

Kansas City Top Openings

2014-2024

Missouri’s Kansas City region is expected to have more than 170,000 total job openings between 2014 and 2024. This includes openings created by new job growth, as well as those created through the need for replacement workers. Replacement openings occur due to retirement, turnover, or transferring to another occupation.

During this projected period, the 20 occupations with the greatest number of total openings include 4 Office and Administrative Support Occupations and 3 Food Preparation and Serving Occupations. The occupation that is expected to have the greatest number of total openings between 2014 and 2024 is “Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers”, with over 6,000 total openings expected.

Occupation	2014 Est. Employment	2024 Proj. Employment	Growth Openings	Replacement Openings	Total Openings	Average 2015 Wage
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	15,568	17,167	1,599	5,031	6,630	\$19,026
Retail Salespersons	15,194	15,692	498	5,266	5,764	\$23,585
Waiters and Waitresses	11,460	11,684	224	5,514	5,738	\$20,315
Cashiers	12,844	13,095	251	5,465	5,716	\$20,778
Registered Nurses	12,212	13,760	1,548	2,881	4,429	\$63,941
Customer Service Representatives	10,431	11,483	1,052	2,569	3,621	\$34,920
General and Operations Managers	11,279	11,962	683	2,855	3,538	\$106,351
Office Clerks, General	11,324	11,478	154	2,442	2,596	\$32,759
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	7,116	7,354	238	2,259	2,497	\$25,609
Team Assemblers	5,856	7,056	1,200	1,258	2,458	\$45,734
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	7,028	7,286	258	2,092	2,350	\$29,511
Nursing Assistants	6,993	7,620	627	1,580	2,207	\$25,633
Accountants and Auditors	6,109	6,597	488	1,630	2,118	\$71,550
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	7,829	8,340	511	1,555	2,066	\$27,031
Cooks, Restaurant	5,015	5,687	672	1,327	1,999	\$22,885
Personal Care Aides	4,865	6,278	1,413	393	1,806	\$20,773
Childcare Workers	4,027	4,582	555	1,188	1,743	\$20,041
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	4,990	5,288	298	1,308	1,606	\$35,751
Construction Laborers	4,887	5,515	628	975	1,603	\$41,653
Secretaries and Admin Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, Executive	11,666	11,931	265	1,230	1,495	\$34,380

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