

# South Central Region Top Openings

2014-2024

The South Central region is expected to have over 20,000 total 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 projection period, the 20 occupations with the greatest number of total openings includes 4 Office and Administrative Support Occupations. “Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers” and “Cashiers” are the occupations that are expected to have the greatest number of total openings between 2014 and 2024, with over 1,000 openings for each occupation.

Occupation	2014 Est. Employment	2024 Proj. Employment	Growth Openings	Replacement Openings	Total Openings	Average 2015 Wage
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	2,224	2,797	573	719	1,292	\$18,026
Cashiers	2,463	2,553	90	1,048	1,138	\$18,942
Personal Care Aides	2,520	3,175	655	204	859	\$19,407
Registered Nurses	1,748	2,071	323	412	735	\$51,627
Retail Salespersons	1,655	1,729	74	574	648	\$24,597
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,486	1,494	8	442	450	\$21,239
Waiters and Waitresses	621	720	99	299	398	\$19,010
Office Clerks, General	1,643	1,669	26	354	380	\$25,622
General and Operations Managers	1,039	1,139	100	263	363	\$70,836
Nursing Assistants	1,235	1,308	73	279	352	\$19,928
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	1,230	1,309	79	272	351	\$44,866
Tellers	569	655	86	223	309	\$22,095
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,076	1,164	88	214	302	\$21,903
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	652	729	77	186	263	\$33,861
Team Assemblers	1,195	1,167	0	257	257	\$28,815
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	811	848	37	213	250	\$29,469
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	720	721	1	229	230	\$20,718
Helpers--Production Workers	650	665	15	212	227	\$20,205
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,178	1,204	26	200	226	\$32,290
Secretaries and Admin Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,466	1,524	58	155	213	\$25,511

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