

HIGHEST TOTAL **PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS** | 2016-2026

Kansas Department of Labor Occupational outlook statistics project future demand for various occupations. Total job openings are a combination of new jobs due to growth in the profession and replacement jobs due to turnover between 2016 and 2026. Home Health Aide positions are expected to increase the fastest, at a rate of 32 percent. Many of the fastest growing occupations in Kansas are in the health care industry, highlighting the need for more people to pursue health care careers.

OCCUPATIONAL TITLE*	BASE YEAR EMPLOYMENT (2016)	PROJECTED YEAR EMPLOYMENT (2026)	EMPLOYMENT CHANGE NUMERICAL	PERCENT CHANGE	OPENINGS DUE TO EXITS (2026)	TOTAL OPENINGS (2026) {1}
Registered Nurses	29,665	32,650	2,985	10.1	8,920	18,679
Home Health Aides	4,185	5,524	1,339	32.0	2,949	6,741
Nursing Assistants	24,048	25,242	1,194	5.0	14,972	28,622
Medical Assistants	4,760	5,408	648	13.6	2,232	6,002
Nurse Practitioners	1,892	2,317	425	22.5	408	1,436
Pharmacy Technicians	4,175	4,540	365	8.7	1,415	3,711
Respiratory Therapists	1,276	1,573	297	23.3	335	955
Physician Assistants	1,093	1,345	252	23.1	212	896
Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	959	1,203	244	25.4	624	1,879
Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	4,481	4,687	206	4.6	672	1,384
Physical Therapists	1,949	2,153	204	10.5	395	1,026
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	2,864	3,043	179	6.3	515	1,908
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	617	777	160	25.9	226	695
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	2,262	2,413	151	6.7	686	1,533
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,147	1,298	151	13.2	536	1,587
Speech-Language Pathologists	1,426	1,553	127	8.9	270	860
Occupational Therapists	1,289	1,410	121	9.4	279	774
Phlebotomists	1,073	1,194	121	11.3	490	1,265
Pharmacists	2,969	3,087	118	4.0	698	1,399
Radiologic Technologists	2,145	2,261	116	5.4	570	1,235
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	1,830	1,929	99	5.4	569	1,237

*Physicians and typically non-hospital based positions are not included

SOURCE: 2016-2026 Kansas Occupational Outlook, Kansas Department of Labor

{1} Total Openings: Sum of Exits, Transfers and Numerical Change