

# Kansas City Region Top Openings

2016-2018

The Kansas City region is projected to have almost 44,000 total job openings between 2016 and 2018. 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.

Of the top 20 occupations in the Kansas City region with the most total openings, 5 are in the *Food Preparation and Serving Related* occupation group. *Office and Administrative Support* occupations are the next most represented occupation category, with 4 occupations in the top 20. *Sales and Related* occupations make up 2 of the top 3 occupations with the most total openings.

Occupation	2016 Estimated Employment	2018 Projected Employment	Growth Openings	Replacement Openings	Total Openings	Average Annual Wage
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	14,953	15,807	854	1,164	<b>2,018</b>	\$19,026
Cashiers	14,118	14,562	444	1,431	<b>1,875</b>	\$20,778
Retail Salespersons	15,617	16,076	459	1,168	<b>1,627</b>	\$23,585
Waiters and Waitresses	11,367	11,797	430	1,188	<b>1,618</b>	\$20,315
Registered Nurses	12,765	13,144	379	563	<b>942</b>	\$63,941
General and Operations Managers	10,435	10,672	237	490	<b>727</b>	\$106,351
Customer Service Representatives	10,923	11,137	214	508	<b>722</b>	\$34,920
Office Clerks	10,724	10,884	160	452	<b>612</b>	\$32,759
Cooks, Restaurant	5,283	5,602	319	285	<b>604</b>	\$22,885
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	6,449	6,590	141	437	<b>578</b>	\$25,609
Team Assemblers	6,596	6,884	288	284	<b>572</b>	\$45,734
Personal Care Aides	6,340	6,804	464	81	<b>545</b>	\$20,773
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	7,542	7,598	56	466	<b>522</b>	\$29,511
Accountants and Auditors	6,456	6,638	182	337	<b>519</b>	\$71,550
Construction Laborers	5,428	5,719	291	214	<b>505</b>	\$41,653
Childcare Workers	4,394	4,615	221	268	<b>489</b>	\$20,041
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	4,233	4,451	218	270	<b>488</b>	\$29,589
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Housekeeping	7,509	7,713	204	270	<b>474</b>	\$27,031
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	13,058	13,231	173	276	<b>449</b>	\$34,380
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	2,026	2,094	68	378	<b>446</b>	\$19,779

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