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Service industry jobs are here to stay

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With the threat of outsourcing a source of national angst, especially in areas, residents of Emmet and Charlevoix counties may find opportur peace of mind in working within the growing service economy.

Broadly defined, that includes anyone, employer or employee, who pr service, the more local the better - and safer.

From doctors and lawyers to auto mechanics, barbers, electricians, contractors and clergymen, all provide services that can't be outsourced.

Statewide, economists forecast that the service sector will grow faster than any other segment of the economy over the next decade, with most of the anticipated job creation occurring in the health care, education and personal services fields.

"Jobs not subject to foreign competition clearly have an advantage," said economist Sung Won Sohn. "Service-industry jobs in health care, education, tourism and construction are areas where China and India really can't compete here."

Matt McCauley, regional planner for the 10-county Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG), said that using a broad definition of the term, the service sector in the year 2000

Tom Sheffler and J inside their Julienn cafe and pastry sh Howard Street in P



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