

# Northeast Region Top Openings

2016-2026

The Northeast region is projected to have over 103,000 total job openings between 2016 and 2026. Total openings comprise growth openings, exit openings, and transfer openings. Growth openings are the result of an occupation growing between the base year and the projected year. Exit openings occur when a worker leaves the workforce entirely, such as retirement. Transfer openings occur when a worker leaves their occupation for a different one.

Of the top 20 occupations with the most projected total openings, 4 are in the *Office and Administrative Support* major occupation group. The occupations of *General and Operations Managers*, *Construction Laborers*, *Truck Drivers*, and *Elementary School Teachers* all have large numbers of total openings, as well as average wages that are higher than the average wage for all occupations in the Northeast region.

Occupation	2016 Estimated Employment	2026 Projected Employment	Exit Openings	Transfer Openings	Growth Openings	Total Openings	Average Annual Wage
Cashiers	2,840	2,954	2,720	2,655	114	5,489	\$19,923
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	1,647	1,777	1,516	1,585	130	3,231	\$19,805
Waiters and Waitresses	1,687	1,665	1,241	1,901	-22	3,120	\$19,677
Retail Salespersons	1,965	2,024	1,263	1,583	59	2,905	\$24,696
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	2,899	2,679	1,502	1,461	-220	2,743	\$30,412
Personal Care Aides	1,449	1,738	1,272	958	289	2,519	\$21,783
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,097	2,234	918	1,360	137	2,415	\$41,850
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	1,391	1,592	739	1,275	201	2,215	\$28,166
Janitors and Cleaners	1,204	1,338	827	800	134	1,761	\$25,358
Childcare Workers	942	1,054	815	618	112	1,545	\$20,191
Office Clerks	1,362	1,336	792	771	-26	1,537	\$27,443
Nursing Assistants	1,304	1,293	789	656	-11	1,434	\$23,578
Customer Service Representatives	976	1,080	526	771	104	1,401	\$29,118
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	953	987	568	776	34	1,378	\$22,396
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,017	1,054	565	738	37	1,340	\$25,498
Maintenance and Repair Workers	1,253	1,338	528	720	85	1,333	\$34,517
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,131	1,207	431	787	76	1,294	\$35,267
General and Operations Managers	1,402	1,498	301	865	96	1,262	\$71,387
Construction Laborers	1,017	1,108	371	700	91	1,162	\$44,977
Elementary School Teachers	1,350	1,467	465	521	117	1,103	\$46,813

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