

# St. Louis Region Top Openings

2017-2019

The St. Louis region is projected to have more than 276,000 total openings between 2017 and 2019. 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 in the St. Louis region, 5 are in the *Office and Administrative Support* occupation group. The occupations of *Registered Nurses*, *General and Operations Managers*, and *Sales Representatives* all have a large number of projected total openings as well as having average wages that are higher than the average wage for all occupations in the St. Louis region.

Occupation	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Exit Openings	Transfer Openings	Growth Openings	Total Openings	Average Annual Wage
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	28,934	30,009	5,219	5,459	1,075	<b>11,753</b>	\$20,333
Cashiers	24,541	24,621	4,616	4,505	80	<b>9,201</b>	\$22,742
Waiters and Waitresses	21,440	21,823	3,202	4,906	383	<b>8,491</b>	\$20,271
Retail Salespersons	29,647	29,609	3,751	4,703	-38	<b>8,416</b>	\$28,408
Personal Care Aides	20,300	22,164	3,389	2,553	1,864	<b>7,806</b>	\$21,290
Customer Service Representatives	24,793	25,034	2,547	3,738	241	<b>6,526</b>	\$36,421
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	30,620	30,404	3,287	3,198	-216	<b>6,269</b>	\$35,650
Janitors and Cleaners	18,869	19,270	2,483	2,399	401	<b>5,283</b>	\$24,166
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	18,033	18,220	1,796	3,100	187	<b>5,083</b>	\$32,038
Registered Nurses	34,317	35,228	1,991	1,512	911	<b>4,414</b>	\$63,062
Nursing Assistants	16,284	16,706	2,004	1,667	422	<b>4,093</b>	\$25,875
Office Clerks	16,900	16,917	1,984	1,934	17	<b>3,935</b>	\$33,218
Cooks, Restaurant	11,374	11,681	1,351	1,844	307	<b>3,502</b>	\$24,015
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	12,696	12,809	1,393	1,817	113	<b>3,323</b>	\$28,319
General and Operations Managers	16,995	17,346	712	2,048	351	<b>3,111</b>	\$124,049
Childcare Workers	9,205	9,501	1,527	1,158	296	<b>2,981</b>	\$22,999
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	13,075	13,057	1,618	1,256	-18	<b>2,856</b>	\$40,449
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	8,860	9,064	803	1,710	204	<b>2,717</b>	\$33,095
Sales Representatives, Services	10,110	10,320	646	1,764	210	<b>2,620</b>	\$55,752
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	9,090	9,250	1,358	1,025	160	<b>2,543</b>	\$22,911

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