

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
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ST. LOUIS AREA

Digest of current job offers in St. Louis and Eastern half
of Missouri for period ending January 31, 1944...
Investigated and approved by WRA

Employment Summary

The labor situation in St. Louis has never been acute. However, it has always been felt that there were a reasonable number of opportunities in the St. Louis area for the evacuees willing to work.

On the whole, the people who have come out to this area have proven to be very satisfactory workers, and we find it is becoming increasingly easier to place other evacuees for this very reason. One thing the evacuee must keep in mind, however, is that the job that he might originally acquire may not be the one he specifically desires, but at least he is present and available for a better type position when and if the opportunity arises. As it frequently happens in this area, many evacuees have found other and better jobs entirely on their own without support from the WRA.

Housing and Living Costs...

Houses and apartments are not plentiful of course, but a higher standard of living prevails here than may be found in most other areas. The single resettler can live here very comfortably for approximately \$75 per month. A modest apartment for two people averages around \$40 per month furnished. Food will cost approximately 50¢ per day per person minimum if prepared at home. Hotel rooms may be had for as little as \$1 per day and sleeping rooms will average \$5 per week.

Industrial Offers For Men

Skilled and semi-skilled

Sheet metal worker	Two openings for heater company, \$1.25 an hour
Phonograph repairman	Must be mechanically inclined; to repair phonograph and pin ball machine, \$35 a week
Radiator Repairman	60¢ an hour for 40 hour week
Mechanics helpers	Two men to service cars and trucks, 65¢ an hour average \$35 a week.
Truck drivers	For work with rock quarry, 70¢ an hour

Unskilled

Two men to operate automatic can sealing machine in fish cannery. 60 to 80¢ an hour.

Two men to wash buses, change tires, etc., 55¢ an hour

Four men to cut wood operating power saw, axes, etc., two cords per day at \$2.50 per cord. Temporary work.

Part-time janitor in mortuary, dormitory plus small salary.

Twelve men for general nursery work, 50¢ an hour plus housing.
Four Niseis now employed; buy food and cook meals.

Clerical

Billing Machine Operator Man with typing ability for freight line
5:30 p.m. to 12:30, \$35 a week

Two girls who can type 40 to 50 words per minute to operate billing machines, paid \$30 to \$32.50 a week to start. One Nisei girl already employed.

Shipping Clerk Boys for shipping department of wholesale bakery to load and unload trucks, 55¢ hour.

Stenographer For Board of National Missions will start typist clerk or inexperienced steno at \$95 a month, more for experienced steno.

Domestic Work

Twelve openings for single girls averaging \$65 to \$80 a month for full time employment. Work may entail cooking, general housework, care of children, etc. Also possibilities of two girls working together (\$75 each).

Two part-time openings for school girls, \$25 a month to assist cooking and housework.

Four openings for couples, paying \$110 to \$150 a month.

Services

Industrial Offers for Women

Power Machine Operators 20 openings for girls, straight piece work with minimum guarantee. Present average is 78¢ to \$1.06 an hour. Learners pay 40 to 50¢ an hour.

Bobbin Winders Several girls to operate bobbin winding machines no experience, average \$25 a week. Also, girls as net riggers, \$25 a week.