

# Missouri's Guide to Good Opportunities

Utilizing 2010–2012 Projections

Updated

## — Short-term Outlook

# TOP 30

Careers in Missouri with the best outlook between 2010–2012

	Occupation Title	Career Grade	Total Openings 2-Yr. Period	Entry Wage	Average Wage	Exp. Wage	WorkKeys® Scores			Education/Experience Typically Required
							AM	LI	RI	
— NOW —	Cashiers	C	9,321	\$16,529	\$19,081	\$20,357	4	4	4	Short-term OJT
	Waiters and Waitresses	C	6,132	\$16,246	\$19,318	\$20,855	3	4	3	Short-term OJT
	Retail Salespersons	B-	5,845	\$16,793	\$24,838	\$28,861	4	4	4	Short-term OJT
	Customer Service Representatives	B	4,261	\$19,967	\$30,672	\$36,025	4	4	4	Moderate-term OJT
	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	C	4,090	\$16,171	\$17,589	\$18,298	3	4	3	Short-term OJT
	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	D	2,435	\$16,994	\$25,492	\$29,740	3	4	3	Short-term OJT
	Office Clerks, General	B-	2,347	\$18,841	\$28,575	\$33,442	3	4	4	Short-term OJT
	Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	A-	2,209	\$25,459	\$38,452	\$44,949	3	4	3	Short-term OJT
	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	C	2,204	\$16,655	\$18,455	\$19,355	3	4	3	Short-term OJT
	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	B-	2,016	\$16,828	\$22,912	\$25,954	3	4	3	Short-term OJT
— NEXT —	Registered Nurses	A	2,819	\$41,099	\$59,142	\$68,163	4	4	5	Associate degree
	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	A-	1,890	\$28,227	\$58,073	\$72,995	5	4	5	Work experience in a related occ.
	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	A-	1,551	\$28,654	\$35,868	\$39,476	4	4	4	Postsecondary voc. award
	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	B+	1,416	\$24,021	\$37,057	\$43,574	5	4	5	Work experience in a related occ.
	Cooks, Restaurant	B-	1,375	\$17,008	\$21,430	\$23,641	4	4	4	Long-term OJT
	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Admin. Support Workers	A-	1,175	\$28,651	\$47,537	\$56,979	4	4	5	Work experience in a related occ.
	Insurance Sales Agents	A	760	\$23,955	\$55,225	\$70,860	5	5	6	Postsecondary voc. award
	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	B+	731	\$21,486	\$35,644	\$42,723	3	4	4	Postsecondary voc. award
	Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	A-	716	\$27,864	\$54,150	\$67,293	4	4	4	Work experience in a related occ.
	Electricians	A-	621	\$36,744	\$56,856	\$66,912	4	4	4	Long-term OJT
— LATER —	General and Operations Managers	B	2,239	\$43,357	\$92,266	\$116,720	5	5	5	Bachelor's or higher degree, +work exp.
	Accountants and Auditors	A+	1,470	\$35,249	\$59,985	\$72,353	6	5	5	Bachelor's degree
	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	B-	1,306	\$30,146	\$43,282	\$49,850	4	5	5	Bachelor's degree
	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	B-	1,168	\$30,003	\$44,068	\$51,100	3	4	4	Bachelor's degree
	Business Operations Specialists, All Other	C+	778	\$35,954	\$62,977	\$76,489	5	4	5	Bachelor's degree
	Public Relations Specialists	A	634	\$30,098	\$51,530	\$62,246	0	5	5	Bachelor's degree
	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	B	589	\$31,272	\$46,686	\$54,394	3	4	4	Bachelor's degree
	Computer Systems Analysts	A	569	\$50,101	\$75,587	\$88,330	5	5	5	Bachelor's degree
	Chief Executives	B	463	\$72,168	\$151,582	\$191,290	6	5	6	Bachelor's or higher degree, +work exp.
	Child, Family, and School Social Workers	B+	428	\$24,594	\$34,910	\$40,068	4	4	4	Bachelor's degree

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# TOP 25

# SHORT-TERM GREENS

	Occupation Title <i>(Green Core=♻️)</i>	Career Grade	Total Openings <i>2-Yr. Period</i>	Entry Wage	Avg. Wage	Exp. Wage	WorkKeys® Scores			Education/Experience <i>Typically Required</i>
							AM	LI	RI	
NOW	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	D	2,435	\$16,994	\$25,492	\$29,740	3	4	3	Short-term OJT
	Team Assemblers	B	1,788	\$19,068	\$28,580	\$33,336	4	4	4	Moderate-term OJT
	Construction Laborers	A-	558	\$23,976	\$39,800	\$47,711	3	4	3	Moderate-term OJT
	Production Workers, All Other Including Recycling & Reclamation Workers <i>♻️</i>	C	404	\$20,440	\$30,315	\$35,252	4	4	4	Moderate-term OJT
	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	B+	392	\$23,255	\$37,003	\$43,877	4	4	4	Moderate-term OJT
	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	C	260	\$28,554	\$43,984	\$51,699	3	4	4	Moderate-term OJT
	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	B+	247	\$31,778	\$50,356	\$59,645	3	4	3	Moderate-term OJT
	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	B-	238	\$20,378	\$28,437	\$32,467	4	4	4	Short-term OJT
	Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors <i>♻️</i>	C	198	\$19,182	\$27,713	\$31,979	3	3	3	Short-term OJT
NEXT	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	B+	731	\$21,486	\$35,644	\$42,723	3	4	4	Postsecondary voc. award
	Energy Brokers	A-	716	\$27,864	\$54,150	\$67,293	4	4	4	Work experience in a related occ.
	Electricians	A-	621	\$36,744	\$56,856	\$66,912	4	4	4	Long-term OJT
	Carpenters	B+	583	\$26,175	\$44,439	\$53,571	5	5	4	Long-term OJT
	Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters	B+	559	\$24,051	\$34,585	\$39,851	4	4	4	Postsecondary voc. award
	Compliance, Logistics, Regulatory Affairs, Supply Chain, Wind Energy Operations, Wind Energy Project, & Brownfield Redevelopment Site Mgrs.	B	446	\$49,111	\$89,809	\$110,158	5	5	5	Work experience in a related occ.
	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	A-	420	\$30,450	\$52,858	\$64,062	4	4	4	Long-term OJT
	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers Including Solar Energy Installation Managers <i>♻️</i>	A-	390	\$40,310	\$61,702	\$72,399	5	4	4	Work experience in a related occ.
	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	B+	309	\$30,307	\$44,703	\$51,901	4	5	4	Long-term OJT
	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	B+	306	\$26,666	\$41,081	\$48,289	4	5	4	Postsecondary voc. award
	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	B-	226	\$42,143	\$60,212	\$69,247	4	4	4	Long-term OJT
	Industrial, Biomass, Geothermal, and Hydroelectric Production Managers Including Methane/ Landfill Gas Collection System Operators	B+	213	\$52,745	\$87,263	\$104,521	5	5	5	Work experience in a related occ.
	LATER	Energy Auditors <i>♻️</i>	C+	778	\$35,954	\$62,977	\$76,489	5	4	5
Mechanical, Automotive and Fuel Cell Engineers		B+	250	\$52,769	\$77,404	\$89,722	7	6	6	Bachelor's degree
Electrical Engineers		B+	183	\$59,384	\$84,098	\$96,455	7	5	6	Bachelor's degree
Construction Managers		A-	171	\$53,861	\$89,404	\$107,176	6	5	5	Bachelor's degree

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