

# St. Louis Region Top Openings

2016-2026

The St. Louis region is projected to have over 1.3 million total 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 total openings, 5 are in the *Office and Administrative Support* major occupational group. The occupations of *Registered Nurses*, *General and Operations Managers*, and *Services Sales Representatives* all have large numbers of total openings, as well as average wages that are higher than the average wage for the St. Louis region.

Occupation	2016 Estimated Employment	2026 Projected Employment	Exit Openings	Transfer Openings	Growth Openings	Total Openings	Average Annual Wage
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	28,387	32,764	27,075	28,316	4,377	<b>59,768</b>	\$20,452
Cashiers	24,607	24,451	23,030	22,476	-156	<b>45,350</b>	\$22,695
Retail Salespersons	30,188	29,238	18,811	23,580	-950	<b>41,441</b>	\$28,407
Waiters and Waitresses	21,079	21,877	15,898	24,358	798	<b>41,054</b>	\$21,335
Personal Care Aides	19,093	26,401	18,154	13,675	7,308	<b>39,137</b>	\$22,461
Customer Service Representatives	24,437	25,429	12,746	18,705	992	<b>32,443</b>	\$36,990
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	29,927	27,779	15,543	15,119	-2,148	<b>28,514</b>	\$36,617
Janitors and Cleaners	18,555	20,760	12,797	12,367	2,205	<b>27,369</b>	\$25,501
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	17,880	18,719	9,066	15,646	839	<b>25,551</b>	\$32,638
Registered Nurses	33,616	39,328	10,442	7,929	5,712	<b>24,083</b>	\$66,267
Nursing Assistants	15,869	18,244	10,362	8,620	2,375	<b>21,357</b>	\$26,964
Office Clerks	16,557	16,231	9,620	9,374	-326	<b>18,668</b>	\$33,703
Cooks, Restaurant	11,171	12,163	6,836	9,334	992	<b>17,162</b>	\$24,582
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	12,831	13,276	7,127	9,299	445	<b>16,871</b>	\$28,551
General and Operations Managers	16,754	18,003	3,603	10,366	1,249	<b>15,218</b>	\$125,456
Childcare Workers	8,694	9,328	7,356	5,581	634	<b>13,571</b>	\$24,239
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	12,879	12,437	7,838	6,082	-442	<b>13,478</b>	\$41,176
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	8,689	9,364	4,044	8,612	675	<b>13,331</b>	\$32,378
Sales Representatives, Services	10,125	10,752	3,302	9,011	627	<b>12,940</b>	\$53,649
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	8,840	9,455	6,774	5,113	615	<b>12,502</b>	\$23,519

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