



Butler County: Kansas' Hidden Gem

An Economic Profile of Butler County,
Kansas
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Report Parameters

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20015 Butler County, KS

Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen geographical area.

Economy Overview

68,465

Population (2022)

Population **grew by 1,549** over the last 5 years and is projected to **grow by 2,514** over the next 5 years.

20,970

Total Regional Employment

Jobs **grew by 318** over the last 5 years and are projected to **grow by 1,003** over the next 5 years.

\$66.4K

Median Household Income (2020)

Median household income is **\$1.4K above** the national median household income of \$65.0K.

Takeaways

- As of 2022 the region's population **increased by 2.3%** since 2017, growing by 1,549. Population is expected to **increase by 3.7%** between 2022 and 2027, adding 2,514.
- From 2017 to 2022, jobs **increased by 1.5%** in Butler County KS from 20,652 to **20,970**. This change **fell short of the national growth rate of 2.4% by 0.9%**. As the number of jobs increased, the **labor force participation rate increased from 64.6% to 65.2% between 2017 and 2022**.
- Concerning educational attainment, **21.5% of Butler County KS residents possess a Bachelor's Degree** (0.7% above the national average), and **10.3% hold an Associate's Degree** (1.5% above the national average).
- The top three industries in 2022 are Education and Hospitals (Local Government), Restaurants and Other Eating Places, and Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals.

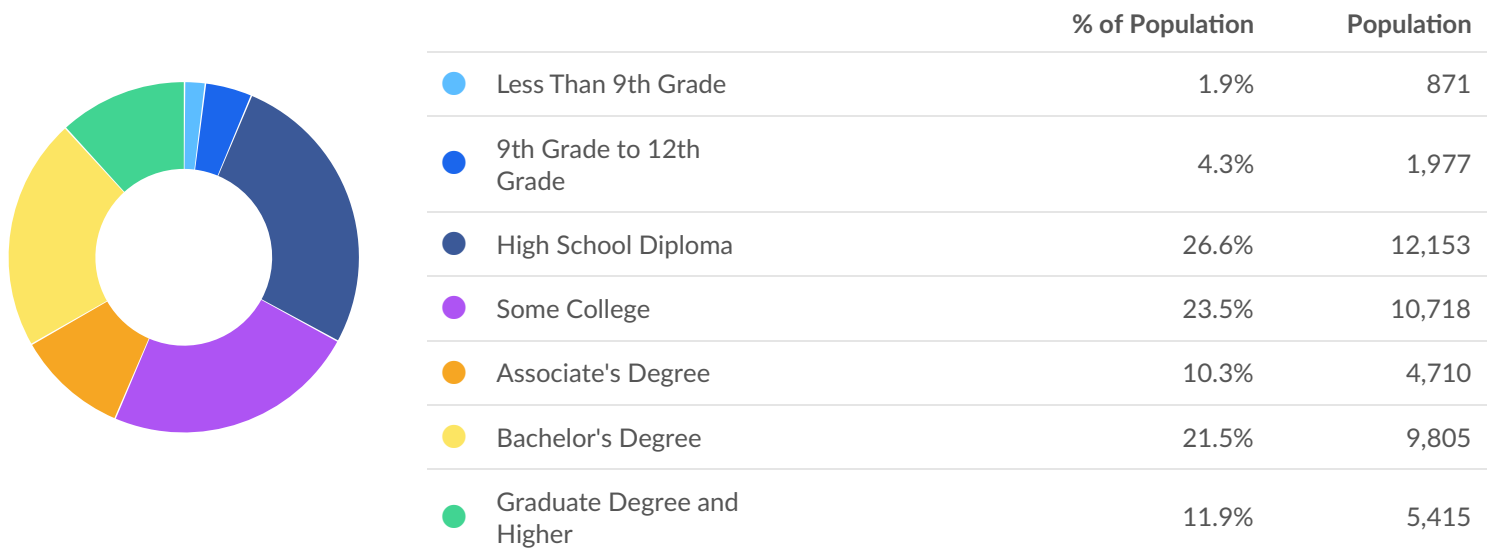
	Population (2022)	Labor Force (Dec 2022)	Jobs (2022)	Cost of Living	GRP	Imports	Exports
Region	68,465	32,978	20,970	94.9	\$3.16B	\$5.27B	\$4.95B
State	2,952,760	1,516,318	1,581,263	98.1	\$199.91B	\$194.69B	\$233.13B

