

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

## Program Outlook



Employment of preschool teachers is projected to grow 10 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. Growth is expected due to a continued focus on the importance of early childhood education. Education and training requirements vary based on settings and state regulations. Preschool teachers typically need at least an associate’s degree. Employment of childcare workers is projected to grow 7 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Job opportunities for childcare workers are expected to be favorable. Education and training requirements for childcare workers vary by setting, state, and employer. They range from no formal education to certification in early childhood education.

| <b>Employment Information</b> |   |                        |                 |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------|
|                               | <b>Greater Kansas City Area</b><br><small>(15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical Area)</small> | <b>State of Kansas</b> | <b>National</b> |
| 2019                          | 9,085   | 10,223                 | 1,261,607       |
| 2024 Projected                | 9,600   | 10,614                 | 1,326,567       |
| % Change                      | 5.7%  | 3.8%                   | 5.1%            |

| <b>Salary Information</b><br><small>(Median Hourly Wage)</small> |   |                        |                 |
|--|---|------------------------|-----------------|
|  | <b>Greater Kansas City Area</b><br><small>(15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical area)</small> | <b>State of Kansas</b> | <b>National</b> |
| 2019   | \$10.06   | \$10.12                | \$12.21         |

| <b>JCCC Completer Information</b><br><small>(2017-2018 Academic Year)</small> |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| <b>% Employed in Related Field</b>  | <b>Median Hourly Wage</b> |
| 100%  | \$13.50                   |

The JCCC Office of Institutional Research conducts a follow-up study of program completers one year after completion.

Note: Salary Information for Greater Kansas City, State, and National is based on EMSI 2018 fourth quarter data. (Release 2019.3) 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