

# St. Louis' Top Openings

2008-2010

St. Louis is projected to have more than 57,000 job openings from 2008 to 2010. During this time, the 20 occupations with the most projected total openings in the region include six food preparation and serving occupations and three occupations that are sales-related. Job openings are classified as "Growth" or "Replacement" openings. Growth openings are new jobs that are added to the economy, while replacement openings are vacancies created by worker mobility or retirements, but are not new jobs.

Cashiers are projected to have the most openings from 2008 to 2010, though all the openings are projected to be replacements. This occupation has a Grade D due to the lack of growth in the occupation, and lower than average wages. Elementary School Teachers, on the other hand, have almost as many openings due to growth as replacements indicating stronger future demand in that occupation in the state. The combination of its above average total openings, fast growth, and higher than average wages for Elementary School Teachers merit its Grade A- career outlook. Overall, nine of the 20 fastest growing occupations have a Grade A or B outlook in terms of having above average openings, growth, and wages.

SOC	Occupation	2008 Estimated Employment	2010 Projected Employment	Total Openings	Total Openings		Average Annual	Career Grade
					Openings Due to Growth	Openings Due to Replacements		
41-2011	Cashiers	25,990	25,510	3,288	0	3,288	\$17,720	D
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	22,890	22,870	2,713	0	2,713	\$16,870	C
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	33,860	33,800	2,320	0	2,320	\$24,520	B-
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	28,820	29,350	1,489	530	959	\$16,480	C+
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	34,440	34,130	1,267	0	1,267	\$26,320	B-
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	20,230	20,370	1,263	143	1,120	\$30,260	B
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	18,160	17,580	1,246	0	1,246	\$24,770	D
29-1111	Registered Nurses	23,880	24,380	1,138	497	641	\$54,710	A+
35-3022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	3,840	3,830	871	0	871	\$17,350	C
39-9011	Child Care Workers	11,170	11,260	783	95	688	\$18,550	C+
43-5081	<b>NEW!</b> Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	11,160	10,850	637	0	637	\$22,470	D
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	17,550	17,500	630	0	630	\$21,400	B-
35-9031	Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	3,070	3,070	628	2	626	\$16,910	C+
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing	14,900	14,710	620	0	620	\$57,180	A-
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	9,350	9,360	617	14	603	\$20,350	B
11-1021	<b>NEW!</b> General and Operations Managers	11,960	11,530	526	0	526	\$97,960	C+
25-2021	<b>NEW!</b> Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	7,070	7,310	524	243	281	\$42,020	A-
25-2031	<b>NEW!</b> Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Ed.	6,030	6,160	482	122	360	\$43,670	A-
35-9021	<b>NEW!</b> Dishwashers	4,130	4,120	475	0	475	\$16,530	C
35-9011	<b>NEW!</b> Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	3,570	3,570	436	5	431	\$16,280	C+

Data Sources: MERIC Short-term Occupational Projections, MERIC Occupational Employment and Wage Survey, and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Career Grades are assigned by analyzing an occupation's percent change, total openings and average wage relative to all other occupations in the region. An occupation's combination of scores on these three factors determines its grade.