Dec 2022 Labor Force Breakdown



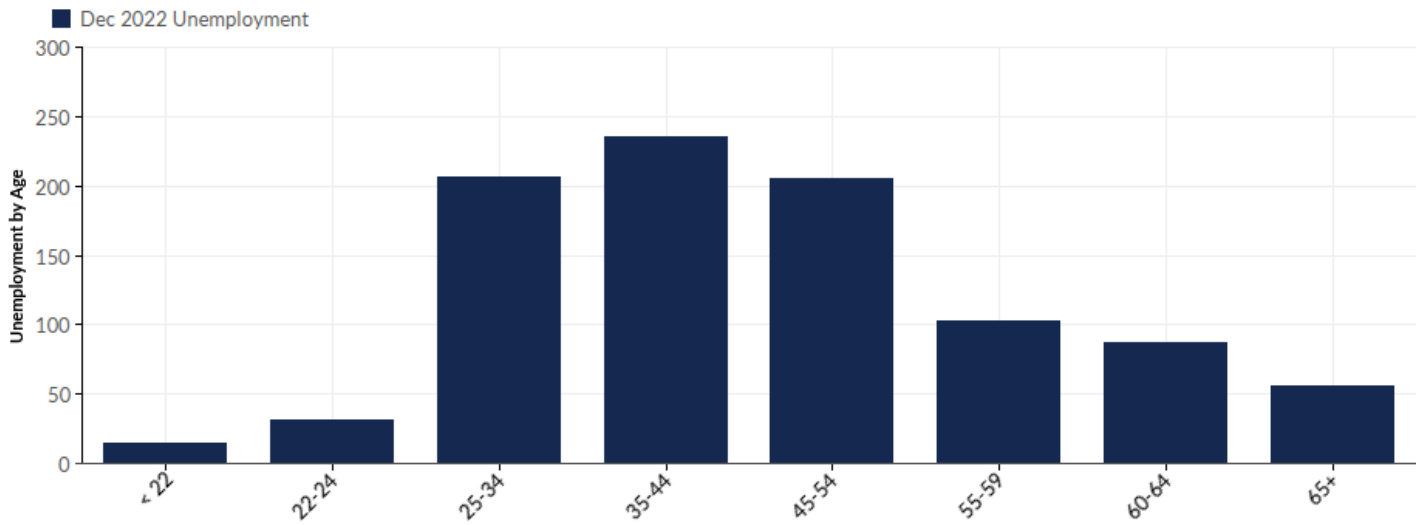
Educational Attainment

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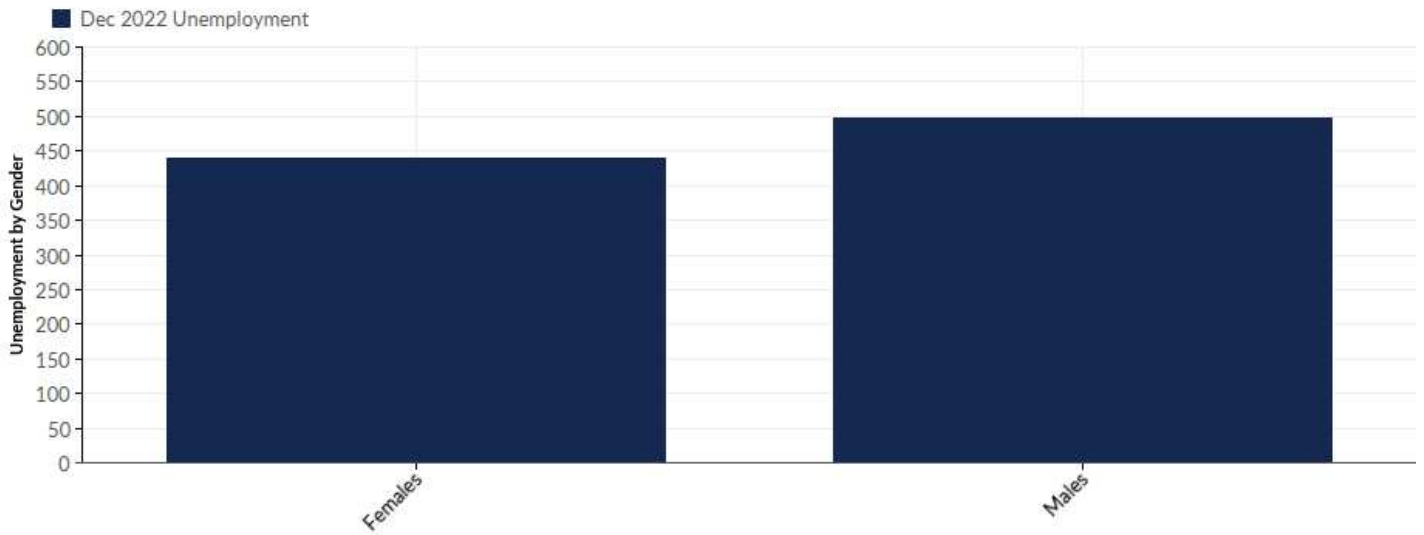
Unemployment by Demographics

Unemployment by Age



