

Kansas City's Top Openings

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 most projected total openings in the region include four food preparation and serving occupations and three occupations that are sales-related. Job openings are classified as "Growth" or "Replacement" openings. Growth openings are new jobs that are added to the economy, while replacement openings are vacancies created by worker mobility or retirements, but are not new jobs.

Cashiers are projected to have the most openings from 2009 to 2011, though almost all the openings are projected to be replacements. This occupation has a Grade C+ due to the lack of growth in the occupation, and lower than average wages. Registered Nurses, on the other hand, have more openings due to growth than replacements indicating strong future demand in that occupation in the region. The combination of its above average total openings, fast growth, and higher than average wages for Registered Nurses merit its Grade A career outlook. Overall, twelve of the 20 fastest growing occupations have a Grade A or B outlook in terms of having above average openings, growth, and wages.

SOC	Occupation	2009 Estimated Employment	2011 Projected Employment	Total Openings	Total Openings		Average Annual Wage	Career Grade
					Openings Due to Growth	Openings Due to Replacement		
41-2011	Cashiers	13,230	13,510	1,847	277	1,570	\$18,640	C+
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	15,250	15,840	1,498	595	903	\$26,630	B
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	10,030	10,030	1,172	0	1,172	\$19,030	C
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	16,110	16,430	875	317	558	\$17,450	C+
29-1111	Registered Nurses	11,540	11,980	764	434	330	\$59,040	A
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	8,270	8,440	681	171	510	\$33,050	B
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	6,090	6,290	490	197	293	\$22,430	B
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	7,260	7,110	490	0	490	\$27,940	D
31-1012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	6,670	6,980	415	305	110	\$24,060	B
35-3022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, & Coffee Shop	1,660	1,670	404	7	397	\$18,630	C
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	15,510	15,440	403	0	403	\$30,320	B-
53-3032	NEW! Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	6,750	6,880	348	128	220	\$40,520	A-
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	6,070	5,960	333	0	333	\$101,650	B
39-9011	Child Care Workers	4,350	4,410	329	59	270	\$20,330	C
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	9,190	9,060	326	0	326	\$22,640	B-
41-1011	NEW! First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	4,660	4,790	317	128	189	\$40,490	A-
29-2061	NEW! Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	3,320	3,430	316	111	205	\$36,560	A-
39-9021	NEW! Personal and Home Care Aides	3,060	3,310	315	250	65	\$19,330	C+
13-2011	NEW! Accountants and Auditors	5,710	5,840	308	136	172	\$56,810	A
35-9031	Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	1,240	1,250	268	5	263	\$17,320	C

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.

