

FASHION MERCHANDISING

Program Outlook



Overall employment of purchasing managers and buyers and purchasing agents is projected to decline 3 percent from 2016 to 2026. The outsourcing and automation of less complex procurement functions are among contributing factors causing employment declines for these occupations. Buyers and purchasing agents typically have a bachelor’s degree. Purchasing managers must also have a few years of work experience.

Employment Information			
	Greater Kansas City Area (15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical Area)	State of Kansas	National
2019	39,904	55,260	6,123,139
2024 Projected	40,698	55,111	6,244,120
% Change	2.0%	-0.3%	2.0%

Salary Information (Median Hourly Wage)			
	Greater Kansas City Area (15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical area)	State of Kansas	National
2019	\$13.04	\$12.83	\$13.08

JCCC Completer Information (2017-2018 Academic Year)	
% Employed in Related Field	Median Hourly Wage
100%	\$12.00

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