

RAILROAD

Program Outlook



Overall employment of railroad workers is projected to decline 3 percent from 2016 to 2026. Due to decreasing demand for the transportation of bulk commodities, such as coal and oil, railroads may look to reduce employment to become more efficient. However, an increase in intermodal freight—the shipment of goods through multiple transportation modes—may increase demand for some railroad workers. Job opportunities should be competitive for railroad workers. Job openings will primarily stem from the need to replace retiring workers.

Employment Information			
	Greater Kansas City Area <small>(15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical Area)</small>	State of Kansas	National
2019	2,016	2,211	112,901
2024 Projected	2,081	2,168	114,576
% Change	3.2%	-1.9%	1.5%

Salary Information <small>(Median Hourly Wage)</small>			
	Greater Kansas City Area <small>(15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical area)</small>	State of Kansas	National
2019	\$36.54	\$29.96	\$29.72

JCCC Completer Information <small>(2017-2018 Academic Year)</small>	
% Employed in Related Field	Median Hourly Wage
99%	\$30.69

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