INTERIOR DESIGN

Employment of interior designers is expected to grow about as fast as the average for all occupations through 2021. Economic expansion, growing homeowner wealth, and an increased interest in interior design will increase demand for designers. Homeowners have been using the equity in their homes to finance new additions, remodel aging kitchens and bathrooms, and update the general décor of the home. There will be an increase in demand from businesses; hotels, resorts and restaurants because of an expected increase in tourism, health care industry because of an increased demand for facilities to accommodate the aging population of baby boomers. Environmental quality and growing number of individuals with allergies and asthma are expected to increase the demand for green design. 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 2016, interior designers held an estimated 1,191 jobs in the fifteen counties that make up the Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with 1,218 projected by 2021 (+2%).

**State:** Interior designers held an estimated 1,115 jobs in Kansas in 2016, with 1,177 jobs projected by 2021 (+6%). All together 62 openings are anticipated due to the need for replacements or growth.

**National:** Interior designers held 159,692 jobs in 2016, with 167,232 jobs projected by 2021 (+5%). Approximately 7,540 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 $20.81 in 2016.

**State:** Interior designers in Kansas earned an average hourly wage of $19.39 in 2016.

**National:** Interior designers working full-time earned an average hourly wage of $21.08 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 2015-16, and were employed, were employed in a related field and reported earning an average hourly wage of $15.75.

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.