

MISSOURI'S TOP OPENINGS

2012-2022

Missouri is projected to have more than 920,000 total job openings between 2012 and 2022. 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 includes 4 Office and Administrative Support Occupations. Combined Food Prep and Serving Workers are projected to have the most total openings from 2012 to 2022, with most of these openings projected to be replacement positions. Overall, 17 of the 20 Top Opening Occupations have a Grade A or B outlook in terms of having above average growth, openings, and wages.

Occupation	2012 Est. Employment	2022 Proj. Employment	Growth Openings	Replacement Openings	Total Openings	Average 2013 Wage	Career Grade
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	71,838	81,664	9,826	27,430	37,256	\$17,979	B+
Retail Salespersons	81,144	86,702	5,558	27,754	33,312	\$24,851	B
Cashiers	70,359	71,037	278	30,418	31,096	\$19,572	C+
Waiters and Waitresses	50,674	52,836	2,162	24,380	26,542	\$19,273	C+
Registered Nurses	66,973	74,992	8,019	12,985	21,004	\$58,037	A
Customer Service Representatives	49,992	56,011	6,019	13,603	19,622	\$31,661	B+
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	40,838	45,090	4,252	12,650	16,902	\$26,311	B+
Office Clerks, General	63,309	65,958	2,649	13,301	15,950	\$30,036	B
General and Operations Managers	53,128	58,220	5,092	9,939	15,031	\$91,952	A+
Nursing Assistants	42,318	47,465	5,147	8,048	13,195	\$22,799	B
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	42,788	46,773	3,985	8,051	12,036	\$24,440	B
Childcare Workers	29,413	32,192	2,779	8,646	11,425	\$19,708	B
Personal Care Aides	31,359	40,432	9,073	2,245	11,318	\$19,398	A
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	42,718	47,026	4,308	6,832	11,140	\$39,826	B+
Accountants and Auditors	25,850	29,134	3,284	7,651	10,935	\$65,144	A+
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	52,290	56,856	4,566	6,293	10,859	\$30,845	B
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	31,946	31,178	0	9,651	9,651	\$24,765	C
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	30,113	33,383	3,270	5,968	9,238	\$19,835	B
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	23,650	25,947	2,297	5,611	7,908	\$49,216	B+
Construction Laborers	18,391	22,071	3,680	3,937	7,617	\$41,129	A

Data Sources: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC) Long-Term Occupational Projections, MERIC Occupational Employment and Wage Survey, and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Career Grades are assigned by analyzing an occupation's percentage change, total openings, and average wage relative to all other occupations in the state. An occupation's combination of scores on these three variables determines its Career Grade. Product funded by the U.S. Employment and Training Administration, Workforce Information Grant July 2014

