

# Central Region Top Openings

2014-2024

The Central region is expected to have more than 90,000 total job openings between 2014 and 2024. This includes openings created by new job growth, as well as those created through the need for replacement workers. Replacement openings occur due to retirement, turnover, or transferring to another occupation.

During this projection period, the 20 occupations with the greatest number of total openings includes 4 Office and Administrative Support Occupations and 4 Food Preparation and Serving Occupations. “Cashiers” and “Retail Salespersons”, both Sales occupations, are expected to have the most total openings during the projection period, with over 4,000 total openings for each occupation.

Occupation	2014 Est. Employment	2024 Proj. Employment	Growth Openings	Replacement Openings	Total Openings	Average 2015 Wage
Cashiers	8,135	8,747	612	3,461	<b>4,073</b>	\$19,658
Retail Salespersons	9,755	10,387	632	3,381	<b>4,013</b>	\$23,175
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	6,703	7,687	984	2,166	<b>3,150</b>	\$18,833
Waiters and Waitresses	5,735	6,035	300	2,759	<b>3,059</b>	\$18,816
Registered Nurses	6,229	6,858	629	1,470	<b>2,099</b>	\$56,183
Office Clerks, General	7,176	7,406	230	1,547	<b>1,777</b>	\$29,163
General and Operations Managers	4,630	5,078	448	1,172	<b>1,620</b>	\$76,519
Nursing Assistants	4,870	5,369	499	1,100	<b>1,599</b>	\$23,672
Customer Service Representatives	4,129	4,702	573	1,017	<b>1,590</b>	\$31,734
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	4,281	4,515	234	1,274	<b>1,508</b>	\$27,702
Childcare Workers	2,821	3,265	444	832	<b>1,276</b>	\$20,095
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	3,350	3,549	199	1,063	<b>1,262</b>	\$23,885
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	3,816	4,104	288	853	<b>1,141</b>	\$36,135
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	4,000	4,333	333	794	<b>1,127</b>	\$24,335
Personal Care Aides	3,243	4,077	834	262	<b>1,096</b>	\$20,633
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	3,271	3,501	230	857	<b>1,087</b>	\$32,303
Secondary School Teachers	3,254	3,540	286	772	<b>1,058</b>	\$43,411
Secretaries and Admin Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	6,750	7,048	298	712	<b>1,010</b>	\$30,446
Cooks, Restaurant	2,111	2,478	367	559	<b>926</b>	\$20,969
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	2,105	2,380	275	625	<b>900</b>	\$27,409

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