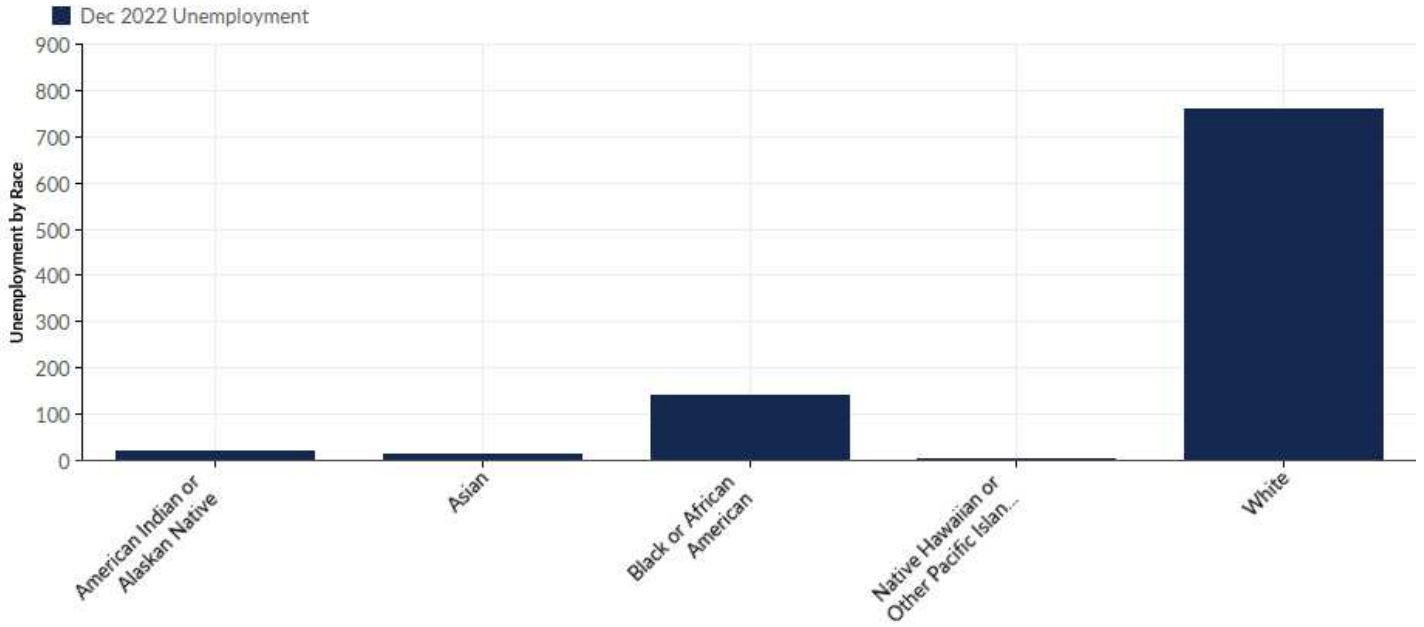
Age	Unemployment (Dec 2022)	% of Unemployed
< 22	15	1.60%
22-24	31	3.30%
25-34	206	21.96%
35-44	236	25.16%
45-54	206	21.96%
55-59	103	10.98%
60-64	86	9.17%
65+	56	5.97%
Total	938	100.00%

