

# Missouri Top Openings

2016-2018

Missouri is projected to have more than 223,000 total job openings between 2016 and 2018. 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.

*Food Preparation and Serving* and *Office and Administrative Support* occupations each have 4 occupations in the top 20 occupations in the state with the most total openings. *Sales and Related* occupations represent 2 of the top 3 occupations with the most total openings. Most of the occupations in the top 20 have a majority of their total openings coming from replacement openings.

Occupation	2016 Estimated Employment	2018 Projected Employment	Growth Openings	Replacement Openings	Total Openings	Average Annual Wages
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	77,265	80,952	3,687	6,016	<b>9,703</b>	\$19,190
Cashiers	73,005	74,661	1,656	7,397	<b>9,053</b>	\$20,320
Retail Salespersons	86,930	88,662	1,732	6,502	<b>8,234</b>	\$25,590
Waiters and Waitresses	54,350	56,055	1,705	5,679	<b>7,384</b>	\$19,420
Registered Nurses	69,280	71,380	2,100	3,056	<b>5,156</b>	\$59,150
Customer Service Representatives	54,935	56,431	1,496	2,555	<b>4,051</b>	\$33,250
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	44,807	45,969	1,162	2,766	<b>3,928</b>	\$28,410
Personal Care Aides	47,009	50,284	3,275	601	<b>3,876</b>	\$20,140
General and Operations Managers	47,797	49,029	1,232	2,246	<b>3,478</b>	\$100,500
Office Clerks	56,629	57,645	1,016	2,389	<b>3,405</b>	\$30,210
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	77,348	78,868	1,520	1,634	<b>3,154</b>	\$31,760
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping	47,016	48,352	1,336	1,692	<b>3,028</b>	\$23,880
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	33,467	34,010	543	2,266	<b>2,809</b>	\$25,810
Nursing Assistants	42,652	43,568	916	1,801	<b>2,717</b>	\$23,880
Cooks, Restaurant	25,082	26,428	1,346	1,352	<b>2,698</b>	\$22,810
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	22,684	23,710	1,026	1,450	<b>2,476</b>	\$29,570
Childcare Workers	23,596	24,629	1,033	1,440	<b>2,473</b>	\$20,360
Secondary School Teachers	27,410	28,477	1,067	1,365	<b>2,432</b>	\$47,960
Accountants and Auditors	25,887	26,845	958	1,353	<b>2,311</b>	\$71,480
Construction Laborers	26,944	28,189	1,245	1,060	<b>2,305</b>	\$41,310

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