



# Projected Growth Occupations by Educational Attainment for the Kansas City MSA, 2016–2026

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What level of education do you have now or plan to seek? These charts rank occupations that are projected to have the most growth over the next 10 years for each level of education, from less than high school diploma to advanced degrees.

## Less than High School Diploma

	Occupation	2016 Jobs	Annual Salary	Total Replacement Demand Next 10 Years	Total Growth Demand Next 10 Years	Total Demand in 10 Years
1	Retail Salespersons	33,696	\$24,200	12,372	2,594	14,966
2	Cashiers	25,023	\$20,500	10,956	380	11,336
3	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	23,247	\$19,100	7,686	1,437	9,123
4	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	19,279	\$28,700	6,278	1,086	7,364
5	Waiters and Waitresses	18,440	\$19,900	9,104	308	9,412
6	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	15,884	\$26,700	3,217	806	4,023
7	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	13,684	\$25,800	4,707	730	5,437
8	Personal Care Aides	11,092	\$21,400	1,263	2,746	4,009
9	Cooks, Restaurant	8,321	\$22,500	2,391	1,083	3,474
10	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	8,152	\$26,800	1,921	535	2,456

## High School Diploma or GED

	Occupation	2016 Jobs	Annual Salary	Total Replacement Demand Next 10 Years	Total Growth Demand Next 10 Years	Total Demand in 10 Years
1	Customer Service Representatives	21,774	\$35,500	5,776	1,894	7,670
2	Office Clerks, General	22,520	\$32,000	4,930	650	5,580
3	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	10,840	\$39,600	2,989	509	3,498
4	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	11,688	\$67,400	2,412	890	3,302
5	Childcare Workers	7,115	\$20,100	2,750	431	3,181
6	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	9,346	\$37,000	2,524	551	3,075
7	Team Assemblers	12,202	\$43,300	2,894	64	2,958
8	Receptionists and Information Clerks	7,773	\$29,300	2,103	676	2,779
9	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	11,291	\$56,100	1,732	814	2,546
10	Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	7,306	\$61,200	1,889	647	2,536



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## Associate's Degree

	Occupation	2016 Jobs	Annual Salary	Total Replacement Demand Next 10 Years	Total Growth Demand Next 10 Years	Total Demand in 10 Years
1	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	3,021	\$25,400	854	159	1,013
2	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	1,590	\$40,400	365	301	666
3	Web Developers	1,339	\$58,900	243	377	620
4	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	2,124	\$48,300	455	123	578
5	Dental Hygienists	1,349	\$70,400	214	245	459
6	Radiologic Technologists	1,754	\$54,900	310	133	443
7	Computer Network Support Specialists	1,630	\$61,700	222	143	365
8	Physical Therapist Assistants	521	\$52,000	162	179	341
9	Respiratory Therapists	1,019	\$52,000	231	89	320
10	Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other	440	\$44,200	227	33	260

## Bachelor's degree

	Occupation	2016 Jobs	Annual Salary	Total Replacement Demand Next 10 Years	Total Growth Demand Next 10 Years	Total Demand in 10 Years
1	Registered Nurses	21,791	\$63,300	5,062	2,612	7,674
2	General and Operations Managers	16,615	\$110,900	4,454	1,170	5,624
3	Managers, All Other	6,384	\$108,000	3,882	466	4,348
4	Accountants and Auditors	10,364	\$69,600	3,065	1,102	4,167
5	Software Developers, Applications	7,010	\$94,100	1,187	1,501	2,688
6	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	9,251	\$49,600	1,968	455	2,423
7	Management Analysts	6,306	\$89,200	1,164	886	2,050
8	Computer Systems Analysts	5,409	\$84,100	782	1,205	1,987
9	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	6,373	\$47,300	1,517	317	1,834
10	Personal Financial Advisors	2,340	\$119,600	834	782	1,616



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## Master's degree

	Occupation	2016 Jobs	Annual Salary	Total Replacement Demand Next 10 Years	Total Growth Demand Next 10 Years	Total Demand in 10 Years
1	Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	1,565	\$96,700	478	77	555
2	Nurse Practitioners	923	\$91,200	252	295	547
3	Healthcare Social Workers	1,111	\$52,800	281	175	456
4	Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	1,509	\$49,800	332	95	427
5	Speech-Language Pathologists	890	\$68,600	245	167	412
6	Mental Health Counselors	920	\$42,100	213	178	391
7	Physician Assistants	685	\$104,400	161	192	353
8	Occupational Therapists	769	\$74,000	152	168	320
9	Education Administrators, Postsecondary	597	\$85,100	188	33	221
10	Rehabilitation Counselors	669	\$37,400	149	64	213

## Doctoral degree or professional degree

	Occupation	2016 Jobs	Annual Salary	Total Replacement Demand Next 10 Years	Total Growth Demand Next 10 Years	Total Demand in 10 Years
1	Lawyers	5,589	\$119,300	1,052	374	1,426
2	Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	2,616	\$182,700	746	379	1,125
3	Physical Therapists	1,396	\$77,200	388	392	780
4	Pharmacists	2,091	\$117,500	481	57	538
5	Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	943	\$68,100	301	166	467
6	Family and General Practitioners	988	\$175,600	319	80	399
7	Dentists, General	824	\$163,100	225	171	396
8	Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	644	\$104,300	206	60	266
9	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	709	\$104,000	127	127	254
10	Optometrists	321	\$134,600	154	81	235

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