In Demand Entry-Level Occupations

Salinas Metropolitan Statistical Area

Monterey County

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



Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse

73,870 TOTAL PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS

\$15.54 MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE



Cashiers

10,010 TOTAL PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS

\$15.43 MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE



Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food

8,760 TOTAL PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS

\$15.84 MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE



Waiters and Waitresses

8,390 TOTAL PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS

\$15.70 MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE



Personal Care Aides

7,660 TOTAL PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS

\$15.26 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 Note: 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.

