

Missouri Top Openings

2016-2026

Missouri is projected to have more than 3.6 million total job openings between 2016 and 2026. Total openings comprise growth openings, exit openings, and transfer openings. Growth openings are the result of an occupation growing between the base year and the projected year. Exit openings occur when a worker leaves the workforce entirely, such as retirement. Transfer openings occur when a worker leaves their occupation for a different one.

Of the top 20 occupations with the most total openings, 5 are in the *Office and Administrative Support* major occupation group. *Registered Nurses* and *General and Operations Managers* are occupations that are projected to have a high number of total openings and both have average wages that are higher than the state average for all occupations.

Occupation	2016 Estimated Employment	2026 Projected Employment	Exit Openings	Transfer Openings	Growth Openings	Total Openings	Average Annual Wage
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	73,484	86,188	70,695	73,936	12,704	157,335	\$19,990
Cashiers	74,688	76,349	70,904	69,198	1,661	141,763	\$21,250
Retail Salespersons	83,199	84,969	53,234	66,729	1,770	121,733	\$27,140
Personal Care Aides	49,869	68,544	47,253	35,595	18,675	101,523	\$21,730
Waiters and Waitresses	50,128	53,509	38,356	58,767	3,381	100,504	\$21,110
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	81,826	76,558	42,661	41,497	-5,268	78,890	\$33,590
Customer Service Representatives	54,005	56,779	28,316	41,555	2,774	72,645	\$34,530
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	47,975	51,327	24,597	42,452	3,352	70,401	\$29,750
Janitors and Cleaners	46,366	50,861	31,647	30,583	4,495	66,725	\$25,670
Office Clerks, General	48,042	48,127	28,216	27,495	85	55,796	\$31,640
Nursing Assistants	44,179	48,422	28,128	23,400	4,243	55,771	\$25,360
Registered Nurses	73,783	85,446	22,794	17,308	11,663	51,765	\$63,300
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	45,607	47,103	19,655	29,120	1,496	50,271	\$43,480
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	33,786	35,972	19,044	24,848	2,186	46,078	\$26,680
General and Operations Managers	43,889	48,054	9,530	27,422	4,165	41,117	\$106,730
Childcare Workers	25,717	28,112	21,970	16,668	2,395	41,033	\$22,850
Cooks, Restaurant	25,866	28,896	16,043	21,905	3,030	40,978	\$23,800
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	34,818	33,952	21,291	16,522	-866	36,947	\$37,800
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	31,883	33,460	12,059	21,985	1,577	35,621	\$41,020
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	32,490	35,071	13,762	18,785	2,581	35,128	\$38,140

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