



Manufacturing Career Pathways

Advanced Manufacturing & Materials, Aerospace

South Central Kansas

April – June 2025



TOTAL JOB POSTINGS 4,239	PRODUCTION	QUALITY ASSURANCE	MAINTENANCE	ADMINISTRATIVE & CORPORATE
<u>Graduate or Post Graduate</u> (4+ years) 203 JOBS	<u>Research and Development Senior Engineer</u> 25 JOB POSTINGS \$52.34 TO \$104.36 Hourly Rate	<u>Research and Development Senior Engineer</u> 42 JOB POSTINGS \$52.34 TO \$104.36 Hourly Rate	<u>Senior Engineer, Robotics Engineer</u> 75 JOB POSTINGS \$21.84 TO \$104.36 Hourly Rate	<u>Attorney, Executive (CEO/VP)</u> 61 JOB POSTINGS \$18.10 to \$89.73 Hourly Rate
<u>Bachelor Degree</u> (4 years) 819 JOBS	<u>Engineer, Plant Manager</u> 168 JOB POSTINGS \$29.73 TO \$87.21 Hourly Rate	<u>Supply Chain Manager, Plant Manager</u> 150 JOB POSTINGS \$32.62 TO \$87.21 Hourly Rate	<u>Operations Manager, Industrial Automation Engineer</u> 282 JOB POSTINGS \$21.53 TO \$86.45 Hourly Rate	<u>Accountant, Analyst, Financial, Human Resources, Marketing, Sales Executive, Supply Chain</u> 219 JOB POSTINGS \$17.73 to \$111.89 Hourly Rate
<u>Associate Degree</u> (2 years) 144 JOBS	<u>Production Technician, Junior Engineer, Engineer Technician, Drafter Production, Assembly Lead, Machine Operator, CNC Technician or Programmer, Machinist, Supply Chain, Production Control</u> 34 JOB POSTINGS \$15.24 TO \$55.25 Hourly Rate	<u>Production or Assembly Lead, Quality Technician, Electrical Technician, Inspector, Supply Chain, Production Control</u> 31 JOB POSTINGS \$16.41 TO \$52.26 Hourly Rate	<u>Production Technician, Junior Engineer, Engineer Technician, Automation Technician Industrial Maintenance Technician (non-janitorial)</u> 58 JOB POSTINGS \$15.24 TO \$50.97 Hourly Rate	<u>Accounting Clerk, Contract Assistant, Payroll Clerk, Safety Coordinator</u> 21 JOB POSTINGS \$14.56 to \$41.74 Hourly Rate
<u>Technical Certification, Certificate, Credential</u> (1-2 years) 869 JOBS	<u>Advanced Production, Welder, Machine Tending, Material Handling, Forklift Driver</u> 327 JOB POSTINGS \$13.89 TO \$41.42 Hourly Rate	<u>Inventory Planner Quality Assurance Technician</u> 105 JOB POSTINGS \$17.70 TO \$42.86 Hourly Rate	<u>Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic, Maintenance (non-janitorial), Welder</u> 391 JOB POSTINGS \$18.43 TO \$44.80 Hourly Rate	<u>Customer Service, Sales Assistant</u> 46 JOB POSTINGS \$29.46 to \$88.59 Hourly Rate
<u>High School or GED</u> 2,204 JOBS	<u>Production/Assembly, Shipping/Receiving</u> 615 JOB POSTINGS \$14.01 TO \$44.80 Hourly Rate	<u>Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers/ Weighers, Inventory Clerk</u> 306 JOB POSTINGS \$13.34 TO \$42.83 Hourly Rate	<u>Janitorial, Light Maintenance (non-janitorial)</u> 1,105 JOB POSTINGS \$10.63 TO \$20.00 Hourly Rate	<u>Office Clerk, Receptionist, Telephone Operator</u> 178 JOB POSTINGS \$8.76 to \$25.36 Hourly Rate

2025 Q2 Summary (Compared to 2024)

All Industries: 24,744 Jobs (↑11.0%) from 3,759 Companies (↑3.9%)

Manufacturing: 4,239 Jobs (↑7.9%) from 374 Companies (↓1.4%)

Jobs postings found at www.kansasworks.com

Wage Data found at www.onetonline.org

Online comparison cost and earnings data from KS colleges and universities graduates at www.ksdegreestats.org

Additional Career Data at www.klic.dol.ks.gov