

# Missouri's Top Openings

2010-2012

Missouri is projected to have more than 157,600 job openings from 2010 to 2012. During this time, the 20 occupations with the most projected total openings in the state include five sales-related 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. Registered Nurses, on the other hand, have more openings due to growth than replacements indicating strong future demand in that occupation in the state. 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, twelve of the 20 fastest growing occupations have a Grade A or B outlook in terms of having above average openings, growth, and wages.

Occupation	2010 Estimated Employment	2012 Projected Employment	Total Openings	Openings Due to Growth	Openings Due to Replacement	Average Annual Wage	Career Grade
Cashiers	74,170	74,690	9,321	520	8,801	\$19,081	C
Waiters & Waitresses	51,040	51,210	6,132	168	5,964	\$19,318	C
Retail Salespersons	78,320	79,530	5,845	1,205	4,640	\$24,838	B-
Customer Service Representatives	46,270	47,680	4,261	1,407	2,854	\$30,672	B
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food	78,090	79,470	4,090	1,387	2,703	\$17,589	C
Registered Nurses	65,670	67,320	2,819	1,654	1,165	\$59,142	A
Laborers and Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	36,100	35,960	2,435	0	2,435	\$25,492	D
Office Clerks, General	69,140	69,700	2,347	552	1,795	\$28,575	B-
General and Operations Managers	40,870	40,480	2,239	0	2,239	\$92,266	B
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	41,210	42,070	2,209	868	1,341	\$38,452	A-
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, & Coffee Shop	8,960	9,030	2,204	70	2,134	\$18,455	C
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	33,480	33,890	2,016	407	1,609	\$22,912	B-
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing, Excl. Tech.& Sci. Products	30,980	31,520	1,890	533	1,357	\$58,073	A-
Child Care Workers	27,320	27,440	1,811	117	1,694	\$19,933	C
Team Assemblers	27,010	27,600	1,788	595	1,193	\$28,580	B
Personal & Home Care Aides	20,680	21,980	1,743	1,302	441	\$18,743	C+
Janitors & Cleaners, Excl. Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	46,570	46,220	1,654	0	1,654	\$22,587	D
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	18,340	18,760	1,551	417	1,134	\$35,868	A-
Accountants & Auditors	29,060	29,650	1,470	597	873	\$59,985	A+
Medical Secretaries	21,750	22,590	1,426	834	592	\$29,574	B

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 state. An occupation's combination of scores on these three factors determines its grade.

