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# Wichita State releases 2022 employment forecasts

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The fastest growth is projected to be in the service sectors, which are forecast to expand 1.3% and add more than 2,200 new jobs. The production sectors are expected to grow 1%, adding more than 2,300 new jobs to the state economy. The trade, transportation and utilities sector is projected to add more than 2,200 jobs for 0.8% growth, while government sector employment is predicted to increase by 0.2%.

### **2022 updated Wichita Employment Forecast**

In 2022, Wichita's total nonfarm employment is projected to expand by 1.1%, adding more than 3,100 jobs.

The service sectors are forecast to lead growth, adding more than 1,800 for a growth rate of 1.3%. The trade, transportation and utilities sectors are expected to increase by 0.9%, an expansion of more than 400 jobs. The production sectors are projected to expand by approximately 400 jobs, 1.1% growth. The government sector is expected to grow by approximately 100 jobs.

### **2022 Kansas City Employment Forecast**

In 2022, Kansas City's total nonfarm employment is forecast to add 16,534 jobs, with a projected growth rate of 1.5%.

The service sectors are expected to add the most jobs, with a growth of 2%, bringing more than 11,500 new jobs. The production sectors are projected to grow 0.9%, adding more than 1,200 new jobs. The trade, transportation and utilities sector is forecast to expand 1.2%, while the government sector is projected to increase by 0.8%.

### **2022 Topeka Employment Forecast**

In 2022, Topeka's total nonfarm employment is forecast to increase 1.2%, adding more than 1,200 jobs to the local economy.

The service sectors are projected to add the majority of the jobs in the area and are forecast to grow 1.8%, expanding by more than 900 jobs. The production sectors are expected to increase 1.1%, while the

trade, transportation and utilities sector is projected to grow by 0.8%, a collective increase of approximately 300 jobs. The government sector is expected to expand by 0.2%, an increase of fewer than 100 jobs.

Read the full 2022 Kansas Employment Forecast at [cedbr.org/forecast-blog](https://cedbr.org/forecast-blog).

A graph and table are available at the above link.