

Business

- **Manufacturing jobs are expected to be the fastest growing in the KC region between 2025-2026.** Due, in part, to the multiple manufacturing plants that have recently opened in the Liberty area.
- **Legal occupations are projected to be one of the fastest growing** in the next 8 years with an anticipated growth rate of nearly 15%.

Arts & Communication

- Employment in arts and design occupations is projected to grow about as fast as the average for all occupations over the next 8 years. **Top jobs include: Art Directors, Graphic Designers, Interior Designers, PR Specialists, and Technical Writers.**

Human Services

- **Elementary school teaching jobs are one of the top grade occupations in KC,** with a projected growth of nearly 3% in the next 8 years.
- **Federal Government occupations in the KC region are expected to grow more than 3.5% in the next year.**

Natural Resources & Agriculture

- **Industries with the greatest projected employment growth include: Crop Production; Fruit & Vegetable Preserving; Grain & Oilseed Milling; and Pesticide, Fertilizer & Other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing**



Health Services

- **In 2025, look for AI to re-shape the approach to healthcare.** AI tools will assist in prepping clinicians for practice readiness as well as accelerate development & adoption of new clinical practice changes, to allow more patient care time for healthcare providers.
- **RN jobs are expected to have the largest growth within the healthcare industry in the next year** due to the current shortages.

Technology

- As of 2024, **KC outperformed the national average spend on AI and machine learning investments,** with over \$7.8 million out of the \$24.8 million invested in tech companies across the metro.
- **Kansas City is ranked 6th overall, among all large cities, for tech hiring.** Surpassing cities such as Chicago, Minneapolis and Houston; making KC a rising star in the tech industry.

KC Metro Jobs: Fast Facts

- Statewide for Missouri, **employment is projected to grow by 4.3% in the next 8 years,** with the largest projected growth in healthcare, technical services, and finance/insurance jobs.
- In the past year, **the KC region gained 14,500 jobs over the past 12 months, which ranks 4th** among the 11 peer metros.