



# Fastest Growing Occupations

In the Kansas City MSA, 2018–2019

Occupation	2018 Jobs	2019 Jobs	Net Job Growth	Total Annual Demand*	Average Annual Wages
1 Material Moving Workers	34,464	35,992	1,528	5,315	\$31,100
2 Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners	43,144	44,174	1,030	2,748	\$95,100
3 Computer Occupations	41,515	42,488	973	3,541	\$79,900
4 Motor Vehicle Operators	34,443	35,084	641	4,075	\$39,800
5 Construction Trades Workers	38,020	38,577	557	4,340	\$53,400
6 Building Cleaning and Pest Control Workers	22,126	22,650	524	3,190	\$25,900
7 Business Operations Specialists	40,697	41,158	461	4,264	\$71,400
8 Health Technologists and Technicians	23,647	24,093	446	1,909	\$45,600
9 Material Recording, Scheduling, Dispatching, and Distributing Workers	31,527	31,901	374	3,502	\$35,100
10 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	32,835	33,179	344	3,247	\$39,100
11 Food and Beverage Serving Workers	50,872	51,214	342	10,190	\$21,200
12 Nursing, Psychiatric, and Home Health Aides	15,243	15,523	280	2,094	\$26,600
13 Other Management Occupations	26,071	26,349	278	2,252	\$94,800
14 Counselors, Social Workers, and Other Community and Social Service Specialists	12,285	12,541	256	1,615	\$43,200
15 Other Production Occupations	17,842	18,078	236	2,115	\$36,900
16 Cooks and Food Preparation Workers	23,470	23,698	228	3,675	\$23,000
17 Operations Specialties Managers	14,485	14,711	226	1,329	\$118,900
18 Top Executives	19,600	19,824	224	1,759	\$123,100
19 Preschool, Primary, Secondary, and Special Education School Teachers	28,104	28,321	217	2,326	\$53,100
20 Metal Workers and Plastic Workers	10,314	10,531	217	1,038	\$41,700
21 Other Office and Administrative Support Workers	26,291	26,506	215	2,919	\$33,800
22 Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	12,670	12,874	204	1,327	\$44,200
23 Other Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	20,787	20,965	178	2,208	\$45,100
24 Other Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers	10,056	10,218	162	1,946	\$20,500
25 Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers	3,405	3,565	160	402	\$54,700
26 Financial Specialists	25,790	25,949	159	2,423	\$73,100
27 Engineers	12,828	12,987	159	1,006	\$88,000
28 Other Personal Care and Service Workers	27,227	27,381	154	5,032	\$24,600
29 Animal Care and Service Workers	1,968	2,080	112	370	\$23,600
30 Other Protective Service Workers	10,095	10,184	89	1,610	\$33,400

Source: JobsEQ

\*Note about the data: Net job growth only measures new jobs added, while total demand 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.



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