

Kansas City Region Fastest Growing Occupations

2017-2019

The Kansas City Region is projected to have a net increase of more than 14,000 jobs between 2017 and 2019. This net increase in jobs results in growth openings, which occur when an occupation grows between the base year and projected year. Of the top 20 occupations that are projected to have the highest percentage growth in the Kansas City region, 4 each are in the *Computer and Mathematical* and *Construction and Extraction* occupation groups. Most of the top 20 fastest growing occupations have average wages that are higher than the average wage for all occupations.

Occupation	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Net Increase	Percent Increase	Average Annual Wage
Software Developers, Applications	5,263	5,803	540	10.26%	\$97,445
Information Security Analysts	845	918	73	8.64%	\$84,495
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	477	516	39	8.18%	\$64,945
Veterinarians	458	494	36	7.86%	\$102,699
Personal Care Aides	7,941	8,510	569	7.17%	\$21,806
Home Health Aides	978	1,048	70	7.16%	\$25,592
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	2,656	2,836	180	6.78%	\$67,360
Electrical Engineers	1,013	1,079	66	6.52%	\$93,000
Software Developers, Systems Software	1,341	1,428	87	6.49%	\$94,309
Heating, AC, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	1,506	1,600	94	6.24%	\$53,976
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	13,618	14,450	832	6.11%	\$20,052
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	1,244	1,320	76	6.11%	\$43,942
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	1,984	2,099	115	5.80%	\$51,947
Architectural and Civil Drafters	553	585	32	5.79%	\$52,984
Roofers	740	782	42	5.68%	\$52,110
Computer Systems Analysts	3,284	3,470	186	5.66%	\$91,331
Computer and Information Systems Managers	2,076	2,193	117	5.64%	\$129,244
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	1,694	1,789	95	5.61%	\$55,740
Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	1,063	1,122	59	5.55%	\$23,498
Construction Managers	1,473	1,554	81	5.50%	\$116,382

Only includes occupations with a net increase of 30 or more. Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Division of Occupational Employment Statistics (OES). Occupational projections developed by the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC).



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