



Panhandle Region

Most Openings:

	<u>2000 to 2010</u>	
	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Percent</u>
	<u>Openings</u>	<u>Change</u>
Retail Salespersons	83	6.6%
Waiters & Waitresses	63	17.6%
Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers	59	32.1%
Customer Service Representatives	56	35.6%
Cashiers	56	12.2%
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession & Coffee Shop	36	8.8%
Farmers & Ranchers	33	-27.4%
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	31	2.9%
Registered Nurses	27	17.9%
Teacher Assistants	23	11.7%
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	22	13.4%
Computer Software Engineers, Applications	21	55.4%
Secondary School Teachers	19	3.3%
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	19	13.9%
Secretaries	19	-6.9%
Social & Human Service Assistants	18	23.4%
Telemarketers	18	20.0%
Farm, Ranch & Other Agricultural Managers	17	8.1%
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	17	-1.7%
General & Operations Managers	16	7.6%

The number of openings expected each year includes both growth and replacement openings. New positions created by businesses are growth openings. Rehires to replace workers who are promoted, retire or change careers are replacement openings. It is possible to have openings when growth is stagnant or even in decline – these would be replacement hires. Total openings expected annually in the Panhandle region: 1,387.

Expected growth and replacement openings for all occupations:

- Only one in ten openings (10%) are expected to be due to growth
- Annual growth of 141 new positions
- Annual replacement openings for 1,246 positions

Average growth rate expected for all occupations in the region is 2.6%

Three occupations expected to decline from 2000 to 2010:

- Farmers & Ranchers (loss of 1,584 jobs)
- Secretaries (loss of 77 positions)
- Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks (16 fewer jobs)

Typical education or experience:

- Half of these (10) require only short-term on-the-job experience
- Five of these require only moderate-term on-the-job experience
- Postsecondary education typical only for
 - Farm, Ranch & Other Agricultural Managers
 - Computer Software Engineers, Applications
 - Secondary School Teachers
 - Registered Nurses