



Fastest Growing Occupations

In the Kansas City MSA, 2015–2016

	Occupation	2015 Jobs	2016 Jobs	Net Job Growth	Median Hourly Earnings	Openings*
1	Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners	41,632	42,602	970	\$44.09	1,893
2	Other Personal Care and Service Workers	27,812	28,430	618	\$9.91	1,197
3	Nursing, Psychiatric, and Home Health Aides	17,029	17,632	603	\$11.18	960
4	Food and Beverage Serving Workers	51,490	52,008	518	\$8.89	2,773
5	Health Technologists and Technicians	22,555	23,058	503	\$20.12	978
6	Computer Occupations	35,561	36,061	500	\$34.68	1,125
7	Preschool, Primary, Secondary, and Special Education School Teachers	30,558	31,005	447	\$21.85	1,212
8	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	31,147	31,493	346	\$17.49	777
9	Information and Record Clerks	46,639	46,939	300	\$15.54	1,693
10	Financial Specialists	25,186	25,481	295	\$28.92	1,022
11	Business Operations Specialists	36,474	36,742	268	\$30.56	1,011
12	Financial Clerks	28,015	28,275	260	\$16.90	858
13	Other Healthcare Support Occupations	10,587	10,834	247	\$14.93	475
14	Counselors, Social Workers, and Other Community and Social Service Specialists	11,965	12,202	237	\$19.27	520
15	Sales Representatives, Services	21,108	21,343	235	\$26.01	898
16	Building Cleaning and Pest Control Workers	25,033	25,258	225	\$10.61	794
17	Cooks and Food Preparation Workers	22,143	22,366	223	\$9.98	732
18	Engineers	10,764	10,971	207	\$39.17	526
19	Other Education, Training, and Library Occupations	9,955	10,106	151	\$13.22	367
20	Postsecondary Teachers	6,228	6,369	141	\$29.32	238
21	Top Executives	21,521	21,658	137	\$47.99	579
22	Other Teachers and Instructors	9,110	9,246	136	\$15.85	304
23	Material Moving Workers	31,494	31,629	135	\$12.33	1,196
24	Operations Specialties Managers	12,129	12,234	105	\$46.05	357
25	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing	15,171	15,274	103	\$30.21	436
26	Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	9,733	9,834	101	\$24.06	341
27	Grounds Maintenance Workers	8,752	8,853	101	\$12.01	357
28	Retail Sales Workers	54,365	54,464	99	\$9.78	2,476
29	Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	7,348	7,442	94	\$13.92	300
30	Motor Vehicle Operators	32,398	32,483	85	\$16.56	799

Source: Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI)

*Note about the data: Net job growth only measures new jobs added, while job opening totals also reflect turnover in existing positions. For example, an occupation might change from 1,000 jobs in 2011 to 1,100 jobs in 2012 (net growth of 100 jobs) but have 500 openings — 100 from net growth and 400 from filling positions that were open because of turnover.