-08 code used in the above analysis. Thus, two or more different occupations in the ISCO-08 coding system may have the same growth rates because they share the same "common code" in the EOO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> We include the small category of workers with general secondary degrees with the higher education category. These are rarely terminal degrees and usually track into higher education.

Data on growth rates are only available for occupations with a sufficient sample size in the 2018-2022 LFS data and thus data in the EOO. See EOO documentation for how these growth rates are calculated.

#### **Cross-Walk and Merging**

The LFS 2020-2022 data have occupations coded using the International Classification of Occupations (ISCO) 2008 coding. As discussed below, we use existing cross-walks to map occupations in the O\*NET and ESCO systems to the equivalent ISCO-08 code that is used in the LFS. All cross-walks are designed to generate classifications at the ISCO-08 4-digit level of occupational detail.

#### O\*NET Cross-Walk

The O\*NET data coding was O\*NET-19, which maps to the U.S. Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) 2010 coding. Occupations were cross-walked from SOC 2010 coding to ISCO-08 coding (Hardy et al., 2018). The crosswalk generated a many-to-many mapping, with multiple ISCO-08 codes sometimes corresponding to a single O\*NET code and multiple O\*NET codes sometimes corresponding to a single ISCO-08 code. There were 1,455 combinations overall, based on the 972 O-NET codes<sup>13</sup> and 422 ISCO-08 codes.

When there were multiple SOC codes within an ISCO code, a simple mean of the greenness index across SOC occupations was taken, and likewise for the importance value of tasks. Similarly, the maximum value of the green occupation classification was taken (1=Green increased demand, 2=Green Enhanced skills, 3=Green New & Emerging) to define green occupations for ISCO. Tasks for any component occupations were carried through in the cross-walk. When there were multiple ISCO codes for a single SOC code, they were all assigned the same greenness index, task importance weights, and green occupation classification.

#### ESCO Cross-Walk

The ESCO occupations data provided the ISCO-08 (4-digit) group for each occupation in the ESCO data.<sup>14</sup> Multiple ESCO occupations could map onto one ISCO-08 occupation, but there were not multiple ISCO codes that mapped to one ESCO code. There were 3,007 ESCO occupation URI codes which included 417 ISCO-08 4-digit codes. When there were multiple ESCO occupation codes within an ISCO code, a simple mean of the greenness index across ESCO occupations was taken, and likewise for the importance value of tasks.

#### **Combined Database**

Occupations that are in the ISCO-08 coding and O\*NET or ESCO but not present in the LFS are retained in the database with a share of employment of 0 percent. The resultant databases that rank occupations by their O\*NET and ESCO greenness indices and that also include the other occupation-specific characteristics mentioned above are shown in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 94 occupations, primarily in military roles, did not have corresponding ISCO-08 codes and were dropped. <sup>14</sup> Ten ISCO-08 occupations, such as traditional chiefs and heads of village, subsistence crop farmers, etc., did not exist in the ESCO data and therefore have missing values for ESCO greenness and are not included in the potential green occupations or tasks from ESCO data. Additionally, there were five ISCO occupations with ESCO data but not LFS or O\*NET data; these have missing O\*NET variables in the data.

the Appendix (Table 5). The databases are also made available in Excel format for ease of access.<sup>15</sup>

## **Results**

#### **Green Occupations**

Because O\*NET and ESCO identify a different set of tasks or skills/competences as green and use different tasks/skills to describe job responsibilities in the same occupation, there is imperfect agreement between the O\*NET and ESCO databases on the greenness of various occupations (Figure 2). The correlation coefficient of the greenness indices produced by two databases is 0.375, and the rank correlation of the two indices is 0.315. As we will see below, the O\*NET system tends to designate as green many tasks related to design, monitoring, tracking, building, and maintenance of environmental, renewable energy, and materials recovery processes. It tends to, therefore, designate as green many managerial, executive, planning and policy occupations, as well several construction-related occupations. On the other hand, the ESCO system tends to designate skills and competences related to sustainable agriculture and agroforestry as green, which favors occupations in agriculture and forestry. Both systems designate tasks, skills and competences in environmental management and protection, recycling, and materials recovery as green.

As shown in Figure 1, a handful of occupations at the 4-digit level of the ISCO-08 classification emerge among the top 30 green occupations according to both databases. These include occupations that are directly related to the environment or to the circular economy such as environmental engineers, environmental protection professionals, non-medical life sciences technicians, refuse sorters, garbage and recycling collectors, incinerator and water treatment plant operators. Civil engineers also emerge among the top 30 green occupations in both systems. Together, these occupations make up only 0.9 percent of employment in Egypt.

The O\*NET database assigns a high greenness index to several additional occupations that are not highly ranked in terms of greenness by ESCO. These include a number of occupations related to the construction and mining industries, including construction supervisors, building and related electricians, roofers, building frame and related trade workers not elsewhere classified (n.e.c.), cement, stone, and other mineral products machine operators, and mining supervisors. Together these constitute about 1 percent of total employment in Egypt. It also generates high greenness indices for several managerial and executive occupations, such as manufacturing managers, mining managers, research and development managers, policy and planning managers, sports, professional services managers n.e.c., service managers n.e.c. (the majority of whom are farm managers and agricultural employers), managing directors and chief executives, senior officials of special interest organizations, and traditional chiefs and heads of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Files will be made available on www.carolinekrafft.com/publications

villages (4.4 percent of employment). The remaining top 30 green occupations according to O\*NET include economists, commercial and sales representatives, technical and medical sales professionals, town and traffic planners, policy and administration professionals, and odd job persons (together, 0.4 percent of employment).

Occupations that are assigned a high greenness index by ESCO but not by O\*NET are predominantly in agriculture and forestry. These include forestry and related workers, forestry laborers, forestry technicians, mixed crop and livestock farm laborers, mixed crop growers, field crop and vegetable growers, mixed crop and animal producers, agricultural and forestry production managers, agricultural technicians, tree and shrub crop growers, garden and horticultural laborers and workers, farming, forestry and fishery advisers, and hunters and trappers. Because of the importance of the agricultural sector in Egypt, together these occupations make up 15.8 percent of total employment. The remaining top 30 green occupations according to ESCO include fumigators and other pest and weed controllers, travel guides, landscape architects, building architects, civil engineering technicians, environmental and occupational health inspectors, painters and related workers, insulation workers, and geologists and geophysicists (together, 1.6 percent of employment).

# Figure 1. Top 30 Green Occupations per O\*NET and ESCO, ranked by Greenness Index, and Percentage of Employment in Occupation



Source: Authors' calculations based on LFS 2020-2022, O\*NET, and ESCO.



Figure 2. Greenness Index Correlation Across O\*NET and ESCO

Notes: Observation is an occupation. Local polynomial fit line, bandwidth 0.1. Labels for any category with at least one index above 0.5

Source: Authors' calculations based on LFS 2020-2022, O\*NET, and ESCO.

We now move to the classification of occupations by green task intensity. In both systems, occupations with no green tasks (or a greenness index of zero) are identified, but the O\*NET system distinguishes between occupations with no green tasks that are not relevant to the green transition and those that will grow with green transition. In fact, many of the agricultural and forestry occupations identified by ESCO as green are classified by O\*NET as either having no green tasks but will grow with the green transition or as having low green task intensity. The remaining classification into low, moderate, high and very high green task intensity is based on the cut points in the respective greenness indices mentioned in the methodology section above.

According to O\*NET, 14 four-digit occupations have very high green task intensity, and as shown in Figure 3, these make up 1.6 percent of employment in Egypt. Only two fourdigit occupations have very high green task intensity according to ESCO, and these make up only 0.2 percent of employment in Egypt. Of the 14 very high green task intensity occupations in O\*NET, five are also classified as having very high or high green task intensity by ESCO (garbage and recycling collectors, environmental protection professionals, environmental engineers, refuse sorters, incinerator or water treatment plant operators). An additional 29 occupations according to O\*NET (8.1 of employment in Egypt) and 19 occupations according to ESCO (16.2 percent of employment in Egypt) have high green task intensity.<sup>16</sup> Because O\*NET's high greenness intensity occupations mostly include construction and managerial occupations and ESCO's includes mostly agricultural and forestry occupations, there is relatively little overlap among the two systems in this category. The only overlap is in fact landscape architects. The share of employment in both systems. Thus, the share of employment in occupations with moderate green task intensity or higher is 14.4 percent according to O\*NET and 21.5 percent according to ESCO.

