The Kansas City region is projected to have over 146,000 total job openings between 2017 and 2019. Total openings comprise growth openings, exit openings, and transfer openings. Growth openings are the result of an occupation growing between the base year and the projected year. Exit openings occur when a worker leaves the workforce entirely, such as retirement. Transfer openings occur when a worker leaves their occupation for a different one.

Of the top 20 occupations in the Kansas City region with the most total openings, 5 are in the **Office and Administrative Support** occupation group. The occupations of **General and Operations Managers**, **Registered Nurses**, and **Accountants and Auditors** all have large numbers of projected total openings, as well as having average wages that are higher than the average wage for all occupations in the Kansas City region.