

Missouri's Top Openings

2009-2011

Missouri is projected to have more than 150,500 job openings from 2009 to 2011. During this time, the 20 occupations with the most projected total openings in the state include six food preparation and serving occupations and three occupations that are sales-related. Job openings are classified as "Growth" or "Replacement" openings. Growth openings are new jobs that are added to the economy, while replacement openings are vacancies created by worker mobility or retirements, but are not new jobs.

Cashiers are projected to have the most openings from 2009 to 2011, though all the openings are projected to be replacements. This occupation has a Grade C due to the lack of growth in the occupation, and lower than average wages. Registered Nurses, on the other hand, have close to the same amount of openings due to growth as replacements indicating strong future demand in that occupation in the state. The combination of its above average total openings, fast growth, and higher than average wages for Registered Nurses merit its Grade A career outlook. Overall, thirteen of the 20 fastest growing occupations have a Grade A or B outlook in terms of having above average openings, growth, and wages.

SOC	Occupation	Total Openings						
		2009 Estimated Employment	2011 Projected Employment	Total Openings	Openings Due to Growth	Openings Due to Replacement	Average Annual Wage	Career Grade
41-2011	Cashiers	76,710	76,480	9,101	0	9,101	\$18,050	C
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	51,180	51,570	6,371	391	5,980	\$17,930	C+
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	79,470	80,180	5,423	715	4,708	\$24,980	B
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	84,530	86,590	4,989	2,063	2,926	\$16,870	C+
29-1111	Registered Nurses	61,470	62,770	3,050	1,295	1,755	\$56,670	A
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	40,590	41,070	2,979	475	2,504	\$30,990	B
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	39,470	38,230	2,662	0	2,662	\$25,710	D
35-3022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	8,590	8,690	2,145	97	2,048	\$17,950	C+
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	76,650	76,140	1,990	0	1,990	\$27,720	B-
25-2021	Elementary School Teachers	28,990	29,670	1,910	684	1,226	\$43,720	A-
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	48,550	47,770	1,724	0	1,724	\$22,170	B-
39-9011	Child Care Workers	27,800	27,690	1,724	0	1,724	\$19,040	B-
11-1021	NEW! General and Operations Managers	30,240	29,280	1,657	0	1,657	\$96,030	B
25-2031	Secondary School Teachers	22,420	22,670	1,545	249	1,296	\$42,770	A-
43-5081	NEW! Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	31,580	31,500	1,518	0	1,518	\$22,630	B-
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	22,090	22,320	1,488	227	1,261	\$21,310	B
29-2061	NEW! Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	18,630	18,910	1,428	276	1,152	\$34,180	A-
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing	31,960	31,580	1,400	0	1,400	\$57,740	A-
35-9031	Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	6,310	6,370	1,394	61	1,333	\$17,230	C+
35-9021	NEW! Dishwashers	10,360	10,530	1,384	172	1,212	\$17,080	C+

Data Sources: MERIC Short-term Occupational Projections, MERIC Occupational Employment and Wage Survey, and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Career Grades are assigned by analyzing an occupation's percent change, total openings, and average wage relative to all other occupations in the state. An occupation's combination of scores on these three factors determines its grade.