ESCO classifies much more employment into the low green task intensity category than O\*NET (42 percent versus 4 percent). In fact, O\*NET classifies occupations making up 58 percent of employment in Egypt as having no green tasks and not relevant to the green transition and others that make up an additional 23 percent as having no green tasks but will grow with the green transition. In contrast, the employment share of occupations with no green tasks in ESCO is only 35 percent.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See excel files for a list of occupations and their greenness intensity classification.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> A recent estimate of green jobs in Egypt based on their use of eco-friendly processes or outputs in the nationally representative Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey 2023 puts the share of jobs that are green in Egypt at 7.8 percent (Abou-Ali & Amer, 2024), illustrating that the analyses using O\*NET and ESCO, which identify a higher share of jobs as green, are likely identifying potentially (not necessarily currently) green jobs.





## Notes: Only O\*NET distinguishes between whether or not occupations with no green tasks will grow with green transition.

Turning now to the relationship between greenness and employment growth, we first examine how different categories of green task intensity correlate with employment growth. As show in Figure 4, the very high and high green task intensity categories have much higher rates of employment growth in Egypt than the other categories with lower green task intensity. In fact, the highest rate of growth – 31 percent – is for the admittedly small category of very high green task intensity according to the ESCO system (0.2 percent of employment), but the relatively large category of high green task intensity according to O\*NET (8.1 percent of employment) is growing at 16.9 percent per annum, almost four times the average rate of growth. Similarly, the very high green task intensity category according to O\*NET (1.6 percent of employment) is growing at 10.6 percent per annum, more than twice the average growth rate. There is, therefore, a clear positive relationship between greenness and the rate of employment growth in the Egyptian context, a relationship that is particularly pronounced when greenness is measured according to the O\*NET system. In fact, even occupations with moderate green task intensity in this system (but not ESCO) are growing substantially higher than average. Furthermore, even occupations with no green tasks but that are designated as ones that

Source: Authors' calculations based on LFS 2020-2022, O\*NET, and ESCO.

will grow with the green transition are estimated to have grown at 1.6 times other occupations with no green tasks that are not relevant to the green transition.





Source: Authors' calculations based on LFS 2020-2022, O\*NET, and ESCO.

Notes: Only O\*NET distinguishes between whether or not occupations with no green tasks will grow with green transition.

Turning now to how fast specific green occupations have been growing in Egypt, we present in Figure 5 a scatterplot showing the rate of growth of occupational employment versus the greenness index for occupations that have a greenness index above zero according to at least one of the databases (only shown for database with a greenness index above zero). The size of the circle is proportional to the employment share of the occupation. The positive relationship between rate of employment growth and greenness observed above is readily apparent here as well. Of note are occupations with a greenness index of 0.25 or higher (classified as high or very high green task intensity) and growth rates in excess of 20 percent. In the O\*NET system, these include refuse sorters (upper right-hand corner), garbage and recycling collectors, research and development managers, policy and planning managers, commercial and sales

representatives, technical and medical sales professionals, various kinds of services managers, ICT sales professionals, and odd job persons. According to the ESCO system, the high growth green occupations, like in O\*NET, include garbage and recycling collectors and refuse sorters, but also several of the agricultural occupations, such as mixed crop and livestock producers and farm laborers, and garden and horticultural laborers. There are several occupations in the very high and high green task intensity categories that have moderate rates of growth, such as civil engineers, mechanical engineers, architects, town and traffic planners, policy administration professionals, civil engineering technicians, house builders, construction managers, and environmental protection professionals. A few of these green occupations have negative growth rates. These include environmental engineers, manufacturing and mining managers, managing directors and chief executives, engineering professionals n.e.c., tree and shrub growers, farming, forestry and fisheries advisers, and environmental and occupational health inspectors. In general, however, there appears to be a net positive relationship between employment growth and greenness.

# Figure 5. Greenness Index and Employment Growth Rate of Occupation (Percentage), Occupations with Some Green Skills



Notes: Observation is an occupation, weighted by percentage of employment. Restricted to 1<sup>st</sup>-99<sup>th</sup> percentiles of growth rates. Restricted to occupations with a greenness above zero on ESCO or O\*NET measure.

Source: Authors' calculations based on LFS 2020-2022, O\*NET, and ESCO.

As mentioned above, among occupations with no green tasks, the O\*NET system identifies some that will grow with the green transition, so it is worth noting the fast-growing occupations among those. They include mixed crop and animal producers, water and firewood collectors, forestry technicians, and earthmoving and related plant operators.

A relevant factor for education planners is the educational level required in green occupation. As shown in Figure 6, there is not a straightforward relationship between greenness and educational attainment. In fact, the highest proportion of higher and technical secondary educated workers is for occupations with moderate green task intensity in both O\*NET and ESCO. Just under half the workers in occupations with high and very high green task intensity in the O\*NET system have less than secondary education, which is higher than the average for all occupations. This proportion climbs to over two thirds in the very high and high categories in the ESCO system. This is because of the importance of refuse sorters and garbage and recycling collectors according to either system in both in these categories, and the importance of various agricultural and forestry occupations in the ESCO system, all of which have relatively low educational attainment. Nevertheless, 42 percent of workers in very high (O\*NET, only 15 percent in ESCO) and 28-29 percent of workers in high green task intensity occupations (O\*NET and ESCO) have technical secondary education. Similarly, just under half of workers in the moderate green task intensity category in both systems have technical secondary education. This suggests that the technical education system has an important, but not exclusive, role to play in preparing workers for the green transition.

#### Figure 6. Distribution of Employment by Broad Educational Attainment (Percentage) by Category of Green Task Intensity According to O\*NET and ESCO



#### Notes: General secondary included with higher education

#### Source: Authors' calculations based on LFS 2020-2022, O\*NET, and ESCO.

We examine next the education levels of workers in specific occupations with very high and high green task intensity. As shown in Figure 7, ordered by the share of workers with technical secondary, several of the construction-related occupations identified as green in the O\*NET system have high proportions of technical secondary workers. In additional to those are incinerator and water treatment plant operators, cement, stone, and other mineral products machine operators, and manufacturing laborers n.e.c., which notably include sorting workers and manual assembly workers. Occupations with very high or high green task intensity in the

O\*NET system with high proportions of workers with higher education include architects and engineers of various types, technical and commercial sales representatives, and various kinds of managers. Occupations that have very high or high green task intensity in the ESCO system that have relatively high proportions of technical secondary graduates are again incinerator and water treatment plant operators, environmental and occupational health inspectors, and some of the agricultural occupations, such as tree and shrub growers, and gardeners, horticulturists and nursery growers. Those with high proportion of higher education graduates again include environmental and occupational health inspectors, travel guides, and farming, forestry and fishery advisers.

# Figure 7. Percentage of Employment with Technical Secondary, Percentage of Employment with Higher Education in Occupations with very High and High Green-Task Intensity



Notes: General secondary included with higher education

Source: Authors' calculations based on LFS 2020-2022, O\*NET, and ESCO.

We also investigated the gender composition of green occupations to determine the extent to which they provide employment opportunities for women. Figure 8 sorts occupations in the very high and high green task intensity categories according to the two systems in descending order by share of female workers, but also shows the percent female overall and in the very high and high task intensity categories. In general, green occupations appear to have a lower percent female than average. The overall percent female in all employment is 15.2 percent, whereas occupations with very high green task intensity according to O\*NET have a female share of only 3.4 percent and those with high green task intensity have a female share of 5.1 percent. The percent female in green occupations according to ESCO is higher, at 13.7 percent for the very high category, and very close to the overall average at 15.2 percent for the high category. This is probably because of the importance of agriculture-related occupations among the green occupations identified by ESCO and the relatively high female shares in these occupations.

According to the O\*NET system, the green occupations that are most open to women are ICT sales professional, which is virtually all female, various professional occupations related to policy and planning, and certain services-oriented managerial occupations, such as those in research and development, policy and planning, advertising and public relations, as well as top management in government and special-interest organizations. They also include professionals such as building architects and engineering professionals n.e.c. The green occupations identified by the ESCO system that have a high female share include several related to agriculture, such as mixed crop and animal producers, garden and horticultural laborers, and field crop and vegetable growers, but also professional occupations such as environmental and occupational health inspectors and associates.

## Figure 8. Percentage of Employment Held by Women in Occupations with very High and High Green-Task Intensity According to O\*NET and ESCO.



Source: Authors' calculations based on LFS 2020-2022, O\*NET, and ESCO.

Note: The "total all" category includes all employment, not just high and very high green task intensity occupations.

We examine next the industrial composition of green occupations as identified by the two systems. We classify industries into the three broad categories: (i) agriculture, (ii) industry, and (iii) services. Agriculture includes agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting. Industry includes mining, manufacturing, utilities, and construction. Services includes everything else from wholesale and retail trade to social services. According to the LFS, the distribution of overall employment in 2020-2022 was 20 percent agriculture, 28 percent industry, and about 52 percent services.

