ACCOUNTING

Employment of bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks is projected to incur little or no change through 2021. Clerks who can carry out a wider range of bookkeeping and accounting activities will be in greater demand than specialized clerks. (For example, a demand for full-charge bookkeeping is expected to increase, because they can perform a wider variety of financial transactions, including payroll and billing.) Certified Bookkeepers and those with several years of accounting or bookkeeping experience who have demonstrated that they can handle a range of tasks will have the best job prospects.

Employment Information

**Greater Kansas City Area:** In 2016, bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks held an estimated 13,662 jobs in the fifteen counties that make up the Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with 13,519 projected by 2021 (-1.0%).

**State:** Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks held an estimated 20,585 jobs in Kansas in 2016, with 21,064 jobs projected by 2021 (+2.3%). Altogether, 479 openings are anticipated.

**National:** Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks held 2,010,203 jobs in 2016, with 2,002,480 jobs projected by 2021 (-0.4%).

Salary Information

**Greater Kansas City Area:** Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks employed in the Greater Kansas City area earned an average hourly wage of $18.11 in 2016.

**State:** Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks in Kansas earned an average hourly wage of $16.49 in 2016.

**National:** Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks working full-time earned an average hourly wage of $18.50 in 2016.

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JCCC Placement and Salary Information

The JCCC Office of Institutional Research conducts a follow-up study of program completers one year after completion. One hundred percent of the graduates who responded to the follow-up study conducted during the 2015-16 academic year, and were employed, were employed in a related field and reported earning an average hourly wage of $15.50.

Note: Salary Information for Greater Kansas City, State, and National is based on EMSI 2016 third quarter data. JCCC information for career program completers is based on data supplied by respondents to follow-up studies and is not necessarily representative of all career program completers. Other sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics