Guidance: Utilizing the County/Regional Occupations Tool

The intent of this guidance is to explain the process of finding in-demand occupations in a county or economic region.

- A tool has been developed on the https://Insights.ND.gov website.
- This tool was developed to provide school districts and centers county and economic region job openings data for completing Part 2b – Labor Market Alignment of the Perkins V required North Dakota Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment Worksheet.
 - o Part 2b is the alignment of CTE Programs with In-demand workforce needs.

The following is a step by step process for using this resource:

Step 1:

Within Part 2b of the North Dakota Perkins V Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment is the link to the North Dakota Job Openings Tool. Click on **North Dakota Job Openings**

Scholarship Program

Loan Repayment Program

North Dakota Job Openings

Step 2:

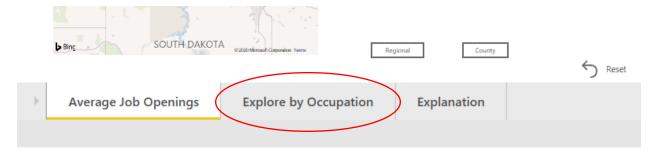
Click on **Explore Openings by County/Region**. This is found at the top of the page, above the Job Openings Over Time table.

North Dakota Job Openings by Standard Occupation Classification (SOC)



Step 3:

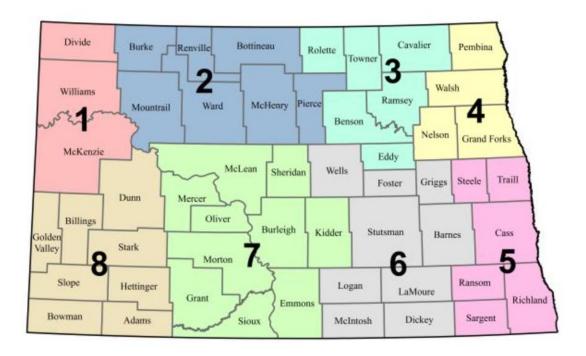
Click on Explore by Occupation. This can be found on the bottom of the page.



The user is now seeing the all occupation codes, found in North Dakota, searchable by county or economic development region. This is a monthly average of job openings posted to the Job Service North Dakota website. The data can be manipulated in three different ways.

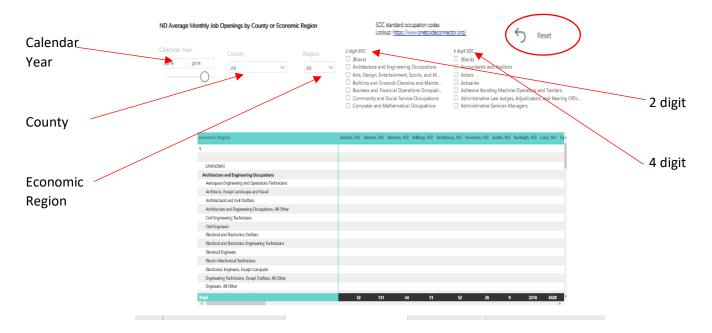
Options are:

- changing the year range (Calendar Year)
- selecting a specific county (County), or
- selecting an economic region (Region).
 - The benefit of selecting an economic region is it groups several counties together, providing more data. Below is a map of the North Dakota's Economic Regions.

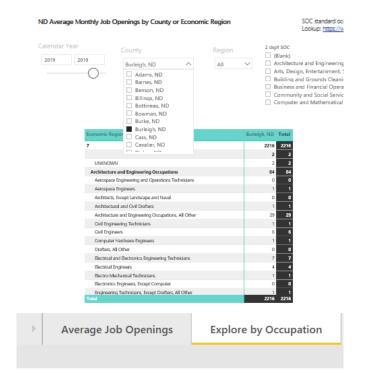


It is also possible to search by 2 digit or 6 digit Standard Occupation Codes (SOC). 2 digit codes are broad job families, such as Architecture and Engineering. 6 digit codes are specific occupations, such as registered nurse, accountant or welder.

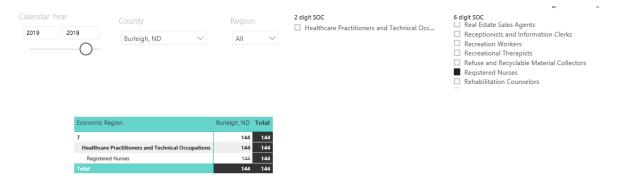
To reset the tool, simply click on **Reset**.



Once the year range and county or economic region is selected, a user is able to delve into the occupational data. For this example, data for 2019 in Burleigh County was selected:



As mentioned, it is also possible to search by specific occupation. For this example, 2019, Burleigh County and Registered Nurse were selected.



There is a not a minimum number of job openings to justify the use of Perkins funds for a program. This is simply allowing the user to find occupations that have a higher number of job openings.