As shown in Figure 9, employment in the green occupations identified by the O\*NET system is disproportionately in agriculture and industry. In the very high green task intensity category, it is almost all in industry (86 percent), whereas in the high green task intensity category, it is 45 percent in industry and 32 percent in agriculture. The higher than expected proportion in agriculture in the O\*NET system despite there being no explicitly agricultural occupations among the O\*NET green occupations is due to the category "service managers n.e.c.," which is dominated by farm managers and agricultural employers. According to the ESCO system, the very high green task intensity category is almost exclusively in industry (94 percent) and the high green task intensity category is almost exclusively in agriculture (96 percent).

The green occupations according to O\*NET that are almost entirely in the services sector are traditional chief and heads of villages, senior government officials, and odd job persons. Travel guides and environmental and occupational health inspectors are the ones almost entirely in the services sector in the ESCO system. A high proportion of the green occupations according to the O\*NET system are almost entirely in the industry sector. These include the green construction and manufacturing related occupations, the garbage and recycling collectors, and the incinerator and water plant operators, with the last two showing up in the ESCO list as well. As mentioned above the green occupation in O\*NET system that is predominantly in agriculture is "service managers n.e.c.," which includes employers in agriculture in the ISCO-08 classification. The green occupations in the ESCO system that are predominantly in agriculture are the traditional agricultural occupations of field crop and vegetable growers, mixed crop growers, and mixed crop and animal producers.

It is important to also note that some green occupations have a more mixed sectoral distribution. In the O\*NET system, these include most of the managerial and engineering occupations identified as green, the sales representatives, and the refuse sorters. In the ESCO system, they include the refuse sorters, but also some of the agricultural occupations such as farming, forestry and fishery advisers, tree and shrub crop growers, and gardeners, horticultural, and nursery growers, who have substantial presence in the services sectors as well as agriculture.

# Figure 9. Percentage of Employment by Broad Industry Sector in Occupations with very High and High Green-Task Intensity



Source: Authors' calculations based on LFS 2020-2022, O\*NET, and ESCO.

Notes: Industry includes mining and quarrying, manufacturing, electricity, gas and construction.

#### Green Tasks/Skills

Both the O\*NET and ESCO systems classify tasks (O\*NET) or skills (ESCO) as green or not green and give these tasks or skills a relative importance within each occupation. Occupations with low, moderate, high, or very high green task intensity necessarily have some green tasks or skills, as green occupations are defined based on the greenness index, which is calculated from the (importance-weighted) fraction of tasks/skills that are green. We therefore shift our focus in this section from occupations to tasks/skills and illustrate some of the top green tasks/skills in each system and their prevalence in the Egyptian economy as ascertained by the prevalence of the occupations that use them. The O\*NET system identifies 1,386 tasks out of a total of 19,642 tasks in the database as green, whereas the ESCO system identifies 558 skills or knowledge concepts as green out of a total of 13,123 unique skills and knowledge concepts.<sup>18</sup> The number of different possible green skills, which vary substantially across occupations, underscores that green skills are not monolithic - meaning that education policy and planning for green skills will need to be occupation-specific. It is also important to keep in mind that these are perhaps viewed most accurately as *potential* green tasks and skills – for instance, agricultural tasks could be done sustainably or using conventional farming techniques.

As shown in Table 1, the top 20 green tasks as identified by O\*NET are related to designing, monitoring, and managing environmental processes, tracking information about materials flows, developing and deploying renewable energy projects, and tasks related to materials recovery and recycling. As shown in Table 2, ESCO takes a somewhat different track by identifying specific fields of specialization or competence, many of which are related to agriculture, such as agronomy, pest control in plants, soil structure, etc. Given the importance of agriculture-related skills in the ESCO list, it is no surprise that agriculture related occupations show up prominently among the greenest occupations in the ESCO system.

Once green tasks/skills are identified, based on the occupations that require them, we can identify the proportion of employment that potentially incorporates them. Accordingly, only 4.3 percent of total employment in Egypt is in occupations that could incorporate the top 20 green tasks identified by O\*NET.<sup>19</sup> While 4.8 percent of male employment incorporates these tasks, only 1.1 percent of female employment does. Since most of the top 20 green skills identified by ESCO are related to agriculture, they are much more prevalent in the Egyptian labor market, potentially incorporated in 15.5 to 20.2 percent of employment. They are more or less equally prevalent among male and female workers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The list of green tasks/skills associated with each occupation in the database and their relative importance for the occupation as provided by both O\*NET and ESCO is available in the database that was created for this report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> These tasks are all required by the following occupations: Senior officials of special-interest organizations; Policy and planning managers; Business services and administration managers not elsewhere classified; Mining managers; Professional services managers not elsewhere classified; Sports, recreation and cultural center managers; Services managers not elsewhere classified. Hence, there is no variation in the percentage of employment requiring these 20 skills.
#### Table 1. Top 20 Green Tasks per O\*NET

Design or implement supply chains that support environmental policies.

Monitor regulatory affairs trends related to environmental issues.

Evaluate and select information or other technology solutions to improve tracking and reporting of materials or products distribution, storage, or inventory.

Prepare or assist in the preparation of applications for environmental, building, or other required permits.

Develop or implement environmental compliance plans for programs, such as air quality, storm water, wastewater treatment, hazardous waste management, pollution prevention, or solid waste management.

Develop scope of work for wind project functions, such as design, site assessment, environmental studies, surveying, or field support services.

Review, negotiate, or approve wind farm contracts.

Maintain records of decisions, actions, and progress related to environmental redevelopment projects.

Maintain operations records, such as work orders, site inspection forms, or other documentation.

Identify opportunities to reuse or recycle materials to minimize consumption of new materials, minimize waste, or to convert wastes to by-products.

Track and maintain records for wind operations, such as site performance, downtime events, parts usage, or substation events.

Coordinate or direct development, energy assessment, engineering, or construction activities to ensure that wind project needs and objectives are met.

Provide expert witness testimony on issues such as soil, air, or water contamination and associated cleanup measures.

Provide training on hazardous material or waste cleanup procedures and technologies.

Evaluate regulatory affairs aspects that are specifically green, such as the use of toxic substances in packaging, carbon footprinting issues, or green policy implementation.

Design or implement measures to improve the water, air, and soil quality of military test sites, abandoned mine land, or other contaminated sites.

Design, implement, or oversee product take back or reverse logistics programs to ensure products are recycled, reused, or responsibly disposed.

Train or coordinate the training of employees in operations, safety, environmental issues, or technical issues.

Conduct or oversee the conduct of life cycle analyses to determine the environmental impacts of products, processes, or systems.

Supervise employees or subcontractors to ensure quality of work or adherence to safety regulations or policies.

Note: All above tasks are incorporated in 4.3% of employment (1.1% of women's employment and 4.8% of men's employment; 5.6% of less than secondary employment; 3.2% of vocational secondary employment; 3.7% of higher education employment; 12.6% of agriculture employment; 2.5% of manufacturing employment; 2.0% of services employment). Ties ranked randomly.

Source: Authors' calculations based on O\*NET

### Table 2. Top 20 Green Skills or Knowledge Concepts per ESCO

health and safety regulations
environmental legislation in agriculture and forestry
ecology
agritourism
crop production principles
agronomy
pest control in plants
plant disease control
soil structure
fertilization principles
agroecology
organic farming
plant propagation
supervise crop production
agroforestry
conservation agriculture
maintain plant health
maintain plant soil nutrition
apply sustainable tillage techniques
execute disease and pest control activities

Notes: Skills incorporated in 15.5-20.2% of employment (15.4-19.9% of male employment and 15.8-21.6% of female employment; 25.5-29.7% of less than secondary employment; 12.8-18.4% of technical secondary employment; 3.2-9.1% of higher education employment; 77.6-82.4% of agricultural employment; <0.1 to 5.8% of industrial employment; <0.1 to 4.2% of services employment). Ties ranked randomly.

Source: Authors' calculations based on ESCO and LFS 2020-2022

Once green tasks/skills have been identified and linked to specific occupations, it is possible to determine the fastest growing green ones in Egypt based on the rate of growth of the occupations that incorporate them. Table 3 shows the twenty fastest growing green tasks according to the O\*NET system. They are mostly linked to the repair, servicing, and control of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system and the installation and maintenance of wind farms. However, these fast-growing tasks are only potentially relevant to a minute proportion of employment in Egypt, somewhere between 0.04 and 0.07 percent of employment.

Table 3. Fastest-Growing 20 Green Tasks per O\*NET

Repair or service heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to improve efficiency, such as by changing filters, cleaning ducts, or refilling non-toxic refrigerants.

Maintain tool and spare parts inventories required for repair, installation, or replacement services.

Collect turbine data for testing or research and analysis.

Climb wind turbine towers to inspect, maintain, or repair equipment.

