



Projected Growth Occupations by Educational Attainment for the Kansas City MSA, 2020–2030

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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 a high school diploma or GED to advanced degrees.

High School Diploma or GED

	Occupation	2020 Jobs	Average Annual Salary	10-year Labor Demand Forecast		
				Growth Demand	Replacement Demand	Total Demand
1	First-line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	3,804	\$73,100	346	3,755	4,101
2	Social and Human Service Assistants	1,888	\$34,100	343	2,386	2,729
3	Receptionists and Information Clerks	7,151	\$29,200	329	9,325	9,653
4	Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	2,115	\$23,400	320	3,353	3,674
5	Childcare Workers	6,996	\$22,600	297	10,255	10,552
6	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	3,260	\$52,500	292	3,655	3,948
7	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	2,183	\$41,900	269	3,800	4,070
8	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	2,322	\$37,300	253	2,624	2,877
9	Helpers--Production Workers	2,163	\$30,900	240	3,378	3,618
10	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	15,580	\$28,200	235	19,736	19,971

Postsecondary non-degree award

	Occupation	2020 Jobs	Average Annual Salary	10-year Labor Demand Forecast		
				Growth Demand	Replacement Demand	Total Demand
1	Medical Assistants	4322	34500	877	4925	5801
2	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	16835	47400	844	18063	18908
3	Nursing Assistants	12966	27300	802	14894	15696
4	Phlebotomists	1402	34400	357	1571	1928
5	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	4488	27100	339	5421	5760
6	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	2737	51300	335	2738	3073
7	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	5071	45900	323	3642	3965
8	Dental Assistants	2273	39500	240	2562	2801
9	Massage Therapists	932	32300	203	1030	1233
10	Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	1925	43300	173	1178	1351



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Associate's Degree

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1	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	2,376	\$53,100	259	2,487	2,746
2	Respiratory Therapists	1,140	\$57,400	202	576	778
3	Web Developers	1,391	\$71,900	194	1,034	1,227
4	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	2,970	\$27,900	184	2,925	3,110
5	Physical Therapist Assistants	752	\$54,500	166	969	1,135
6	Dental Hygienists	1,588	\$70,700	163	960	1,122
7	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	779	\$32,800	148	641	789
8	Computer Network Support Specialists	1,620	\$59,100	143	1,196	1,339
9	Radiologic Technologists	1,830	\$57,100	133	961	1,094
10	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	592	\$74,800	112	326	439

Bachelor's degree

	Occupation	2020 Jobs	Average Annual Salary	10-year Labor Demand Forecast		
				Growth Demand	Replacement Demand	Total Demand
1	Software Developers, Applications	8059	87400	2239	5678	7918
2	Registered Nurses	25201	67300	2175	13315	15490
3	General and Operations Managers	17496	109900	1194	14589	15783
4	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	5294	67400	1108	5540	6649
5	Management Analysts	5477	88100	735	4874	5609
6	Accountants and Auditors	11077	68200	703	10009	10712
7	Computer Systems Analysts	5913	80200	695	3921	4616
8	Financial Managers	3731	139400	614	2877	3492
9	Business Operations Specialists, All Other	7254	81400	467	6635	7102
10	Computer and Information Systems Managers	3191	126500	420	2465	2885



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Master's degree

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1	Nurse Practitioners	1565	110000	410	833	1243
2	Speech-Language Pathologists	1048	72100	265	571	836
3	Physician Assistants	645	110200	189	377	566
4	Healthcare Social Workers	1451	53700	188	1531	1719
5	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	727	41500	142	789	931
6	Occupational Therapists	915	76200	129	475	604
7	Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	1792	52700	97	1867	1965
8	Statisticians	279	89000	81	229	309
9	Rehabilitation Counselors	591	40400	73	636	709
10	Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	1788	94200	61	1341	1402

Doctoral degree or professional degree

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1	Lawyers	5551	122600	290	2382	2673
2	Physical Therapists	1673	78600	281	716	997
3	Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	2809	202700	181	749	930
4	Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	865	78100	123	579	702
5	Veterinarians	651	91700	118	245	364
6	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	568	140700	102	458	560
7	Family and General Practitioners	1177	230500	93	316	408
8	Dentists, General	840	181400	62	225	287
9	Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	693	77300	48	584	633
10	Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	258	75900	28	202	231

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