



Panhandle Region

'Hot' Job Prospects:

	2000 to 2010	
	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Customer Service Representatives	35.6%	56
Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers	32.1%	59
Retail Salespersons	6.6%	83
Waiters & Waitresses	17.6%	63
Computer Software Engineers, Applications	55.4%	21
Cashiers	12.2%	56
Registered Nurses	17.9%	27
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	13.4%	22
Social & Human Service Assistants	23.4%	18
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	13.9%	19
Teacher Assistants	11.7%	23
Telemarketers	20.0%	18
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession & Coffee Shop	8.8%	36
Farm, Ranch & Other Agricultural Managers	8.1%	17
Child Care Workers	51.1%	12
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	2.9%	31
Hosts & Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge & Coffee Shop	13.5%	16
General & Operations Managers	7.6%	16
Team Assemblers	24.8%	10
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	11.7%	14

The occupations with 'Hot' job prospects are identified by comparing all occupations in this region by both current and future opportunity for the 2000 to 2010 period. Current opportunity (annual openings) is valued higher than future opportunity (growth rate). The resulting top 20 'hottest' occupations are shown at left.

'Hot' occupations with average wage over \$35,000 (Dec. 2003):

- Farm, Ranch & Other Agricultural Managers (\$87,159)
- Computer Software Engineers, Applications (\$66,276)
- General & Operations Managers (\$61,659)
- Registered Nurses (\$42,030)

All are expected to grow faster than average (2.6%) for Panhandle region

Typically require postsecondary education:

- Farm, Ranch & Other Agricultural Managers
- General & Operations Managers
- Computer Software Engineers, Applications
- Registered Nurses