REGION 6

CAREER & EDUCATION OUTLOOK

MEAN HOURLY WAGES BY EDUCATION LEVEL

- **BACHELOR’S DEGREE OR HIGHER**: $39.79
- **SOME COLLEGE TO ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE**: $15.85
- **HIGH SCHOOL OR LOWER***: $13.55

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS

**BACHELOR’S DEGREE OR HIGHER**

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**SOME COLLEGE TO ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE**

- Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists
- Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses
- Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- Registered Nurses
- Nursing Assistants
- Teacher Assistants

**BACHELOR’S DEGREE OR HIGHER**

- Home Health Aides
- Childcare Workers
- Industrial Machinery Mechanics
- Carpenters
- Agricultural Equipment Operators
- Team Assemblers
- Construction Laborers
- Meat, Poultry, & Fish Cutters & Trimmers
- Electricians
- Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers
OCCUPATIONS WITH THE MOST OPENINGS

BACHELOR’S DEGREE OR HIGHER

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<th>Occupational Title</th>
<th>Employment (L-R in order of significance)</th>
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Some College to Associate's Degree

- Cashiers: 1,520 jobs, $8.44 wage
- Retail Salespersons: 1,150 jobs, $8.46 wage
- Farmers, Ranchers, & Other Agricultural Managers: 3,110 jobs, $9.51 wage
- Waiters & Waitresses: 680 jobs, $9.10 wage
- Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers, Incl Fast Food: 595 jobs, $9.75 wage
- Janitors & Cleaners, Ex Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners: 940 jobs, $10.40 wage
- Bartenders: 635 jobs, $9.70 wage
- Team Assemblers: 715 jobs, $9.40 wage
- Meat, Poultry, & Fish Cutters & Trimmers: 525 jobs, $9.60 wage
- Secretaries & Admin Assistants, Ex Legal, Medical, & Executive: 715 jobs, $9.80 wage

Bachelor’s Degree or Higher

- Occupations were selected based on their education level, annual growth rate, total annual openings, and wages (residual or undefined occupations were not included).
- Employment: Estimated = Employment of labor force by occupation (rounded); Projected = Projection of future labor force by occupation (rounded); Annual Growth Rate (%) = Ten year growth rate (not shown) divided by ten.
- Annual Job Openings = New Jobs/Replacements = Ten year projection (not shown) divided by ten (rounded) and Total Openings = Annual New Jobs plus Annual Replacements (rounded).
- Education: DP = Doctoral or Professional degree; MA = Master's degree; BA = Bachelor's degree; BS = Associate's degree; PS = Postsecondary non-degree award; SC = Some college, no degree; HS = High school diploma or equivalent; < HS = Less than high school.
- Work Experience: > 5 = 5 years or more; < 5 = Less than 5 years; N = None.
- Job Training: Internship/residency; Apprenticeship; Long-term on-the-job training; Moderate-term on-the-job training; Short-term on-the-job training.
- Top Skills: Critical Thinking; Learning Strategies; Monitoring; Reading Comprehension; Social Skills; Social Perceptiveness; Judgment and Decision Making; Systems Evaluation; Systems Design; Systems Analysis; Technology Design; Troubleshooting.