CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Employment of construction managers is projected to decline through 2021. Job opportunities should be best for those with the most training and skills. Employment of construction managers can be sensitive to the short-term nature of many projects and to cyclical fluctuations in construction activity. The routine practice of obtaining home inspections is a relatively recent development, causing employment of home inspectors to increase rapidly. Inspectors are involved in all phases of construction, including maintenance and repair work, and are therefore less likely to lose their jobs when new construction slows during recessions. Employers will increasingly prefer applicants who are highly experienced supervisors and construction craft workers with college degrees, previous construction work experience, including internships, and a strong background in building technology or certification as inspector and plan examiners.

Employment Information

Greater Kansas City Area: In 2016, construction managers held an estimated 3,193 jobs in the fifteen counties that make up the Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with 3,047 projected by 2021 (-4.6%).

State: In Kansas, those in the construction management profession held an estimated 4,286 jobs in 2016, with 4,143 jobs projected by 2021 (-3.3%).

National: About 497,463 jobs were held in the construction management profession in 2016, with 476,959 projected by 2021 (-4.1%).

Salary Information

Greater Kansas City Area: Construction managers employed in the Greater Kansas City area earned an average hourly wage of $30.13 in 2016.

State: Construction managers in Kansas earned an average hourly wage of $26.06 in 2016.

National: Construction managers working full-time earn an average hourly wage of $29.00 in 2016.

JCCC Placement and Salary Information

The JCCC Office of Institutional Research conducts a follow-up study of program completers one year after completion. Sixty-seven percent of the graduates who responded to the follow-up study conducted during 2015-16, and were employed, were employed in a job related to their field and reported earning an average hourly wage of $31.00.

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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.