

DENTAL HYGIENE Program Outlook



Employment of dental hygienists is projected to grow 20 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. The demand for dental services will increase as the population ages and as research continues to link oral health to overall health. Dental hygienists typically need an associate’s degree in dental hygiene. Programs usually take 3 years to complete. All states require dental hygienists to be licensed; requirements vary by state.

Employment Information			
	Greater Kansas City Area <small>(15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical Area)</small>	State of Kansas	National
2019	1,724	2,308	222,255
2024 Projected	1,847	2,459	243,423
% Change	7.1%	6.5%	9.5%

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	\$33.55	\$32.17	\$35.97

JCCC Completer Information <small>(2017-2018 Academic Year)</small>	
% Employed in Related Field	Median Hourly Wage
100%	\$31.50

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