

Southeast Region Top Openings

2014-2024

The Southeast region is expected to have over 40,000 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 includes 4 Office and Administrative Support Occupations and 3 Sales Occupations. “Cashiers” and “Personal Care Aides” are the occupations that are expected to have the most total openings between 2014 and 2024, with over 2,000 total openings expected for each occupation.

Occupation	2014 Est. Employment	2024 Proj. Employment	Growth Openings	Replacement Openings	Total Openings	Average 2015 Wage
Cashiers	4,984	5,288	304	2,121	2,425	\$19,426
Personal Care Aides	6,001	7,734	1,733	485	2,218	\$18,499
Retail Salespersons	4,104	4,495	391	1,422	1,813	\$25,394
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	4,042	4,448	406	1,306	1,712	\$17,727
Registered Nurses	4,024	4,760	736	949	1,685	\$53,552
Nursing Assistants	3,049	3,371	322	689	1,011	\$21,309
Waiters and Waitresses	1,924	1,945	21	926	947	\$20,454
General and Operations Managers	2,649	2,871	222	671	893	\$80,173
Office Clerks, General	3,154	3,266	112	680	792	\$24,893
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,318	2,406	88	690	778	\$25,039
Team Assemblers	3,240	3,184	0	696	696	\$25,694
Customer Service Representatives	1,739	1,965	226	428	654	\$26,182
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	1,921	2,036	115	503	618	\$32,119
Secondary School Teachers	2,196	2,274	78	521	599	\$43,811
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,303	3,338	35	562	597	\$40,891
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,521	1,629	108	483	591	\$24,003
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,777	1,938	161	397	558	\$34,797
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,099	2,233	134	417	551	\$22,443
Secretaries and Admin Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	4,012	4,126	114	423	537	\$27,445
Childcare Workers	1,193	1,372	179	352	531	\$18,605

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