

Northwest Top Openings

2014-2024

The Northwest region is expected 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 this projection period, the 20 occupations with the greatest number of total openings include 4 Office and Administrative Support Occupations. “Cashiers” and “Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers” are the occupations that 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
Cashiers	2,989	3,057	68	1,272	1,340	\$19,662
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	2,927	3,159	232	946	1,178	\$18,463
Retail Salespersons	2,748	2,813	65	952	1,017	\$24,067
Registered Nurses	1,946	2,169	223	459	682	\$59,223
Waiters and Waitresses	1,402	1,387	0	675	675	\$19,345
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,676	1,800	124	499	623	\$26,375
Secondary School Teachers	2,044	2,174	130	485	615	\$41,522
Nursing Assistants	2,154	2,280	126	487	613	\$21,625
Personal Care Aides	1,466	1,866	400	119	519	\$20,031
General and Operations Managers	1,593	1,697	104	403	507	\$80,317
Office Clerks, General	2,064	2,088	24	445	469	\$27,221
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	1,365	1,435	70	358	428	\$33,400
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,293	1,289	0	410	410	\$25,084
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,487	1,587	100	295	395	\$24,040
Correctional Officers and Jailers	1,218	1,235	17	335	352	\$29,371
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	1,167	1,192	25	309	334	\$20,532
Secretaries and Admin Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	2,360	2,433	73	249	322	\$28,396
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,223	1,255	32	273	305	\$35,776
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	891	938	47	254	301	\$35,701
Customer Service Representatives	904	972	68	223	291	\$31,566

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