

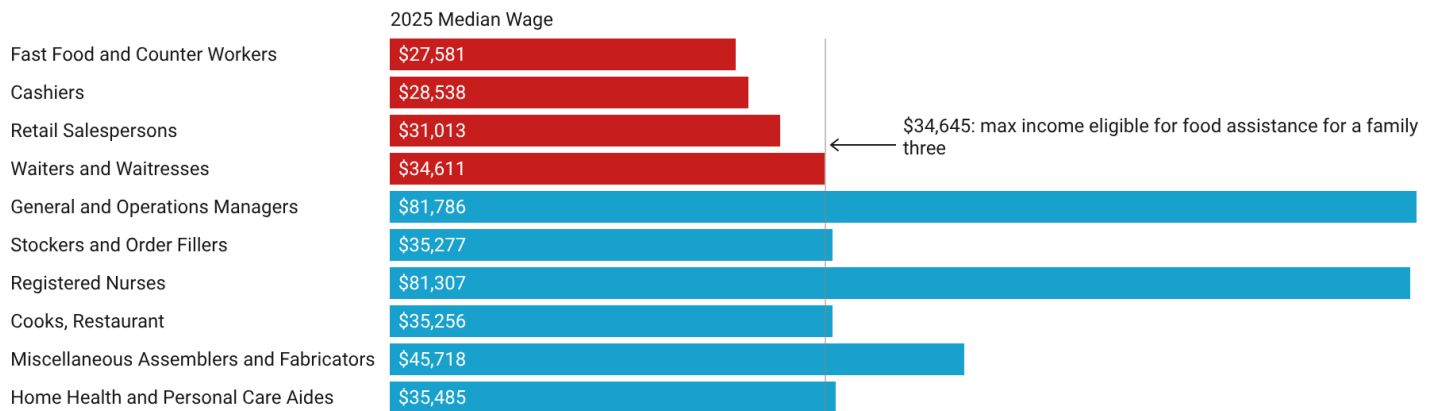
Still working for too little Sandusky MSA



Every employer should pay every employee at least enough to cover the basics. In Ohio, too many employers get away with paying a lot less: All of the 10 most common occupations in the Sandusky MSA paid their median worker less than the cost of living for a family of three in the area (\$87,455). Four of those occupations pay their median worker even less. 6,670 jobs in Sandusky pay their typical worker below the threshold for food assistance for a family of three; those occupations employ 11.5% of Sandusky workers.

4 of Sandusky top 10 occupations make too little

In order of number of jobs in the MSA



Largest detail occupations in MSA by employment. Red bar indicates annual income below 130% of poverty for a family of three in 2025, (\$34,645), the threshold for food assistance.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics; May 2025 • Created with Datawrapper

A more comprehensive table with the occupational estimates and wage statistics is available at the bottom of this document.

This report covers the 10 most common jobs in the Sandusky Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA),* ranked by number of jobs.

Sandusky has more jobs across all occupations than in 2024

Compared to 2024, Sandusky has 860 more jobs overall, with 620 more jobs across the top 10 occupations. While wages have increased nominally for most of the top occupations since 2024, six of those occupations saw wage decreases relative to the poverty line.

To ensure Ohio's economy works for everyone, policymakers should:

- [Raising the wage floor](#) with an indexed minimum wage of at least \$15 per hour.
- Supporting working people by [strengthening union protections](#).
- Shoring up the state budget by returning to a progressive income tax, where the wealthiest Ohioans and corporations pay their fair share.
- Fully funding the public goods that are the bedrock of shared economic prosperity, like education, childcare, health care, and a strong unemployment system.

* Sandusky MSA contains Erie and Ottawa counties with a population of 114,575.

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Sandusky jobs down in 2 out of 10 most common occupations

Changes in jobs and pay among jobs with greatest employment from 2024 to 2025

	Top 10 occupations 2025	2025 jobs	Change since 2024	Percent change since 2024	2025 median hourly pay	2025 median annual pay	2025 pay as % of poverty level	Percent change in pay since 2024
1	Fast Food and Counter Workers	2,070	20	1.0%	\$13.26	\$27,581	103%	-2.7%
2	Cashiers	1,690	-20	-1.2%	\$13.72	\$28,538	107%	-0.7%
3	Retail Salespersons	1,510	60	4.0%	\$14.91	\$31,013	116%	0.2%
4	Waiters and Waitresses	1,400	0	0.0%	\$16.64	\$34,611	130%	-0.6%
5	General and Operations Managers	1,380	120	8.7%	\$39.32	\$81,786	307%	3.2%
6	Stockers and Order Fillers	960	70	7.3%	\$16.96	\$35,277	132%	-4.6%
7	Registered Nurses	940	20	2.1%	\$39.09	\$81,307	305%	-5.2%
8	Cooks, Restaurant	910	-10	-1.1%	\$16.95	\$35,256	132%	0.3%
9	Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators	860	200	23.3%	\$21.98	\$45,718	172%	-3.2%
10	Home Health and Personal Care Aides	850	160	18.8%	\$17.06	\$35,485	133%	3.7%

Largest detail occupations in Ohio by employment. Median annual pay shown as a share of the poverty threshold for a family of three in 2025 (\$26,650). Red text indicates annual income below 130% of poverty for a family of three in 2025, (\$34,645), the threshold for food assistance. Orange text marks a decrease in jobs or wages. Percent change in pay since 2024 is given as a change in pay as a share of the poverty level for the year in which it was reported.

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