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If you're considering a career change or if you are new to the workforce, you may want to take a look at growth industries.

College students looking to focus on growth industries may want to check out the College Board's Web site. The board, a nonprofit association of colleges, universities and other educational institutions, reports estimates of the fastest growing industries. In its most recent report, which looked at growth from 2006 to 2016 based on BLS data, it cited management, scientific, and technical consulting as the fastest growing industry, followed by services for the elderly and disabled.

According to the board's projections of occupations, teaching and nursing will see the most job openings from 2006 to 2016.

One thing that may alter these forecasts is the federal stimulus package, which is providing money to certain industries. So those industries, which include construction, energy and health care, may see more growth, at least while the stimulus money is flowing.

I should point out that some organizations have reported that the stimulus funding will actually decrease the number of jobs in some sectors in Texas. In an April report, the Texas Public Policy Foundation said that the stimulus package could mean that 170,000 jobs will not be created over the next 10 years that otherwise would have because "government spending crowds out private sector spending, diminishing the private economy's rate of growth."

The White House estimates that the stimulus package will create more than 260,000 jobs in Texas.