

HORTICULTURE SCIENCES

Program Outlook



Employment of grounds maintenance workers is projected to grow 11 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. More workers will be needed to keep up with increasing demand for lawn care and landscaping services from large institutions and individual homeowners. Job prospects should be very good. Most grounds maintenance workers need no formal education and are trained on the job. Most states require licensing for workers who apply pesticides or fertilizers.

Employment Information			
	Greater Kansas City Area (15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical Area)	State of Kansas	National
2019	9,131	10,553	1,115,133
2024 Projected	8,591	11,000	1,190,544
% Change	5.7%	4.2%	6.8%

Salary Information (Median Wage)			
	Greater Kansas City Area (15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical area)	State of Kansas	National
2019	\$15.58	\$14.86	\$14.57

JCCC Completer Information (2017-2018 Academic Year)	
% Employed in Related Field	Median 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