

In Demand Entry-Level Occupations

Merced Metropolitan Statistical Area

Merced County

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



Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse

12,150 TOTAL PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS

***\$15.00** MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE



Personal Care Aides

5,740 TOTAL PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS

\$15.24 MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE



Cashiers

4,420 TOTAL PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS

***\$15.00** MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE



Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food

4,150 TOTAL PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS

***\$15.00** MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE



Retail Salespersons

3,780 TOTAL PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS

***\$15.00** 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.

Data Notes: *Hourly Wages have been rounded up to \$15.00 to reflect state minimum wage laws as of January 1, 2022.

Per the Bureau of Labor Statistics, some occupations are no longer being published separately and instead were published as aggregations. The median hourly wage for Personal Care Aides was aggregated into Home Health and Personal Care Aides. The median hourly wage for Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food was aggregated into Fast Food and Counter Workers.