

Ozark Top Openings

2014-2024

The Ozark region is expected to have more than 90,000 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 include 4 Office and Administrative Support Occupations and 4 Food Preparation Occupations. “Retail Salespersons” and “Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers” are the occupations that are expected to have the greatest number of total openings, with over 4,000 total openings for each.

Occupation	2014 Est. Employment	2024 Proj. Employment	Growth Openings	Replacement Openings	Total Openings	Average 2015 Wage
Retail Salespersons	9,730	10,800	1,070	3,372	4,442	\$26,026
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	7,412	9,265	1,853	2,395	4,248	\$19,170
Waiters and Waitresses	5,279	6,027	748	2,540	3,288	\$18,142
Cashiers	6,121	6,673	552	2,604	3,156	\$19,533
Registered Nurses	5,614	7,216	1,602	1,325	2,927	\$54,819
Customer Service Representatives	4,508	5,531	1,023	1,110	2,133	\$29,875
Office Clerks, General	5,916	6,560	644	1,276	1,920	\$26,605
Nursing Assistants	4,015	5,016	1,001	907	1,908	\$23,229
General and Operations Managers	4,187	4,764	577	1,060	1,637	\$79,485
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	3,678	4,088	410	1,095	1,505	\$25,844
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	6,034	6,495	461	1,026	1,487	\$41,593
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	3,165	3,628	463	829	1,292	\$31,141
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	3,420	3,939	519	679	1,198	\$23,452
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	2,963	3,169	206	940	1,146	\$24,567
Cooks, Restaurant	2,104	2,657	553	557	1,110	\$21,020
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	1,950	2,384	434	579	1,013	\$29,996
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,569	2,960	391	613	1,004	\$19,413
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	2,975	3,290	315	665	980	\$39,279
Secretaries and Admin Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	4,681	5,148	467	493	960	\$28,828
Childcare Workers	1,793	2,086	293	529	822	\$19,218

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