

Southwest Region Top Openings

2014-2024

The Southwest region is projected to have more than 30,000 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 the projection period, the 20 occupations with the greatest number of total openings includes 4 Office and Administrative Support Occupations and 4 Education, Training, and Library Occupations. “Retail Salespersons” and “Cashiers”, both Sales occupations, are expected to have the greatest number of total openings between 2014 and 2024.

Occupation	2014 Est. Employment	2024 Proj. Employment	Growth Openings	Replacement Openings	Total Openings	Average 2015 Wage
Retail Salespersons	4,033	4,135	102	1,398	1,500	\$24,279
Cashiers	2,926	3,086	160	1,245	1,405	\$19,435
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	3,201	3,539	338	1,034	1,372	\$18,144
Registered Nurses	2,695	3,017	322	636	958	\$49,719
Waiters and Waitresses	1,664	1,699	35	801	836	\$19,137
Personal Care Aides	1,799	2,317	518	146	664	\$19,199
Customer Service Representatives	1,755	1,969	214	432	646	\$25,616
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,102	2,287	185	417	602	\$21,538
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,708	1,767	59	508	567	\$24,349
General and Operations Managers	1,748	1,861	113	442	555	\$76,947
Office Clerks, General	2,185	2,250	65	471	536	\$26,448
Substitute Teachers	1,547	1,745	198	292	490	\$22,130
Nursing Assistants	1,546	1,652	106	349	455	\$22,518
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,384	1,396	12	439	451	\$23,799
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,570	1,657	87	351	438	\$38,084
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	1,272	1,426	154	281	435	\$44,463
Teacher Assistants	1,153	1,305	152	276	428	\$19,978
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	1,355	1,402	47	355	402	\$32,213
Secretaries and Admin Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	2,518	2,604	86	265	351	\$27,300
Secondary School Teachers	965	1,080	115	229	344	\$43,648

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