

Kansas City's Fastest Growing Occupations 2009-2011

Kansas City is projected to have just less than 32,000 job openings from 2009 to 2011. During this time, the 20 occupations with the fastest projected growth in the region include three management and marketing-related occupations and three occupations that are recreation and leisure related. Sixteen of the top 20 fastest growing occupations are new to the list. Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts are projected to grow the most rapidly, increasing by 10.79 percent from 2009 to 2011.

Seventeen of the 20 fastest growing occupations have a Grade A or B outlook in terms of having above average openings, growth and wages. (Kansas City's top 20 fastest growing occupations were identified as those with the highest percent change from 2009-2011 with a minimum of ten average annual openings.)

Occupation	2009 Estimated Employment	2011 Projected Employment	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Average Annual Wage	Career Grade
Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	1,190	1,310	10.79%	83	\$80,020	A+
NEW! Home Health Aides	2,310	2,510	8.93%	122	\$21,240	B
NEW! Entertainment Attendants and Related Workers, All Other	280	310	8.48%	32	\$20,720	C
Personal and Home Care Aides	3,060	3,310	8.18%	158	\$19,330	C+
NEW! Public Address System and Other Announcers	150	160	7.95%	10	\$44,960	B+
NEW! Operations Research Analysts	190	200	6.45%	11	\$65,100	A-
Pharmacy Technicians	2,130	2,250	5.79%	108	\$23,400	B
NEW! Marketing Managers	550	580	5.69%	28	\$111,420	A-
NEW! Compliance Officers, Except Ag., Construction, Safety, & Trans.	1,150	1,220	5.65%	41	\$54,810	A
NEW! Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers	780	820	5.53%	93	\$18,650	C+
NEW! Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists	490	510	5.36%	25	\$55,820	A-
NEW! Purchasing Managers	190	200	5.32%	10	\$100,390	A-
NEW! Financial Examiners	240	250	4.98%	10	\$81,240	A-
NEW! Dancers	240	250	4.98%	18	\$30,120	B-
NEW! Employment, Recruitment, and Placement Specialists	680	720	4.98%	34	\$44,080	B+
Computer Software Engineers, Applications	2,000	2,090	4.71%	60	\$74,990	A+
NEW! Market Research Analysts	810	850	4.58%	40	\$67,730	A+
NEW! Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	330	340	4.57%	18	\$26,050	B-
NEW! Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	6,670	6,980	4.57%	208	\$24,060	B
NEW! Training and Development Specialists	930	980	4.50%	45	\$48,180	A-

Data Sources: MERIC Short-term Occupational Projections, MERIC Occupational Employment and Wage Survey, and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Career Grades are assigned by analyzing an occupation's percent change, total openings and average wage relative to all other occupations in the region. An occupation's combination of scores on these three factors determines its grade.

