

In Demand Entry-Level Occupations

Santa Cruz-Watsonville Metropolitan Statistical Area
Santa Cruz County

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



Cashiers

1,470 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS

\$10.79 MEDIAN
HOURLY WAGE



Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse

1,320 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS

\$9.68 MEDIAN
HOURLY WAGE



Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food

1,240 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS

\$9.53 MEDIAN
HOURLY WAGE



Retail Salespersons

1,210 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS

\$11.53 MEDIAN
HOURLY WAGE



Waiters and Waitresses

1,060 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS

\$11.09 MEDIAN
HOURLY WAGE

Source: California Employment Development Department, *Projections of Employment 2014-2024*. Total projected job openings are the sum of new and replacement job openings. Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Survey, updated to 1st Q, 2016.

Note: The median hourly wage estimate has been calculated using three years of data that included wages that were collected prior to the minimum wage increases as required by California state law.

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