

INTERIOR DESIGN

Employment of interior designers is expected to grow about as fast as average for all occupations through 2014. Economic expansion, growing homeowner wealth, and an increased interest in interior design will increase demand for designers. However, interior designers are expected to face keen competition for available positions because many talented individuals are attracted to this profession. Individuals with little or no formal training in interior design, as well as those lacking creativity and perseverance, will find it very difficult to establish and maintain a career in this occupation.

Employment Information

Greater Kansas City Area: In 2000, interior designers held an estimated 390 jobs in the eleven counties that make up the Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with 430 jobs projected by 2010 (+10.3%). An average of 8 annual openings is anticipated. Further data indicate that an estimated 100 interior designers were employed throughout the four Kansas counties in the Kansas City MSA (Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte) in 2005.

State: Interior designers held an estimated 590 jobs in Kansas in 2000, with 640 jobs projected by 2010 (+8.5%). All together 50 openings are anticipated due to the need for replacements.

National: Interior designers held 65,000 jobs in 2004, with 75,000 jobs projected by 2014 (+15.5%). Approximately 19,000 openings are expected due to growth and the need for replacement workers.

Salary Information

Greater Kansas City Area: Interior designers employed in the Greater Kansas City area earned an average hourly wage of \$19.69 in 2004. The average hourly wage for interior designers in Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte Counties was \$17.59 in 2005. Half earned less than \$15.82, and half earned more.

State: Interior designers in Kansas earned an average hourly wage of \$17.22 in 2005. Half earned less than \$17.24 per hour, and half earned more.

National: Interior designers working full-time earned an average hourly wage of \$19.94 in 2004.

JCCC Placement and Salary Information

The JCCC Office of Institutional Research conducts a follow-up study of program completers one year after completion. Seventeen of the twenty interior design program completers who responded to the short-term follow-up study conducted during the 2005-06 academic year were employed in a job related to interior design. Those who were working full-time reported earning an average hourly wage of \$22.95.

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.