

UPWARD MOBILITY Data Walk

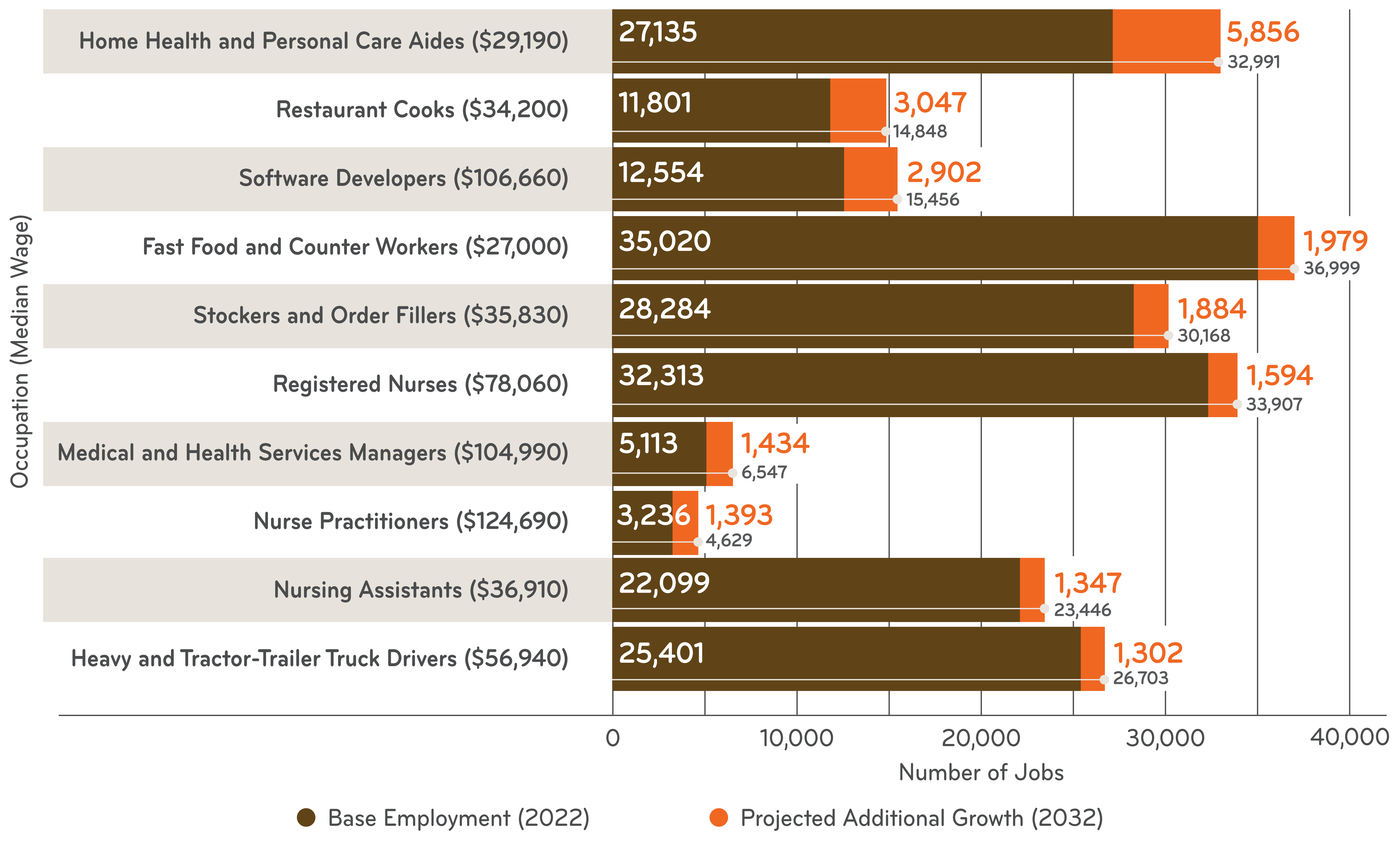


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What this measures:

Projected employment growth for the 10 occupations expected to add the most jobs in Kansas between 2022 and 2032, based on long-term occupational projections, along with the median wage for each occupation.

Top 10 Occupations by Employment Growth in Number of Additional Jobs, 2022-2032



Source: (Figure) Kansas Health Institute analysis of the Kansas Department of Labor Kansas Occupational Projections, 2022-2032; (Narrative) Nguyen et al. U.S. Department of Labor Blog, 2024; and United for Alice Kansas Report, 2025

Half of Kansas'

10 fastest-growing occupations are in health care, including a mix of lower-wage caregiving roles and higher-wage health care professions.



Home health and personal care aide jobs are projected to grow by 21.6 percent, adding nearly 6,000 jobs, partly due to an aging Kansas population. The 2024 median wage for this occupation was \$29,190. The bare minimum estimated cost to live and work in 2023 for a family of two adults and two children in child care was \$68,712.

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