Inspect or repair fiberglass turbine blades.

Install radiator controls for room-level zone control heating of residential or commercial buildings.

Assist in assembly of individual wind generators or construction of wind farms.

Install and test automatic, programmable, or wireless thermostats in residential or commercial buildings to minimize energy usage for heating or cooling.

Troubleshoot or repair mechanical, hydraulic, or electrical malfunctions related to variable pitch systems, variable speed control systems, converter systems, or related components.

Test electrical components of wind systems with devices, such as voltage testers, multimeters, oscilloscopes, infrared testers, or fiber optic equipment.

Train end-users, distributors, installers, or other technicians in wind commissioning, testing, or other technical procedures.

Test structures, controls, or mechanical, hydraulic, or electrical systems, according to test plans or in coordination with engineers.

Install or repair air purification systems, such as specialized filters or ultraviolet (UV) light purification systems.

Install magnetic-centrifugal chillers, compressors, or related equipment to cool air temperatures through the use of recirculating water.

Install or repair self-contained ground source heat pumps or hybrid ground or air source heat pumps to minimize carbon-based energy consumption and reduce carbon emissions.

Perform routine maintenance on wind turbine equipment, underground transmission systems, wind fields substations, or fiber optic sensing and control systems.

Diagnose problems involving wind turbine generators or control systems.

Install dehumidifiers or related equipment for spaces that require cool, dry air to operate efficiently, such as computer rooms.

Start or restart wind turbine generator systems to ensure proper operations.

Operate manufacturing equipment to fabricate wind turbines.

Note: All above tasks have a 51.7% growth rate. Ties ranked randomly. Skills required by 0.04 to 0.07% of employment in Egypt

Source: Authors' calculations based on O\*NET

The fastest growing green skills according to ESCO are more diverse. They relate mostly to four distinct areas: (i) business sustainability, such as sustainable development and finance, corporate social responsibility, measuring sustainability performance, managing procedures for eco-labeling, and green computing (ii) managing naturally protected areas and sustainable tourism, (iii) skills related to materials recovery and recycling, and (iv) skills related to sustainable agriculture such as composting, plant propagation, integrated pest management, and the management of organic by-products. Overall, only less than 0.1 percent to 3.8 percent (varying across skills) of employment potentially incorporates at least one of these skills.

### Table 4. Fastest-Growing 20 Green Skills or Knowledge Concepts per ESCO

manage plans for the storage of organic by-products

manage plans for the utilisation of organic by-products

assist in plant propagation

integrated pest management

follow recycling collection schedules

collect broken appliances

monitor composting

install recycling containers

dismantle broken appliances

store sorted waste

provide training in sustainable tourism development and management

by-products and waste

measure company's sustainability performance

advise on corporate social responsibility

apply procedures and regulations for eco-labelling

green computing

apply road transport environmental measures

manage visitor flows in natural protected areas

sustainable development goals

sustainable finance

Note: The above skills have a 25.7-40.4% growth rate. Skills are potentially incorporated in between <0.1% and 3.8% of employment. Only "manage visitor flows in natural protected areas" required by more than 0.7% of employment. Ties ranked randomly.

Source: Authors' calculations based on ESCO and LFS 2020-2022

# Conclusions

The O\*NET and ESCO systems designate different sets of tasks/skills as green, resulting in different sets of occupations being identified as green in each of the systems. A handful of occupations directly related to environmental protection and to the circular economy emerge as green in both systems. Otherwise, the O\*NET system is more likely to result in a green designation for some occupations with technical secondary education requirements, such as some related to construction, mining, and utilities, and others that involve professionals with higher education requirements, such as various managerial and executive occupations, as well as various engineering specializations, and policy and planning roles. The ESCO system, on the other hand, is more likely to designate as green occupations that are related to agriculture and forestry, many of which are described by O\*NET as having no green tasks but will grow with the green transition or as having low green task intensity. These occupations tend to have low educational requirements in Egypt, but the green skills that these occupations potentially comprise could be increasingly relevant to the agricultural branch of the technical education system. Other occupations designated as green by the ESCO system involve architectural design, pest control, insulation, and health and environmental inspection, which may require workers with either intermediate or higher education levels.

In terms of green skills, our results highlight the diversity of green skills and tasks that could be incorporated into green occupations. Both comparing O\*NET and ESCO and when looking at the top skills within each system, it is apparent that they are highly occupation-specific. Education and economic policy and planning will have to be highly tailored to the needs of different occupations. Furthermore, the results on green skills should be interpreted as skills that could potentially be incorporated into occupations – for instance, ICT jobs could potentially incorporate green computing, but may not yet do so in Egypt.<sup>20</sup>

One of our most important results is that green occupations in Egypt are growing substantially faster than overall employment. Both the very high and high green task intensity categories have been growing at multiples of the overall employment growth rate and will likely continue to do so as the green transition proceeds. Moreover, even occupations with no green tasks, but designated by O\*NET as ones that will grow with the green transition are growing one and half times faster than other occupations with no green tasks that are not relevant to the green transition.

Even though women in Egypt tend to be under-represented in green occupations, especially those designated as such by O\*NET, some green occupations have much higher than average shares of female employment, such as information and communications technology sales professionals, policy, administration, and planning professionals, and various kinds of services managers. Occupations related to agriculture, designated as green by ESCO, also have higher than average female shares.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> For details on green jobs in Egypt based on their use of eco-friendly processes or outputs in the nationally representative Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey 2023 see Abou-Ali & Amer (2024).

Relative to the distribution of all jobs in the Egyptian economy, jobs in green occupations according to O\*NET are somewhat over-represented in the industry and agricultural sectors, although nearly a quarter of green jobs are in services. The green occupations that are in the industry sector tend to be occupations requiring technical secondary degrees. The green occupations in services identified by O\*NET tend to require higher education degrees. As expected, given ESCO's emphasis on green skills related to agriculture and forestry, the jobs in green occupations as identified by ESCO tend to be predominantly in agriculture.

Given the commitment Egypt laid out in its updated nationally determined contributions to substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its energy and transportation sectors, major efforts will have to be expended in greening the economy. Knowing the employment implications of these greening efforts as well as the jobs and skills that will be needed to achieve the green transition is an essential component in the success of these efforts. This report contributes to this goal by attempting to identify the green occupations in Egypt, their contribution to overall employment, their rate of growth, and their educational, gender, and industrial composition. While this does not directly determine how many jobs will be gained or lost as a result of the green transition, it assists policymakers, education planners, and others concerned with workforce development with the information they need to prepare the next generation of workers. Although this effort depends on U.S. and European databases to assess the greenness of occupations in Egypt, and is therefore subject to assumptions about the similarity of given occupations across these contexts, it provides an important step in this effort until databases similar to O\*NET and ESCO can be developed for Egypt.

The rapid growth in green occupations in Egypt that we documented in this report suggests that in the absence of dedicated efforts to train and equip new entrants to the workforce with occupation-specific green skills, skill shortages that can hamper the progress of the green transition can occur. Education and training policy must therefore incorporate these occupation-specific skills into curricula and pedagogy. There will also be need for re-training of existing workers who will lose their jobs in sectors that could be negatively affected by the green transition. Such re-training is critical to achieving a "just transition" where no group of workers bears the brunt of the transition costs. This re-training will require a complex set of policy measures and interventions including re-skilling, upskilling, career guidance, targeted training, and measures that facilitate worker mobility across sectors (ILO, 2019b). Overall, the millions of jobs that can result from the green transition are somewhat conditional on the availability of relevant skills and training and the appropriate policy frameworks to allow worker mobility across sectors.

As an example of what such policy efforts might entail, the European Union has established policies and practices to prepare its future workforce for the green transition. Some of these policies and practices are reviewed in a recent report with examples of inspiring practices in vocational education and training (VET) to support the green transition (European Commission, 2023). One of the first pre-requisites to workforce preparation is to understand, identify and anticipate the skills needed for the green transition, a step to which that this report attempts to contribute. Further steps include

putting in place strategies and funding mechanisms for greening VET. Practices and programs include implementing holistic strategies for greening VET that not only cover upper secondary VET, but also higher-level VET, creating greener VET programs and qualifications, developing green competence standards, and adopting new ways of teaching and learning, including project-based learning. Additional supportive measures include developing the skills of teaching and training staff, developing sectoral and region-specific strategies, offering programs for reskilling and upskilling adults, and fostering links between VET programs with green enterprise development (European Commission, 2023).

The occupational greenness index developed in this report and the greenness task intensity categories associated with it are one step in developing a comprehensive labor market information system in Egypt to support the green transition. Such a system is a pre-requisite to a holistic strategy to prepare the future Egyptian workforce for the green transition as well as assist the existing workforce to adapt to the changes and reallocations that will necessarily accompany the transition.

