

# Middle-Skill Fastest Growing Occupations

2014-2024

Missouri is projected to have an increase of over 61,000 middle-skill jobs between 2014 and 2024. Of the top 20 middle-skill occupations with the fastest growth rate, 6 are *Healthcare Practitioners and Technical* occupations. *Construction and Extraction* is the next largest occupation group with 4 occupations in the top 20. *Occupational Therapy Assistants* are projected to have the fastest growth rate, with an over 41% net increase in employment between 2014 and 2024.

Occupation	2014 Est. Employment	2024 Proj. Employment	Net Increase	Percent Increase	Avg. 2015 Wage
Occupational Therapy Assistants	962	1,357	395	<b>41.06%</b>	\$55,519
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,974	2,721	747	<b>37.84%</b>	\$50,222
Millwrights	939	1,189	250	<b>26.62%</b>	\$51,309
Web Developers	2,000	2,530	530	<b>26.50%</b>	\$61,664
Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators	3,893	4,872	979	<b>25.15%</b>	\$37,387
Insulation Workers, Mechanical	270	337	67	<b>24.81%</b>	\$58,998
Phlebotomists	1,981	2,449	468	<b>23.62%</b>	\$28,794
Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	976	1,196	220	<b>22.54%</b>	\$47,758
Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers	476	582	106	<b>22.27%</b>	\$52,555
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	1,093	1,327	234	<b>21.41%</b>	\$66,363
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	1,207	1,442	235	<b>19.47%</b>	\$36,142
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	5,269	6,212	943	<b>17.90%</b>	\$50,916
Opticians, Dispensing	1,436	1,688	252	<b>17.55%</b>	\$29,751
Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners	552	647	95	<b>17.21%</b>	\$38,023
Pharmacy Technicians	9,554	11,186	1,632	<b>17.08%</b>	\$29,094
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	2,217	2,583	366	<b>16.51%</b>	\$62,610
Ophthalmic Medical Technicians	681	792	111	<b>16.30%</b>	\$32,858
Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installers	1,101	1,280	179	<b>16.26%</b>	\$40,736
Community Health Workers	1,191	1,381	190	<b>15.95%</b>	\$38,042
Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	4,103	4,750	647	<b>15.77%</b>	\$36,077

Occupations with net increase of less than 50 employees are omitted. Data Sources: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), Long-Term Occupational Projections, Occupational Employment and Wage Survey, and U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics. Product funded by the U.S. Employment and Training Administration, Workforce Information Grant

