

Missouri's Guide to Good Opportunities — Longterm Outlook

TOP 30








Careers in Missouri with the best outlook between 2008—2018

Occupation Title	Career Grade	Total Openings 10-Yr. Period	Entry Wage	Average Wage	Exp. Wage	WorkKeys® Scores			Education/Experience Typically Required
						AM	LI	RI	
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	B+	10,228	\$24,623	\$38,108	\$44,850	3	4	3	Moderate-term OJT
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	B+	6,010	\$21,682	\$34,274	\$40,570	4	4	4	Moderate-term OJT
Construction Laborers	B+	2,296	\$23,244	\$38,623	\$46,313	3	4	3	Moderate-term OJT
Dental Assistants	A-	2,019	\$24,425	\$33,100	\$37,438	4	4	4	Moderate-term OJT
Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	B+	1,624	\$30,391	\$46,571	\$54,662	3	4	3	Moderate-term OJT
Mixing & Blending Machine Setters, Operators, & Tenders	B+	1,230	\$23,886	\$35,133	\$40,756	3	4	3	Moderate-term OJT
Advertising Sales Agents	B+	697	\$21,133	\$49,302	\$63,387	4	4	5	Moderate-term OJT
Cargo & Freight Agents	B+	583	\$30,610	\$41,336	\$46,699	4	4	4	Moderate-term OJT
Pest Control Workers	B+	511	\$20,824	\$32,799	\$38,787	3	3	4	Moderate-term OJT
Insulation Workers, Mechanical	B+	410	\$31,423	\$52,944	\$63,705	3	4	4	Moderate-term OJT
Registered Nurses	A+	21,029	\$41,476	\$56,667	\$64,263	4	4	5	Associate degree
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	A-	7,815	\$27,003	\$34,178	\$37,766	4	4	4	Postsecondary voc. award
First-Line Managers of Office & Admin. Support Workers	A-	5,946	\$28,776	\$47,297	\$56,557	4	4	5	Work exp. in a related occ.
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	A-	3,890	\$26,822	\$41,148	\$48,311	4	4	5	Long-term OJT
Sales Representatives, Services	A-	3,200	\$27,916	\$56,813	\$71,261	4	4	4	Work exp. in a related occ.
Fire Fighters	A-	2,685	\$22,305	\$43,777	\$54,514	4	5	4	Long-term OJT
Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	A-	2,426	\$19,818	\$33,392	\$40,179	4	4	4	Postsecondary voc. award
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, & Investigators	A-	2,248	\$34,586	\$55,253	\$65,586	5	4	5	Long-term OJT
Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	A-	1,966	\$18,301	\$35,417	\$43,975	4	5	5	Work exp. in a related occ.
Managers, All Other	A-	1,957	\$47,995	\$89,706	\$110,562	5	5	5	Work exp. in a related occ.
Elementary School Teachers, Exc. Special Ed.	A-	10,341	\$31,073	\$43,715	\$50,036	3	4	4	Bachelor's degree
Secondary School Teachers, Exc. Special & Voc. Ed.	A-	7,972	\$31,298	\$42,765	\$48,499	4	5	5	Bachelor's degree
Accountants & Auditors	A	7,184	\$35,141	\$58,199	\$69,728	6	5	5	Bachelor's degree
Insurance Sales Agents	A	5,859	\$24,411	\$54,165	\$69,042	5	5	6	Bachelor's degree
Middle School Teachers, Exc. Special & Voc. Ed.	A-	4,700	\$32,229	\$43,418	\$49,013	3	4	4	Bachelor's degree
Business Operations Specialists	A-	3,683	\$33,352	\$60,872	\$74,633	5	4	5	Bachelor's degree
Computer Systems Analysts	A-	2,761	\$50,693	\$72,018	\$82,680	5	5	5	Bachelor's degree
Public Relations Specialists	A	2,667	\$30,877	\$51,774	\$62,222	0	5	5	Bachelor's degree
Special Ed. Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, & Elem. School	A-	2,666	\$32,576	\$45,162	\$51,456	4	5	5	Bachelor's degree
Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts	A+	2,510	\$46,454	\$74,788	\$88,955	6	5	5	Bachelor's degree

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	Refuse & Recyclable Material Collectors 	C	658	\$19,216	\$27,575	\$31,755	3	3	3	Short-term OJT
	Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Workers	C	504	\$22,458	\$34,744	\$40,886	4	4	4	Moderate-term OJT
— NEXT —	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	B+	3,459	\$20,570	\$34,904	\$42,072	3	4	4	Postsecondary voc. award
	Carpenters	B	3,449	\$26,277	\$45,746	\$55,480	5	5	4	Long-term OJT
	Electricians	C+	3,047	\$32,405	\$53,111	\$63,464	4	4	4	Long-term OJT
	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	B	1,950	\$32,639	\$54,237	\$65,037	4	4	4	Long-term OJT
	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	A-	1,517	\$38,125	\$53,746	\$61,557	4	4	4	Long-term OJT
	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	B+	1,371	\$29,084	\$43,547	\$50,779	4	5	4	Long-term OJT
	HVAC Mechanics & Installers	B+	1,309	\$26,115	\$40,878	\$48,259	4	5	4	Long-term OJT
	Industrial Production Managers	C	815	\$51,719	\$87,737	\$105,745	5	5	5	Work exp. in a related occ.
	Electrical & Electronics Repairers, Comm. & Ind. Equip.	B+	398	\$28,509	\$47,945	\$57,662	5	4	5	Postsecondary voc. award
	Environmental Engineering Technicians 	B	35	\$28,007	\$46,262	\$55,389	5	5	5	Associate degree
— LATER —	Training & Development Specialists	A	2,034	\$30,324	\$49,533	\$59,137	5	4	5	Bachelor's or higher + work exp.
	Civil Engineers 	A-	1,370	\$51,181	\$75,812	\$88,128	7	5	6	Bachelor's degree
	Mechanical Engineers	B-	864	\$52,163	\$73,205	\$83,725	7	6	6	Bachelor's degree
	Construction Managers	B+	772	\$46,054	\$82,583	\$100,847	6	5	5	Bachelor's degree
	Electronics Engineers, Exc. Computer	B-	574	\$57,415	\$79,901	\$91,143	7	5	6	Bachelor's degree
	Electrical Engineers	B-	562	\$56,334	\$79,155	\$90,566	7	5	6	Bachelor's degree
	Environmental Scientists & Specialists 	B+	446	\$34,193	\$48,823	\$56,138	5	5	5	Master's degree
	Environmental Engineers 	B	313	\$49,609	\$71,924	\$83,082	5	5	5	Bachelor's degree
	Urban & Regional Planners 	B	142	\$39,084	\$53,398	\$60,555	5	5	5	Master's degree
Landscape Architects 	B	70	ND	ND	ND	5	5	5	Bachelor's degree	

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