

FIRE SCIENCE

Program Outlook



Employment of firefighters is projected to grow 7 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Physically fit applicants with paramedic training will have the best job prospects. Firefighters typically need a high school diploma and training in emergency medical services. Most firefighters receive training at a fire academy, must pass written and physical tests, complete a series of interviews, and hold an emergency medical technician (EMT) certification.

Employment Information			
	Greater Kansas City Area <small>(15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical Area)</small>	State of Kansas	National
2019	2,685	3,900	331,574
2024 Projected	2,738	3,952	343,903
% Change	2.0%	1.3%	3.7%

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	\$22.19	\$17.38	\$23.85

JCCC Completer Information <small>(2017-2018 Academic Year)</small>	
% Employed in Related Field	Median Hourly Wage
100%	\$20.19

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