

HELLO COVID-19, GOODBYE JOBS!



Based on an assessment conducted by Merchant Maverick, data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) suggests that there are 7 occupations that have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are expected to decline between 2019 and 2029. Certain occupations, particularly within the hospitality industry, will become obsolete as a result of businesses pivoting from the "status quo" in response to COVID-19 restrictions and regulations.

TRAVEL AGENTS



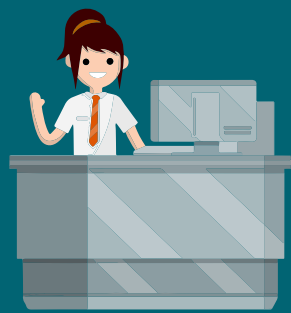
are expected to **decrease by 25.9%** as travelers are relying more on online booking services to plan and coordinate travel.

According to Statistica, online booking services secured 66% of the travel booking marketshare in 2019.



HOTEL CLERK

Positions are being replaced by automated kiosks and mobile phone room key accessibility resulting in a projected **decline of 22%**.



NEWS VENDORS

Brick and mortar/stand locations already struggled pre-pandemic and are expected to **decrease by 20%** as consumers continue to turn to online media outlets and multimedia for news consumption.



CASHIER

Jobs are expected to **decrease by 19.8%** due to increasing availability of online food/grocery shopping options, minimum wage increases impacting employers' "bottom-line," and advances in automated technology.



RESTUARANT HOST & HOSTESS

Positions are expected to **decrease by 18%** as costumers have become more accustomed to using online services and mobile apps to order food and book reservations.



FAST FOOD COOKS

Have heightened exposure and risk of contacting and spreading COVID-19 due to their typical work conditions. In addition, technology automation and worker shortages could lead the industry to see a **decrease of 11.2%**.



MOVIE PROJECTIONISTS

Are expected to **decline by 11.2%** due to advancements in film technology and a sharp decline in movie theater revenue (roughly 80% from 2019 to 2020).



