

Middle-Skill Top Openings

2014-2024

Missouri is projected to have more than 307,000 total middle-skill 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 projected period, the 20 occupations with the greatest number of total openings include 4 *Sales and Related* occupations and 3 *Office and Administrative Support* occupations. *Nursing Assistants* are expected to have the greatest number of total openings between 2014 and 2024, with over 16,000 total projected openings.

Occupation	2014 Est. Employment	2024 Proj. Employment	Growth Openings	Replacement Openings	Total Openings	Avg. 2015 Wage
Nursing Assistants	48,370	53,484	5,114	10,925	16,039	\$23,869
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	29,963	31,554	1,591	7,852	9,443	\$35,440
Cooks, Restaurant	21,488	24,786	3,298	5,685	8,983	\$22,794
Team Assemblers	26,952	30,049	3,097	5,788	8,885	\$33,996
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	20,852	23,184	2,332	6,194	8,526	\$29,562
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	62,984	64,549	1,565	6,640	8,205	\$31,761
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	43,311	44,145	834	7,367	8,201	\$40,833
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	31,020	31,906	886	6,933	7,819	\$39,724
Sales Reps, Wholesale and Manufacturing	28,313	29,637	1,324	5,824	7,148	\$62,069
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	16,574	17,792	1,218	4,716	5,934	\$38,379
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	25,824	27,654	1,830	3,902	5,732	\$53,848
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	18,608	19,195	587	4,982	5,569	\$38,848
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	12,794	13,740	946	4,218	5,164	\$46,231
Teacher Assistants	16,969	17,901	932	4,069	5,001	\$24,336
Sales Representatives, Services	16,646	17,651	1,005	3,546	4,551	\$53,374
Insurance Sales Agents	11,466	12,638	1,172	3,011	4,183	\$61,790
Computer User Support Specialists	15,382	17,367	1,985	1,979	3,964	\$49,403
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	10,330	11,424	1,094	2,658	3,752	\$27,139
Carpenters	19,542	20,892	1,350	2,247	3,597	\$51,768
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	36,183	32,786	0	3,548	3,548	\$36,894

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