

Kansas City Region Top Openings

2017-2019

The Kansas City region is projected to have over 146,000 total job openings between 2017 and 2019. Total openings comprise growth openings, exit openings, and transfer openings. Growth openings are the result of an occupation growing between the base year and the projected year. Exit openings occur when a worker leaves the workforce entirely, such as retirement. Transfer openings occur when a worker leaves their occupation for a different one.

Of the top 20 occupations in the Kansas City region with the most total openings, 5 are in the *Office and Administrative Support* occupation group. The occupations of *General and Operations Managers*, *Registered Nurses*, and *Accountants and Auditors* all have large numbers of projected total openings, as well as having average wages that are higher than the average wage for all occupations in the Kansas City region.

Occupation	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Exit Openings	Transfer Openings	Growth Openings	Total Openings	Average Annual Wage
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	13,618	14,450	2,485	2,599	832	5,916	\$20,052
Cashiers	13,731	13,866	2,591	2,529	135	5,255	\$22,010
Retail Salespersons	16,372	16,646	2,090	2,620	274	4,984	\$26,842
Waiters and Waitresses	11,547	12,015	1,744	2,672	468	4,884	\$21,903
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	14,995	14,963	1,614	1,570	-32	3,152	\$35,456
Customer Service Representatives	11,265	11,382	1,158	1,699	117	2,974	\$35,105
Personal Care Aides	7,941	8,510	1,313	989	569	2,871	\$21,806
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	7,659	7,790	765	1,321	131	2,217	\$29,979
Office Clerks	9,020	9,082	1,062	1,035	62	2,159	\$32,385
Janitors and Cleaners	7,084	7,256	934	902	172	2,008	\$27,294
General and Operations Managers	10,096	10,402	425	1,223	306	1,954	\$108,631
Registered Nurses	14,091	14,507	819	622	416	1,857	\$65,074
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	8,107	8,220	692	1,026	113	1,831	\$44,849
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	6,599	6,715	727	948	116	1,791	\$26,206
Cooks, Restaurant	5,299	5,563	636	869	264	1,769	\$25,113
Team Assemblers	7,714	7,561	652	1,106	-153	1,605	\$39,370
Accountants and Auditors	7,566	7,817	454	885	251	1,590	\$68,404
Childcare Workers	4,718	4,874	783	594	156	1,533	\$21,737
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	6,588	6,636	819	635	48	1,502	\$39,817
Nursing Assistants	6,087	6,174	745	620	87	1,452	\$27,521

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