

# St. Louis' Top Openings

2010-2012

St. Louis is projected to have more than 60,700 job openings from 2010 to 2012. During this time, the 20 occupations with the most projected total openings in the region include four food preparation and serving occupations and four occupations that are health care-related. Job openings are classified as “Growth” or “Replacement” openings. Growth openings are new jobs that are added to the economy, while replacement openings are vacancies created by worker mobility or retirements, but are not new jobs.

Cashiers are projected to have the most openings from 2010 to 2012, though all the openings are projected to be replacements. This occupation has a Grade C due to the lack of growth in the occupation, and lower than average wages. Accountants & Auditors, on the other hand, have almost as many openings due to growth as replacements indicating stronger future demand in that occupation in the region. The combination of its above average total openings, fast growth, and higher than average wages for Registered Nurses merit its Grade A+ career outlook. Overall, ten of the 20 fastest growing occupations have a Grade A or B outlook in terms of having above average openings, growth, and wages.

Occupation	Total Openings		Total Openings	Openings Due to		Average Annual Wage	Career Grade
	2010 Estimated Employment	2012 Projected Employment		Growth	Replacement		
Cashiers	23,750	23,860	2,932	114	2,818	\$19,770	C
Waiters & Waitresses	21,700	21,830	2,667	131	2,536	\$19,787	C
Customer Service Representatives	19,550	20,290	1,943	737	1,206	\$32,763	B
Retail Salespersons	29,880	30,020	1,918	148	1,770	\$26,690	B-
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food	26,100	26,660	1,463	559	904	\$17,790	C+
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, & Coffee Shop	5,270	5,330	1,315	58	1,257	\$18,718	C
Office Clerks, General	24,740	25,200	1,104	462	642	\$30,908	B-
Registered Nurses	28,750	29,220	892	468	424	\$60,710	A-
Janitors and Cleaners, Excl. Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	17,010	17,280	872	268	604	\$22,700	C
General & Operations Managers	15,630	15,520	856	0	856	\$106,012	B
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	12,340	12,250	832	0	832	\$27,675	D
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing, Excl. Tech. & Sci. Products	12,870	13,000	691	127	564	\$62,485	A-
Accountants & Auditors	13,140	13,420	680	285	395	\$66,571	A+
Security Guards	8,140	8,480	664	336	328	\$26,082	B
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	11,800	11,880	650	83	567	\$24,978	B-
Child Care Workers	8,830	8,920	636	88	548	\$20,717	C
Cooks, Restaurant	9,440	9,530	632	93	539	\$22,178	C
Personal & Home Care Aides	6,020	6,480	584	456	128	\$19,285	C+
Home Health Aides	5,880	6,360	576	479	97	\$20,192	C+
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office & Admin. Support Workers	10,370	10,510	561	141	420	\$51,211	A-

Data Sources: MERIC Short-term Occupational Projections, MERIC Occupational Employment and Wage Survey, and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Career Grades are assigned by analyzing an occupation's percent change, total openings and average wage relative to all other occupations in the region. An occupation's combination of scores on these three factors determines its grade.

