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Macy's says it needs 7,000 more employees to work in its stores, after hiring 80,000 temporary workers to help with the holiday rush.

"Macy's has had a great start to this holiday season with high customer volume across our business. Due to the strong traffic in our stores, we are adding associates in our stores across the country to ensure that customers continue to receive the high level of service they have come to expect from us," John Harper, Macy's chief stores officer, said in a news release Friday.

In September, Macy's said it would hire 80,000 temporary employees for the holiday season, down from 83,000 in 2016. But it expected to put 18,000 of them to work filling online orders at warehouses and distribution centers that handle e-commerce sales, up from 15,000 the year before.

If Macy's fills the new round of openings, it will end up hiring more holiday workers this year, with growth coming from in-store roles.