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## Appendix

Table 5. Occupations, Greenness Index per O\*NET and ESCO, Percentage of Employment in Occupation, Occupation Employment Growth Rate (Percentage), Percentage of Employment that is Female in Occupation, Percentage of Employment that is less than Secondary, Technical Secondary, or Higher Education in Occupation

ISCO 08 occupation	ISCO 08 code	O-NET greenness index oc.	ESCO greenness index oc.	% of emp. in oc. in Egypt	Occupational emp. growth rate (%) from EOO	% female in oc. in Egypt	% of emp. in oc. less than sec.	% of emp. in oc. tech. sec.	% of emp. in oc. higher ed.
Environmental engineers	2143	1	0.47	0	-5.3				
Refuse sorters	9612	1	0.43	0.297	31	6	79	19	2
Manufacturing managers	1321	0.71	0.09	0.053	-73.7	7	16	31	53
Building frame and related trades workers not elsewhere classified	7119	0.67	0.09	0.019	8.1	0	31	51	18
Environmental protection professionals	2133	0.57	0.48	0.003	7	0			
Cement, stone and other mineral products machine operators	8114	0.57	0.01	0.147	6.3	0	46	48	6
Incinerator and water treatment plant operators	3132	0.57	0.43	0.061	4.1	0	41	51	8
Economists	2631	0.5	0	0.001		0			

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Mining supervisors	3121	0.5	0.04	0.002		0			
Building and related electricians	7411	0.5	0.1	0.695	3.9	0	30	58	11
Life science technicians (excluding medical)	3141	0.5	0.18	0.001		0			
Garbage and recycling collectors	9611	0.5	0.62	0.228	31	14	83	15	2
Construction supervisors	3123	0.5	0.06	0.091	3.6	1	8	59	33
Traditional chiefs and heads of village	1113	0.5		0.017		0	34	24	42
Research and development managers	1223	0.44	0.02	0.001	25.9	61			
Commercial sales representatives	3322	0.42	0.15	0.225	29.8	9	6	27	66
Mining managers	1322	0.4	0.08	0.002	-73.7	0			
Professional services managers not elsewhere classified	1349	0.4	0.06	0.049	25.9	11	0	29	71
Services managers not elsewhere classified	1439	0.4	0.07	3.765	25.9	3	59	25	16
Policy and planning managers	1213	0.4	0.1	0.008	25.9	29			
Odd job persons	9622	0.38	0.04	0.113	40.4	2	60	37	2
Technical and medical sales professionals (excluding ICT)	2433	0.37	0.06	0.023	29.8	11	0	5	95
Managing directors and chief executives	1120	0.37	0.05	0.447	-26.8	21	2	39	58
Town and traffic planners	2164	0.36	0.1	0.003	11.4	38			

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Sports, recreation and cultural centre managers	1431	0.36	0.01	0.018	25.9	17			
Advertising and public relations managers	1222	0.33	0.01	0.018	25.9	24			
Civil engineers	2142	0.33	0.2	0.295	7.6	9	0	0	100
Senior officials of special-interest organizations	1114	0.33	0	0.002		20			
Policy administration professionals	2422	0.33	0.04	0.004	14.9	43			
Roofers	7121	0.3	0.15	0.019		0			
Mechanical engineers	2144	0.29	0.07	0.178	9.1	6	0	1	99
Information and communications technology sales professionals	2434	0.28	0	0.002	29.8	100			
Senior government officials	1112	0.28	0	0.078		21	0	12	88
Engineering professionals not elsewhere classified	2149	0.28	0.11	0.025	-5.3	16	0	0	100
Building architects	2161	0.27	0.19	0.157	11.4	23	0	0	100
Chemical engineering technicians	3116	0.27	0.15	0.018		7			
Mining and metallurgical technicians	3117	0.26	0.06	0.01		10			
Meteorologists	2112	0.26	0.06	0.002		0			
Landscape architects	2162	0.26	0.26	0	11.4				
Construction managers	1323	0.25	0.13	0.01	3.6	11			
House builders	7111	0.25	0.07	2.181	8.1	0	52	41	7

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Business services and administration managers not elsewhere classified	1219	0.25	0.08	0.425	25.9	14	2	31	67
Manufacturing labourers not elsewhere classified	9329	0.25	0.04	0.07		11	29	50	21
Business services agents not elsewhere classified	3339	0.22	0	0.021	14.9	15	17	15	68
Supply, distribution and related managers	1324	0.22	0.02	0.039	25.9	4	2	26	72
Mechanical engineering technicians	3115	0.21	0.03	0.272	9.7	1	8	74	18
Farming, forestry and fisheries advisers	2132	0.21	0.29	0.206	-8.9	9	0	16	84
Public relations professionals	2432	0.21	0.01	0.043	14.9	35	0	9	91
Physical and engineering science technicians not elsewhere classified	3119	0.2	0.06	0.95	-3.4	3	6	76	18
Freight handlers	9333	0.2	0.03	0.018		0			
Geologists and geophysicists	2114	0.19	0.18	0.007		0			
Plumbers and pipe fitters	7126	0.16	0.12	0.547	0.4	0	43	47	10
Electrical engineers	2151	0.16	0.09	0.139	8.8	8	0	2	98
Financial and investment advisers	2412	0.16	0.02	0.001	4	100			
Chemical and physical science technicians	3111	0.14	0.1	0.02		18	7	36	58
Environmental and occupational health inspectors and associates	3257	0.13	0.25	0.146	-0.7	22	2	34	64

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Power production plant operators	3131	0.12	0.16	0.012		0			
Management and organization analysts	2421	0.12	0.03	0.006	14.9	34			
Shop keepers	5221	0.11	0	2.075	9.9	10	30	38	32
Retail and wholesale trade managers	1420	0.11	0.03	0.073	9.9	6	5	25	70
Agricultural and industrial machinery mechanics and repairers	7233	0.11	0.04	0.069	51.7	0	45	43	12
Telecommunications engineering technicians	3522	0.1	0	0.021	-2.7	4	4	57	39
Telecommunications engineers	2153	0.1	0	0.106	7.8	21	0	0	100
Electronics engineering technicians	3114	0.1	0.01	0.065	-2.7	9	4	49	48
Sales and marketing managers	1221	0.09	0.03	0.09	25.9	6	1	9	91
Clearing and forwarding agents	3331	0.09	0.01	0.057	2.3	2	2	30	68
Information technology trainers	2356	0.09	0	0.001	13.2	100			
Air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics	7127	0.09	0.11	0.036	51.7	2	54	35	11
Training and staff development professionals	2424	0.09	0.01	0.009	39.6	22			
Electrical engineering technicians	3113	0.09	0.05	0.456	6.8	1	2	81	17
Buyers	3323	0.08	0.03	0.026		5	0	38	62
Translators, interpreters and other linguists	2643	0.07	0	0.036		40	0	0	100

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Sheet-metal workers	7213	0.07	0.01	0.199	4.5	0	79	18	3
Financial analysts	2413	0.07	0.03	0.005	14.9	30			
Air traffic safety electronics technicians	3155	0.07	0.05	0.001		0			
Electronics engineers	2152	0.07	0.03	0.109	7.8	15	0	0	100
Aged care services managers	1343	0.06	0	0	25.9	100			
Mechanical machinery assemblers	8211	0.06	0.02	0.076	-11.3	4	28	56	16
Agricultural technicians	3142	0.06	0.19	0.098	21	5	3	76	21
Product graders and testers (excluding foods and beverages)	7543	0.06	0.02	0.001	-0.7	0			
Biologists, botanists, zoologists and related professionals	2131	0.05	0.11	0.002	7	33			
Agricultural and forestry production managers	1311	0.05	0.34	0.002		0			
Aquaculture and fisheries production managers	1312	0.05	0.07	0					
Motor vehicle mechanics and repairers	7231	0.05	0.02	1.05	6.4	0	67	27	5
Trade brokers	3324	0.04	0.01	0.009		0			
Heavy truck and lorry drivers	8332	0.04	0.08	0.08	6.7	0	42	52	6
Philosophers, historians and political scientists	2633	0.04	0	0					

