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Healthcare and Production Top Kansas High Demand Occupations
Each Posts 45 Occupations on High Demand List

Topeka, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Labor reports that the healthcare and production occupations top the high demand occupation list, with 45 healthcare related occupations and 45 production occupations making the list.

High demand occupations are occupations which have larger than average combined current and projected demand in the state. The list is created using data collected in the 2013 Job Vacancy survey as well as projected occupational data for the years 2014 and 2020.

The average wage of all high demand occupations is \$46,544. Most of the highest earning high demand occupations require a bachelor's degree or higher.

The occupations that tied for highest demand are as follows, in order of highest to lowest wage: registered nurses; heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers; customer service representatives; hand laborers and freight, stock and material movers; retail salespersons; nursing aides, orderlies and attendants; personal and home care aides; waiters and waitresses; and cashiers.

The top five high demand – high wage occupations, in order, are: registered nurses; accountants and auditors; general and operations managers; sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, technical and scientific products; and sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, except technical and scientific products.

High demand – high wage occupations are high demand occupations with higher than the statewide average wage. The full list of high demand occupations is available at:

<https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=403>

All occupations that qualify for the Governor's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Initiative are high demand. This program covers high school students' tuition cost for technical courses and rewards school districts for each student who earns an industry-recognized technical certificate in a key occupation. A list of key occupations is available [here](#).

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