

St. Louis Region Top Openings

2016-2018

The St. Louis region is projected to have more than 77,000 total 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.

Of the top 20 occupations with the most total openings in the St. Louis region, 5 are in the Food *Preparation and Serving Related* occupation group. *Office and Administrative Support* occupations have 4 occupations in the top 20. Most of the occupations on the top 20 list 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 Wage
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	29,661	30,555	894	2,309	3,203	\$19,865
Retail Salespersons	32,208	32,670	462	2,409	2,871	\$27,634
Waiters and Waitresses	22,622	22,967	345	2,364	2,709	\$19,388
Cashiers	22,307	22,497	190	2,260	2,450	\$21,653
Registered Nurses	30,595	31,382	787	1,349	2,136	\$60,935
Personal Care Aides	17,468	19,066	1,598	223	1,821	\$21,059
Customer Service Representatives	23,122	23,502	380	1,075	1,455	\$35,309
General and Operations Managers	18,986	19,341	355	892	1,247	\$116,598
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	16,504	16,671	167	1,019	1,186	\$31,149
Nursing Assistants	15,861	16,358	497	670	1,167	\$25,275
Office Clerks	19,423	19,635	212	819	1,031	\$32,630
Childcare Workers	9,067	9,537	470	553	1,023	\$21,405
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	27,658	28,093	435	584	1,019	\$34,523
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	12,536	12,662	126	849	975	\$28,037
Cooks, Restaurant	10,418	10,807	389	562	951	\$24,515
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Housekeeping	19,964	20,186	222	718	940	\$23,302
Accountants and Auditors	11,805	12,079	274	617	891	\$78,646
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	4,162	4,258	96	776	872	\$19,398
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	8,908	9,165	257	569	826	\$31,380
Construction Laborers	10,252	10,675	423	403	826	\$47,017

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