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Financial and insurance services branch managers	1346	0.04	0.02	0.006	25.9	29					
Dairy-products makers	7513	0.03	0.05	0.045	-1.1	15	33	49	18		
Physicists and astronomers	2111	0.03	0.01	0.001		0					
Legal professionals not elsewhere classified	2619	0.03	0	0.135	5.6	21	1	8	91		
Civil engineering technicians	3112	0.03	0.2	0.103	7.4	3	6	37	57		
Software and applications developers and analysts not elsewhere classified	2519	0.03	0	0.011	12.1	29					
Chemists	2113	0.03	0.02	0.087	-7.9	34	0	0	100		
Building construction labourers	9313	0.02	0.02	0.321	-11.9	2	61	28	11		
Database and network professionals not elsewhere classified	2529	0.02	0	0	12.1						
Securities and finance dealers and brokers	3311	0.02	0	0.008		24					
Miners and quarriers	8111	0.02	0.07	0.002		0					
Government social benefits officials	3353	0.02	0.01	0.004		0					
Journalists	2642	0.02	0	0.045	-24.3	35	0	1	99		
Customs and border inspectors	3351	0.01	0	0.003		8					
Government licensing officials	3354	0.01	0	0.006		4					

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Metal working machine tool setters and operators	7223	0.01	0	0.187	-16.6	0	57	39	4
Stock clerks	4321	0.01	0.09	0.402	5.1	5	10	56	34
Well drillers and borers and related workers	8113	0.01	0.01	0.01		0			
Chemical products plant and machine operators	8131	0.01	0.08	0.182	1.6	16	28	54	18
Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers	8212	0	0.04	0.128	1.2	5	18	74	8
Shop sales assistants	5223	0	0.01	5.792	1.2	20	33	43	25
Sewing machine operators	8153	0	0.01	0.513	-7.4	50	46	44	9
Deep-sea fishery workers	6223	0	0.06	0					
Pet groomers and animal care workers	5164	0	0.07	0	7.2	0			
Office supervisors	3341	0	0	0.006	-25.3	0			
Archivists and curators	2621	0	0	0.003		48			
Fruit, vegetable and related preservers	7514	0	0.07	0.068	22.6	9	36	53	12
Mathematicians, actuaries and statisticians	2120	0	0.01	0.004		47			
Health associate professionals not elsewhere classified	3259	0	0.01	0.001		100			
Air traffic controllers	3154	0	0.01	0.004		17			

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Regulatory government associate professionals not elsewhere classified	3359	0	0.1	0.917	-25.3	33	5	48	46
Information and communications technology installers and servicers	7422	0	0.01	0.05	7.6	0	20	42	38
Special needs teachers	2352	0	0	0.019		60	3	10	87
Mobile farm and forestry plant operators	8341	0	0.16	0.141	-5.3	0	62	34	4
Photographic products machine operators	8132	0	0	0.001		0			
Medical secretaries	3344	0	0	0.003	-25.3	100			
Community health workers	3253	0	0	0	-4.2	0			
Industrial and production engineers	2141	0	0.06	0.049	-5.3	8	0	0	100
Earthmoving and related plant operators	8342	0	0.04	0.199	17.5	0	45	45	10
Lifting truck operators	8344	0	0.05	0.017		0			
Electronics mechanics and servicers	7421	0	0.03	0.068	7.6	1	29	40	30
Stall and market salespersons	5211	0	0	0.573	1.2	29	64	29	8
Print finishing and binding workers	7323	0	0	0.002		0			
Legal secretaries	3342	0	0	0.005	7.7	0			
Plastic products machine operators	8142	0	0.02	0.23	6.5	4	41	47	12
Shoemakers and related workers	7536	0	0.09	0.142	-8.1	6	71	24	5
Mining engineers, metallurgists and related professionals	2146	0	0.07	0.04		4	0	0	100

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Metal production process controllers	3135	0	0	0	28.8	0			
Software developers	2512	0	0	0.024	12.1	17	0	0	100
Data entry clerks	4132	0	0	0.087	-0.5	28	1	22	77
Teaching professionals not elsewhere classified	2359	0	0	0.127	13.2	57	3	14	82
Optometrists and ophthalmic opticians	2267	0	0	0.001		43			
Social work associate professionals	3412	0	0	0.237		12	34	30	35
Tailors, dressmakers, furriers and hatters	7531	0	0.01	0.446	2.1	25	53	38	9
Structural-metal preparers and erectors	7214	0	0.06	0.009		0			
Sales workers not elsewhere classified	5249	0	0	0.026	1.2	10	48	34	18
Nursing professionals	2221	0	0	0.067	2.7	81	1	13	86
Bakers, pastry-cooks and confectionery makers	7512	0	0.03	0.922	1	5	57	37	6
Health care assistants	5321	0	0	0.011	7.2	68			
Subsistence livestock farmers	6320	0		0					
Travel guides	5113	0	0.3	0.022		2	0	16	84
Scribes and related workers	4414	0		0.001		0			
Manufacturing supervisors	3122	0	0.05	0.169		6	11	45	44
Ships' engineers	3151	0	0.06	0.002		0			
Hand and pedal vehicle drivers	9331	0	0	0.15		0	79	18	2

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Musical instrument makers and tuners	7312	0	0.03	0.001		0			
Judges	2612	0	0	0.026		5	0	0	100
Survey and market research interviewers	4227	0	0	0.001	-5.8	100			
Nursing associate professionals	3221	0		1.158	2.7	87	2	55	43
Real estate agents and property managers	3334	0	0.02	0.105	13.7	3	41	24	36
Water and firewood collectors	9624	0		0	40.4				
Beauticians and related workers	5142	0	0.01	0.006	4.8	57			
Glaziers	7125	0	0.03	0.02		0			
Metal finishing, plating and coating machine operators	8122	0	0.02	0.002		0			
Locomotive engine drivers	8311	0	0	0.018		0			
Other arts teachers	2355	0	0	0.002	13.2	60			
Insulation workers	7124	0	0.17	0.023		0	45	47	8
Assemblers not elsewhere classified	8219	0	0.01	0.032	-15.9	3	23	60	17
Forestry and related workers	6210	0	0.56	0.005		0			
Religious professionals	2636	0	0	0.196	1.4	0	2	2	96
Metal moulders and coremakers	7211	0	0	0.011		0			
Coding, proof-reading and related clerks	4413	0	0	0					
Pharmacists	2262	0	0.02	0.307	8.6	60	0	0	100

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Midwifery associate professionals	3222	0	0	0	2.7				
Waiters	5131	0	0.01	0.391	-7.8	3	29	47	24
Paper products machine operators	8143	0	0.04	0.116	10.6	8	41	47	11
Hunters and trappers	6224	0	0.36	0.001		0			
Elementary workers not elsewhere classified	9629	0	0.01	0.013	-3.9	0			
Personnel and careers professionals	2423	0	0	0.176	39.6	44	1	43	56
Security guards	5414	0	0	0.93		2	28	54	18
Employment agents and contractors	3333	0	0	0.115	14.6	0	28	43	29
Sociologists, anthropologists and related professionals	2632	0	0.02	0.022		53	0	0	100
Generalist medical practitioners	2211	0	0	0.062	7	44	0	0	100
Mail carriers and sorting clerks	4412	0	0.02	0.075	-1.4	19	7	69	23
Painters and related workers	7131	0	0.22	1.073	2	0	38	52	10
Payroll clerks	4313	0	0	0.003	-5.5	38			
Craft and related workers not elsewhere classified	7549	0		0	3.5				
Shop supervisors	5222	0	0	0.069	1.2	9	4	30	66
Credit and loans officers	3312	0	0.01	0.016		36			
Car, taxi and van drivers	8322	0	0	5.71	3	0	44	47	9

			Pa	ge   <b>12</b>					
Crop farm labourers	9211	0	0.17	0.053	34.5	13	62	32	6
Weaving and knitting machine operators	8152	0	0	0.531	7	26	41	48	11
Crane, hoist and related plant operators	8343	0	0.01	0.081	-4.8	0	42	51	7
Undertakers and embalmers	5163	0	0.03	0.01		3			
Other language teachers	2353	0	0	0	13.2				
Information and communications technology operations technicians	3511	0	0	0.08	-12.2	7	15	31	54
Primary school teachers	2341	0	0	3.469	0.2	55	0	14	86
Poultry producers	6122	0	0.07	0.129	-18.5	13	43	48	9
Education managers	1345	0	0	0.498	25.9	31	0	10	90
Mixed crop and animal producers	6130	0	0.36	0.073	40.4	46	79	17	3
Handicraft workers in wood, basketry and related materials	7317	0	0.04	0.096	10.3	7	78	22	1
Prison guards	5413	0	0	0.005		29			
Audiologists and speech therapists	2266	0	0	0.006		77			
Telephone switchboard operators	4223	0	0	0.022		5			
Interior designers and decorators	3432	0	0.02	0.012	-2.8	4			
Library clerks	4411	0	0	0.009		35			
Upholsterers and related workers	7534	0	0	0.299	7.6	0	55	36	9
Domestic cleaners and helpers	9111	0	0.03	0.187	8.2	89	84	13	2
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			Ра	ge   13					
Teachers' aides	5312	0	0	0.047	24.9	41	6	51	43
Web and multimedia developers	2513	0	0	0.004	12.1	29			
Riggers and cable splicers	7215	0	0	0.007		0			
Sign writers, decorative painters, engravers and etchers	7316	0	0	0.003		0			
Bus and tram drivers	8331	0	0.01	0.14	9.8	0	47	47	6
Other cleaning workers	9129	0	0.07	0.089	21.2	29	85	14	1
Paramedical practitioners	2240	0		0.056	-4.2	44	3	18	79
Systems administrators	2522	0	0	0	12.1				
Authors and related writers	2641	0	0	0.002	-24.3	0			
Health professionals not elsewhere classified	2269	0	0.01	0					
Cashiers and ticket clerks	5230	0	0	0.006	-19.3	17			
Subsistence fishers, hunters, trappers and gatherers	6340	0		0					
Fast food preparers	9411	0	0.04	0.112	15	10	48	42	10
Web technicians	3514	0	0	0.001	-12.2	40			
Gallery, museum and library technicians	3433	0	0	0	-25.3				
Athletes and sports players	3421	0	0	0.014	11.3	0			
Actors	2655	0	0	0	25.9				

