

CHEF APPRENTICE

Overall employment of chefs, cooks, and food preparation workers is expected to increase about as fast as the average for all occupations over the 2004-14 period. Employment growth will be spurred by increases in population, household income, and leisure time that will allow people to more often dine out and take vacations. Projected employment growth, however, varies by specialty. The number of higher-skilled chefs and cooks working in full-service restaurants is expected to increase about as fast as the average. Much of the increase in this segment, however, will come from job growth in more casual dining, rather than up-scale full-service restaurants. Certification provides valuable formal recognition of the skills of a chef or cook. The chef apprenticeship program at JCCC is sponsored by the American Culinary Federation Educational Institute and the U.S. Department of Labor. Students must successfully complete all entry-level requirements as prescribed by the Apprenticeship Committee of the American Culinary Federation Education Institute.

Employment Information

Greater Kansas City Area: In 2000, those employed as chefs or cooks held an estimated 5,510 jobs in the eleven counties that make up the Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with 6,440 jobs projected by 2010 (+16.9%). Of those, 930 were chefs and head cooks (980 projected, +5.4%) and 4,580 were restaurant cooks (5,460 projected, +19.2%). All together, an average of 252 annual openings is anticipated. Further data indicate that an estimated 280 chefs and head cooks and 1,980 restaurant cooks were employed throughout the four Kansas counties in the Kansas City MSA (Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte) in 2005.

State: In Kansas, those employed as chefs or cooks held an estimated 9,340 jobs in 2000, with 11,710 jobs projected by 2010 (+25.4%). Of those, 830 were chefs and head cooks (880 projected, +6.0%) and 8,510 were restaurant cooks (10,830 projected, +27.3%). All together, 2,670 openings are anticipated due to the need for replacements

National: About 908,000 jobs were held by those employed as chefs or cooks in 2004, with 1,060,000 jobs projected by 2014 (+16.7%). Of those, 125,000 were chefs and head cooks (146,000 projected, +16.7%) and 783,000 were restaurant cooks (914,000 projected, +16.6%). Approximately 431,000 openings are expected due to growth and the need for replacement workers.

Salary Information

Greater Kansas City Area: Chefs and head cooks employed in the Greater Kansas City area earned an average hourly wage of \$13.09 in 2004. Additionally, restaurant cooks earned \$10.57 per hour. The average hourly wage for chefs and head cooks in Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte Counties was \$15.37

in 2005. Half earned less than \$13.76, and half earned more. Furthermore, restaurant cooks earned \$9.90 per hour, with half earning less/more than \$9.78.

State: Chefs and head cooks in Kansas earned an average hourly wage of \$13.39 in 2005. Half earned less than \$11.34, and half earned more. Additionally, restaurant cooks earned \$9.10 per hour, with half earning less/more than \$8.54.

National: Chefs and head cooks working full-time earned an average hourly wage of \$15.09 in 2004. Additionally, restaurant cooks earned \$9.47 per hour.

JCCC Placement and Salary Information

The JCCC Office of Institutional Research conducts a follow-up study of program completers one year after completion. However, no chef apprentice completers responded to the 2005-06 administration of the survey.

Note: Salary and placement information for JCCC career program completers is based on data supplied by respondents to follow-up studies and is not necessarily representative of all career program completers.