

In Demand Entry-Level Occupations

North Central Coast Regional Planning Unit

Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties

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



Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse

82,710 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS

\$15.54 MEDIAN
HOURLY WAGE



Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food

17,020 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS

\$17.36 MEDIAN
HOURLY WAGE



Personal Care Aides

16,010 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS

\$15.26 MEDIAN
HOURLY WAGE



Cashiers

15,820 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS

\$15.43 MEDIAN
HOURLY WAGE



Waiters and Waitresses

13,010 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS

\$15.70 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.