			Ра	ge   <b>14</b>					
Fibre preparing, spinning and winding machine operators	8151	0	0.01	0.116	-3.9	8	43	48	9
Product and garment designers	2163	0	0.02	0.007	-2.8	74			
Physiotherapists	2264	0	0	0.011		48			
Companions and valets	5162	0	0	0					
Broadcasting and audio-visual technicians	3521	0	0.01	0.005	-2.7	23			
Cabinet-makers and related workers	7522	0	0.04	0.858	5.2	0	58	35	7
Chefs	3434	0	0.1	0.164	15	5	19	51	30
Livestock farm labourers	9212	0	0.04	0.006	34.5	15			
Veterinary technicians and assistants	3240	0	0.05	0.002		0			
Police inspectors and detectives	3355	0	0.01	0.002		0			
Fishery and aquaculture labourers	9216	0	0.02	0.124	3	0	76	22	2
Printers	7322	0	0	0.11	3.7	6	56	39	6
Systems analysts	2511	0	0.01	0.008	12.1	21			
Chemical processing plant controllers	3133	0	0.11	0.012	1.6	0			
Musicians, singers and composers	2652	0	0	0.017		0			
Pelt dressers, tanners and fellmongers	7535	0	0.05	0.019		0			
University and higher education teachers	2310	0	0	0.311	5.3	51	0	0	100
Sewing, embroidery and related workers	7533	0	0.02	0.09	28.8	41	42	44	14

			Ра	ge   15					
Animal producers not elsewhere classified	6129	0	0.14	0.115	-18.5	68	71	21	8
Concrete placers, concrete finishers and related workers	7114	0	0.02	2.084	1.7	0	55	38	7
Cartographers and surveyors	2165	0	0.03	0.02		29			
Draughtspersons	3118	0	0.03	0.016		13			
Shoemaking and related machine operators	8156	0	0.07	0.07	3	3	48	43	9
Sales demonstrators	5242	0	0	0.515	1.2	5	10	36	54
Dental assistants and therapists	3251	0	0	0.004		85			
Wood processing plant operators	8172	0	0.03	0.101		0	60	32	8
Pharmaceutical technicians and assistants	3213	0	0.02	0.012		5			
Statistical, mathematical and related associate professionals	3314	0	0	0.015		66			
Veterinarians	2250	0	0.12	0.062	14.9	47	0	0	100
Health services managers	1342	0	0	0.012	25.9	44			
Dancers and choreographers	2653	0	0	0					
Mineral and stone processing plant operators	8112	0	0.03	0.017		12			
Dispensing opticians	3254	0	0	0.007		11			

			Ра	ge   16					
Typists and word processing operators	4131	0	0	0.003		0			
Police officers	5412	0	0	1.319	-1.1	0	24	50	26
General office clerks	4110	0	0	0.297	-5.8	44	4	73	23
Cleaners and helpers in offices, hotels and other establishments	9112	0	0.06	0.908	-5.5	27	67	28	5
Stonemasons, stone cutters, splitters and carvers	7113	0	0.01	0.036	8.1	1	42	55	2
Meter readers and vending-machine collectors	9623	0	0.12	0.159	-1.4	11	2	37	61
Gardeners, horticultural and nursery growers	6113	0	0.29	0.046	-15.3	4	63	35	2
Blacksmiths, hammersmiths and forging press workers	7221	0	0	0.566	3.3	0	54	39	7
Motorcycle drivers	8321	0	0	1.99	-3.9	0	57	38	5
Vehicle cleaners	9122	0	0.09	0.022	21.2	0			
Electrical line installers and repairers	7413	0	0.07	0.023	7.6	0	40	51	9
Valuers and loss assessors	3315	0	0.01	0					
Bricklayers and related workers	7112	0	0.02	3.536	8.1	0	52	42	6
Mining and quarrying labourers	9311	0	0.1	0.03		0	29	54	16
Specialist medical practitioners	2212	0	0	0.342	7	43	0	0	100
Vocational education teachers	2320	0	0.02	0.211	0	35	1	18	81

			Ра	ge   17					
Film, stage and related directors and producers	2654	0	0	0.018	25.9	17			
Rubber products machine operators	8141	0	0.02	0.019		20			
Social work and counselling professionals	2635	0	0	0.313	-0.3	63	0	1	99
Personnel clerks	4416	0	0	0.023	-5.8	28	2	44	54
Fumigators and other pest and weed controllers	7544	0	0.35	0					
Livestock and dairy producers	6121	0	0.09	0.456	-18.5	66	84	14	2
Hand launderers and pressers	9121	0	0	0.076	-8.5	2	65	33	2
Petroleum and natural gas refining plant operators	3134	0	0.03	0.014	1.6	0			
Cooks	5120	0	0.03	0.427	15	7	34	46	20
Door to door salespersons	5243	0	0	0.189	38.6	2	25	48	27
Metal processing plant operators	8121	0	0.01	0.252	28.8	1	40	49	11
Aircraft engine mechanics and repairers	7232	0	0	0.001		0			
Handicraft workers not elsewhere classified	7319	0	0.03	0.005	10.3	9			
Enquiry clerks	4225	0	0	0.007	6.9	32			
Forestry labourers	9215	0	0.37	0.005		0			
Medical assistants	3256	0	0	0.009	-4.2	57			
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			Ра	ge   <b>18</b>					
Other artistic and cultural associate professionals	3435	0	0	0.01	13.2	6			
Client information workers not elsewhere classified	4229	0	0	0	6.9				
Wood treaters	7521	0	0.05	0					
Personal care workers in health services not elsewhere classified	5329	0	0.03	0.047	7.2	17	9	37	54
Field crop and vegetable growers	6111	0	0.42	6.38	2.9	16	68	27	5
Filing and copying clerks	4415	0	0	1.868		41	3	62	35
Information and communications technology user support technicians	3512	0	0	0.005	-12.2	0			
Production clerks	4322	0	0.04	0		0			
Electrical mechanics and fitters	7412	0	0.07	0.417	-6.1	0	49	43	8
Stationary plant and machine operators not elsewhere classified	8189	0	0.01	0.027	-15.9	7	32	36	32
Computer network and systems technicians	3513	0	0	0.02	-12.2	2			
Laundry machine operators	8157	0	0.01	0.068	-1	8	65	31	4
Process control technicians not elsewhere classified	3139	0	0.04	0.078		9	1	39	60
Applications programmers	2514	0	0	0.047	12.1	17	0	3	97
Underwater divers	7541	0	0.02	0.007		0			

			Pa	ige   <b>19</b>					
Mixed crop growers	6114	0	0.42	8.921	11.3	15	66	29	5
Traditional and complementary medicine associate professionals	3230	0	0.04	0					
Secondary education teachers	2330	0	0.01	0.777	0	42	0	9	91
Kitchen helpers	9412	0	0.09	0.023	-5.5	6	49	39	12
Inland and coastal waters fishery workers	6222	0	0.04	0.474	9.2	1	80	16	4
Forestry technicians	3143	0	0.23	0	21				
Steam engine and boiler operators	8182	0	0.09	0.002		0			
Subsistence mixed crop and livestock farmers	6330	0		0					
Database designers and administrators	2521	0	0	0.021	12.1	20			
Woodworking-machine tool setters and operators	7523	0	0.03	0.011		0			
Dieticians and nutritionists	2265	0	0.01	0.017		38			
Food and related products machine operators	8160	0	0.05	0.371	1.2	11	43	47	10
Environmental and occupational health and hygiene professionals	2263	0	0.16	0	-0.7				
Accounting and bookkeeping clerks	4311	0	0	0.183	-5.5	29	2	57	41
Midwifery professionals	2222	0	0	0	2.7	100			
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			Ра	ge   <b>20</b>					
Butchers, fishmongers and related food preparers	7511	0	0.07	0.22	8.4	6	54	31	16
Home-based personal care workers	5322	0	0	0.008		90			
Welders and flamecutters	7212	0	0	0.241	4.8	0	42	51	7
Personal services workers not elsewhere classified	5169	0	0	0.002		0			
Railway brake, signal and switch operators	8312	0	0	0.025		0	59	34	7
Psychologists	2634	0	0	0.032	5.7	72	0	0	100
Clerical support workers not elsewhere classified	4419	0	0	0.772	-5.8	20	6	38	56
Precision-instrument makers and repairers	7311	0	0.02	0.016		0			
Receptionists (general)	4226	0	0.01	0.158	6.9	54	7	47	46
Spray painters and varnishers	7132	0	0.04	0.571	2.3	0	64	30	6
Cleaning and housekeeping supervisors in offices, hotels and other establishments	5151	0	0	0.053	6.1	19	3	60	37
Medical records and health information technicians	3252	0	0	0.02		42			
Shelf fillers	9334	0	0	0					
Ambulance workers	3258	0	0	0.004	7.2	0			

