

# In Demand Entry-Level Occupations

South Central Coast Regional Planning Unit

San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties

An entry-level occupation requires a high school diploma or equivalent or less.



## Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse

**30,700** TOTAL PROJECTED  
JOB OPENINGS

**\$15.28** MEDIAN  
HOURLY WAGE



## Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food

**17,310** TOTAL PROJECTED  
JOB OPENINGS

**\$15.87** MEDIAN  
HOURLY WAGE



## Waiters and Waitresses

**16,810** TOTAL PROJECTED  
JOB OPENINGS

**\$15.36** MEDIAN  
HOURLY WAGE



## Cashiers

**15,040** TOTAL PROJECTED  
JOB OPENINGS

**\$15.12** MEDIAN  
HOURLY WAGE



## Personal Care Aides

**14,360** TOTAL PROJECTED  
JOB OPENINGS

**\$15.24** MEDIAN  
HOURLY WAGE

**Source:** California Employment Development Department, Projections of Employment 2018-2028. Total projected job openings are the sum of numeric change, exits, and transfers. Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Survey, updated to first quarter of 2022.