

Figure 20.
Occupations by Employment and Wage, Louisiana, 2013

Occupation	Number of Jobs	Median Hourly Wage
Cashiers	70,820	\$8.75
Retail Salespersons	59,990	\$10.12
Registered Nurses	40,600	\$29.03
Laborers and Freight Movers, Hand	40,250	\$11.28
Office Clerks, General	39,170	\$10.58
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	38,060	\$13.34
Waiters and Waitresses	34,370	\$8.61
Food Preparation Workers	30,600	\$8.56
General and Operations Managers	30,040	\$40.94
Janitors and Cleaners	29,720	\$9.37
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	29,020	\$15.92
Personal Care Aides	26,550	\$8.57
Combined Food Prep, including Fast Food	24,760	\$8.55
Bookkeeping, Accounting Clerks	24,340	\$16.18
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing	23,920	\$23.62
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	23,880	\$17.67
Nursing Assistants	23,140	\$9.57
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	21,930	\$17.91
Customer Service Representatives	21,710	\$13.00
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	21,620	\$9.42

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Wage Survey – All Industries Combined, 2013

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In addition to those who were unemployed (8 percent) as defined by the official unemployment rate in 2013, there are many Louisiana residents who are underemployed — those who are employed part time for economic reasons or who have stopped looking for work but would like to work (12.7 percent). While unemployment started to improve in 2010, the underemployment rate has continued to rise since 2006, when the rate was only 4.5 percent (BLS, 2013).

Of those employed in Louisiana, 71 percent of men (794,859) and 61 percent of women (617,775) in the labor force work full time (defined as more than 35 hours per week, 50 to 52 weeks per year). However, 29 percent of men and 39 percent of women work part time (Figure 21). Jobs paying less than \$20 per hour are more likely to be part time. With women working more part-time jobs, their income is correspondingly lower than that of their male counterparts.