			Ра	ge   <b>21</b>					
Information and communications technology service managers	1330	0	0.02	0.01	25.9	20			
Packing, bottling and labelling machine operators	8183	0	0.08	0.13	-15.9	32	43	49	8
Hairdressers	5141	0	0	0.559	4.8	11	55	38	7
Food service counter attendants	5246	0	0.03	0.117	1.2	10	46	41	13
Contact centre salespersons	5244	0	0	0.046	38.6	59	9	11	80
Food and beverage tasters and graders	7515	0	0.03	0.111	-1.1	11	33	48	19
Accountants	2411	0	0	2.048	4	16	0	7	93
Glass makers, cutters, grinders and finishers	7315	0	0.03	0.089	3.5	2	41	48	11
Insurance representatives	3321	0	0	0.012		55			
Hand packers	9321	0	0.02	0.011		44			
Statistical, finance and insurance clerks	4312	0	0	0.029		20	0	60	40
Pre-press technicians	7321	0	0	0.007	3.7	15			
Apiarists and sericulturists	6123	0	0.14	0.005	-18.5	0			
Transport clerks	4323	0	0.04	0.014		3			
Accounting associate professionals	3313	0	0	0.002		0			
Window cleaners	9123	0	0.08	0	21.2				
Transport conductors	5112	0	0	0.055	0.8	1	15	68	17

			Ра	ge   <b>22</b>					
Potters and related workers	7314	0	0	0.232	-16.8	1	51	40	8
Fitness and recreation instructors and program leaders	3423	0	0.07	0.011	11.3	0			
Domestic housekeepers	5152	0	0.09	0.004	6.1	100			
Bookmakers, croupiers and related gaming workers	4212	0	0	0					
Chemical engineers	2145	0	0.08	0.02		15	0	0	100
Restaurant managers	1412	0	0.14	0.034	-45.9	3	7	21	71
Garment and related pattern-makers and cutters	7532	0	0.03	0.008		21			
Mixed crop and livestock farm labourers	9213	0	0.47	0	34.5				
Hotel receptionists	4224	0	0	0.03	6.9	20	2	27	70
Glass and ceramics plant operators	8181	0	0.05	0.021		5	24	47	28
Visual artists	2651	0	0	0.01		19			
Photographers	3431	0	0.01	0.061	-2.7	5	13	49	38
Lawyers	2611	0	0.04	0.771	5.5	16	0	0	100
Social welfare managers	1344	0	0.01	0.004	25.9	23			
Fire-fighters	5411	0	0.11	0.016		0			
Aircraft pilots and related associate professionals	3153	0	0.03	0.004		0			
Aquaculture workers	6221	0	0.06	0.012		0			

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Dentists	2261	0	0	0.141	6.9	45	1	0	99	
Announcers on radio, television and other media	2656	0	0	0.022		52	6	0	94	
Carpenters and joiners	7115	0	0.07	1.305	-1	0	61	34	4	
Conference and event planners	3332	0	0.04	0.01	-25.3	0				
Child care workers	5311	0	0.02	0.073	24.9	93	43	38	19	
Bank tellers and related clerks	4211	0	0.01	0.132	-19.3	24	1	35	64	
Protective services workers not elsewhere classified	5419	0	0.08	0.003		0				
Street food salespersons	5212	0	0	1.44	11.8	23	72	23	5	
Sports coaches, instructors and officials	3422	0	0	0.089	11.3	7	11	26	63	
Government tax and excise officials	3352	0	0	0.096	-1.6	27	0	7	93	
Handicraft workers in textile, leather and related materials	7318	0	0.05	0.036	-14.2	13	38	52	9	
Street vendors (excluding food)	9520	0	0	0.905	-0.8	10	59	32	9	
Human resource managers	1212	0	0.04	0.024	25.9	17	0	9	91	
Metal polishers, wheel grinders and tool sharpeners	7224	0	0	0.005		22				
Physiotherapy technicians and assistants	3255	0	0	0.007		28				
Tobacco preparers and tobacco products makers	7516	0	0.01	0.011		0				

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Early childhood educators	2342	0	0	0.328	-3	99	2	20	78	
Finance managers	1211	0	0.02	0.113	25.9	21	1	11	87	
Shotfirers and blasters	7542	0	0.05	0.001		0				
Traditional and complementary medicine professionals	2230	0	0	0						
Computer network professionals	2523	0	0	0	12.1					
Toolmakers and related workers	7222	0	0.02	0.061	-5	1	41	46	13	
Driving instructors	5165	0	0.02	0	13.2					
Tree and shrub crop growers	6112	0	0.33	0.07	-31.4	9	58	38	5	
Subsistence crop farmers	6310	0		0.005		16				
Police inspectors and detectives	3411	0	0	0.039	7.7	23	12	56	31	
Ships' deck officers and pilots	3152	0	0.05	0.023		0	2	4	94	
Contact centre information clerks	4222	0	0	0.147	6.9	35	0	14	86	
Bicycle and related repairers	7234	0	0.02	0.026	6.4	0	77	19	4	
Messengers, package deliverers and luggage porters	9621	0	0	0.984	-3.9	1	62	33	5	
Plasterers	7123	0	0.02	0.041		0	39	48	13	
Librarians and related information professionals	2622	0	0	0.083	-2.7	57	0	17	83	
Other music teachers	2354	0	0	0.002	13.2	21				
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Education methods specialists	2351	0	0	0.055	-51.2	53	0	47	53	
Travel attendants and travel stewards	5111	0	0.03	0.017		21				
Jewellery and precious-metal workers	7313	0	0	0.019		4				
Fashion and other models	5241	0	0	0						
Medical imaging and therapeutic equipment technicians	3211	0	0.01	0.066	6.1	39	0	2	98	
Travel consultants and clerks	4221	0	0.08	0.01		22				
Medical and pathology laboratory technicians	3212	0	0.02	0.104		53	0	11	89	
Hotel managers	1411	0	0.1	0.016	-45.9	8				
Bleaching, dyeing and fabric cleaning machine operators	8154	0	0.06	0.033	-1	2	28	63	9	
Building caretakers	5153	0	0.02	2.029	11.8	12	73	23	4	
Bartenders	5132	0	0	0.788	-7.8	1	56	35	9	
Pulp and papermaking plant operators	8171	0	0.14	0.014		3				
Civil engineering labourers	9312	0	0.05	0.007		0				
Floor layers and tile setters	7122	0	0.03	0.536	0.6	0	42	49	9	
Child care services managers	1341	0	0.01	0.01	25.9	88				
Medical and dental prosthetic technicians	3214	0	0	0.005		13				
Debt-collectors and related workers	4214	0	0	0.14		3	7	61	32	

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Garden and horticultural labourers	9214	0	0.31	0.004	34.5	31				
Ships' deck crews and related workers	8350	0	0.03	0.039	-13.2	0	25	45	30	
Secretaries (general)	4120	0	0	0.302	-25.3	63	4	57	40	
Service station attendants	5245	0	0.02	0.098	1.2	1	24	59	17	
Graphic and multimedia designers	2166	0	0	0.04	-2.8	32	1	10	89	
Administrative and executive secretaries	3343	0	0	0.319	-25.3	48	2	71	27	
Advertising and marketing professionals	2431	0	0.01	0.026	14.9	35	0	10	90	
Non-commissioned armed forces officers	210		0	0						
Armed forces occupations, other ranks	310		0	0						
Astrologers, fortune-tellers and related workers	5161		0	0						
Creative and performing artists not elsewhere classified	2659		0.02	0						
Commissioned armed forces officers	110		0	0						

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