

The "green collar" job sector is a growing source of employment in central Ohio. "Green jobs" are not restricted to the grassroots nonprofit sector. For example, they include environmental research jobs, jobs with companies that provide renewable energy sources, and jobs with firms that make use of sustainable environmental practices.

According to a report by the United States Conference of Mayors, in 2006 there were 3,938 "green jobs" in the greater Columbus metro area (which includes 8 out of our region's 12 counties). This figure is predicted to increase to over 31,000 in the next 20 years. The area currently ranks 32nd among U.S. metro areas for green jobs.

Ohio was also the subject of a case study by the American Solar Energy Society in 2007. The study predicted that given the right circumstances, the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries could bring 985,000 new jobs to Ohio by 2030.

Green Jobs Links

American Solar Energy Society: Report on Renewable Energy with Ohio case study

<http://www.ases.org/images/stories/ASES-JobsReport-Final.pdf>

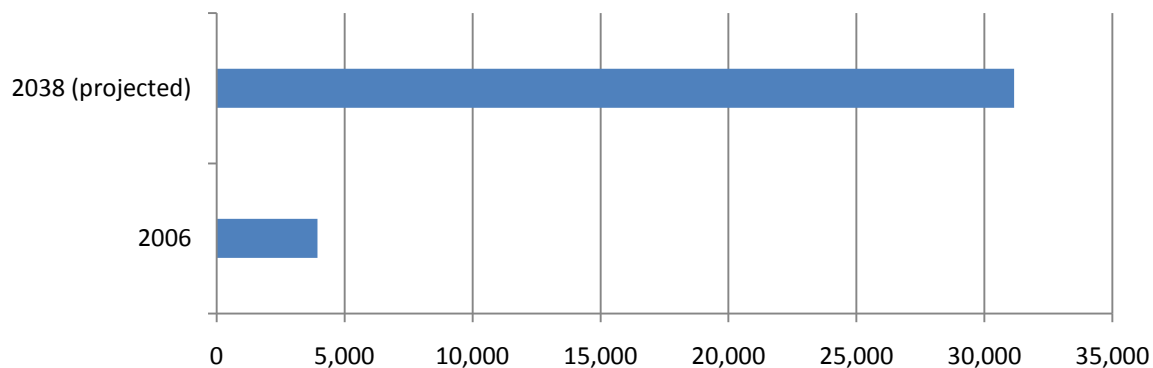
U.S. Conference of Mayors Green Jobs Report

<http://www.usmayors.org/pressreleases/uploads/GreenJobsReport.pdf>

Green Energy Ohio: Green Jobs Links Page

<http://www.greenenergyohio.org/page.cfm?pageID=2139>

Number of Green Jobs in the Greater Columbus Metro Area



Source: United States Conference of Mayors and Mayors Climate Protection Center

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