The West Central region is expected to have over 20,000 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 3 Sales Occupations, 3 Food Preparation Occupations, 3 Office and Administrative Support Occupations, and 3 Education Occupations. “Cashiers” and “Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers” are the occupations that are expected to have the most total openings, with over 1,000 total openings for each.