

Kansas City Region Fastest Growing Occupations

2016-2018

The Kansas City Region is projected to have a net increase of over 14,000 jobs between 2016 and 2018. Of the top 20 occupations with the highest percentage increase in the Kansas City region, 6 are *Construction and Extraction* occupations. *Computer and Mathematical* and *Food Preparation and Serving Related* occupation groups each have 4 occupations in the top 20.

Occupation	2016 Estimated Employment	2018 Projected Employment	Net Increase	Percent Increase	Average Annual Wage
Personal Care Aides	6,340	6,804	464	7.32%	\$20,773
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	1,190	1,276	86	7.23%	\$44,971
Preschool Teachers	1,089	1,167	78	7.16%	\$24,431
Information Security Analysts	826	884	58	7.02%	\$87,253
Heating, AC, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	1,063	1,135	72	6.77%	\$59,511
Software Developers, Applications	4,733	5,053	320	6.76%	\$95,343
Computer Systems Analysts	3,318	3,540	222	6.69%	\$88,317
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	1,723	1,829	106	6.15%	\$64,013
Cooks, Restaurant	5,283	5,602	319	6.04%	\$22,885
Electricians	2,732	2,895	163	5.97%	\$61,304
Software Developers, Systems Software	1,664	1,760	96	5.77%	\$95,552
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	14,953	15,807	854	5.71%	\$19,026
Computer and Information Systems Managers	2,146	2,263	117	5.45%	\$125,317
Construction Laborers	5,428	5,719	291	5.36%	\$41,653
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	4,233	4,451	218	5.15%	\$29,589
Childcare Workers	4,394	4,615	221	5.03%	\$20,041
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	1,830	1,922	92	5.03%	\$53,707
Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	1,335	1,401	66	4.94%	\$39,968
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	1,956	2,052	96	4.91%	\$70,101
Bartenders	2,326	2,438	112	4.82%	\$20,524

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