



# Projected Growth Occupations

## Kansas City MSA, 2016–2026

| Occupation  | 2016 Jobs | 2026 Jobs | Net Job Growth | Total Job Openings* | Annual Job Openings* |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners                                  | 38,323    | 43,654    | 5,331          | 14,761              | 1,476                |
| 2 Computer Occupations  | 35,663    | 40,652    | 4,989          | 10,557              | 1,056                |
| 3 Construction Trades Workers   | 34,929    | 38,744    | 3,815          | 10,771              | 1,077                |
| 4 Other Personal Care and Service Workers                                       | 23,691    | 27,395    | 3,704          | 9,018               | 902                  |
| 5 Nursing, Psychiatric and Home Health Aides                                    | 17,646    | 21,350    | 3,704          | 7,683               | 768                  |
| 6 Retail Sales Workers  | 63,050    | 66,349    | 3,299          | 27,579              | 2,758                |
| 7 Health Technologists and Technicians  | 21,903    | 24,915    | 3,012          | 7,159               | 716                  |
| 8 Information and Record Clerks   | 43,145    | 46,023    | 2,878          | 14,117              | 1,412                |
| 9 Business Operations Specialist  | 36,925    | 39,727    | 2,802          | 10,177              | 1,018                |
| 10 Financial Specialist   | 24,316    | 26,846    | 2,530          | 9,286               | 929                  |
| 11 Food and Beverage Serving Workers  | 50,038    | 52,483    | 2,445          | 23,252              | 2,325                |
| 12 Other Healthcare Support Occupations   | 11,629    | 13,87     | 2,247          | 4,733               | 473                  |
| 13 Material Moving Workers  | 33,172    | 34,795    | 1,623          | 12,019              | 1,202                |
| 14 Motor Vehicle Operators  | 33,702    | 35,203    | 1,501          | 7,633               | 763                  |
| 15 Other Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations                      | 20,208    | 21,692    | 1,484          | 6,732               | 673                  |
| 16 Preschool, Primary, Secondary, and Special Education School Teachers         | 28,915    | 30,349    | 1,434          | 7,991               | 799                  |
| 17 Sales Representatives, Services  | 18,047    | 19,472    | 1,425          | 6,459               | 646                  |
| 18 Counselors, Social workers and Other Community and Social Service Specialist | 12,431    | 13,824    | 1,393          | 4,173               | 417                  |
| 19 Building Cleaning and Pest Control Workers                                   | 23,728    | 23,113    | 1,385          | 6,713               | 671                  |
| 20 Cooks and Food Preparation Workers   | 22,896    | 24,235    | 1,339          | 8,161               | 816                  |
| 21 Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing                           | 14,500    | 15,664    | 1,164          | 4,117               | 412                  |
| 22 Operations Specialties Managers  | 14,127    | 15,269    | 1,142          | 4,389               | 439                  |
| 23 Top Executives   | 19,285    | 20,356    | 1,071          | 6,071               | 607                  |
| 24 Other Management Occupations   | 26,643    | 27,572    | 929            | 12,136              | 1,214                |
| 25 Other Teachers and Instructors   | 9,665     | 10,510    | 845            | 2,989               | 299                  |
| 26 Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers                     | 11,234    | 12,066    | 832            | 2,557               | 256                  |
| 27 Engineers  | 13,217    | 14,002    | 785            | 4,505               | 451                  |
| 28 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants                                    | 29,267    | 30,008    | 741            | 3,862               | 386                  |
| 29 Postsecondary Teachers   | 6,856     | 7,594     | 738            | 1,944               | 194                  |
| 30 Supervisors of Sales Workers   | 13,995    | 14,701    | 706            | 4,316               | 432                  |

Source: JobsEQ

\*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 2016 to 1,100 jobs in 2026 (net growth of 100 jobs) but have 500 openings — 100 from net growth and 400 from filling positions that were open because of turnover.