Unemployment by Gender



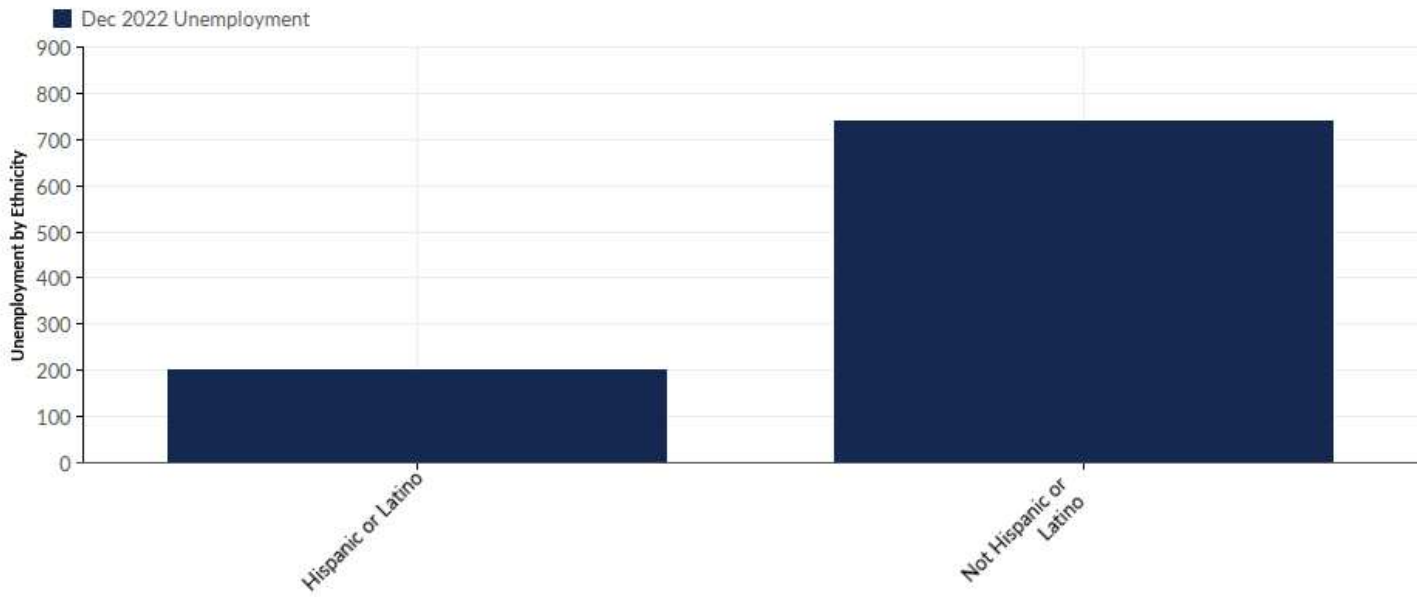
Gender	Unemployment (Dec 2022)	% of Unemployed
Females	440	46.91%
Males	498	53.09%
Total	938	100.00%

Unemployment by Race



Race	Unemployment (Dec 2022)	% of Unemployed
American Indian or Alaskan Native	21	2.24%
Asian	12	1.28%
Black or African American	142	15.14%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4	0.43%
White	759	80.92%
Total	938	100.00%

Unemployment by Ethnicity

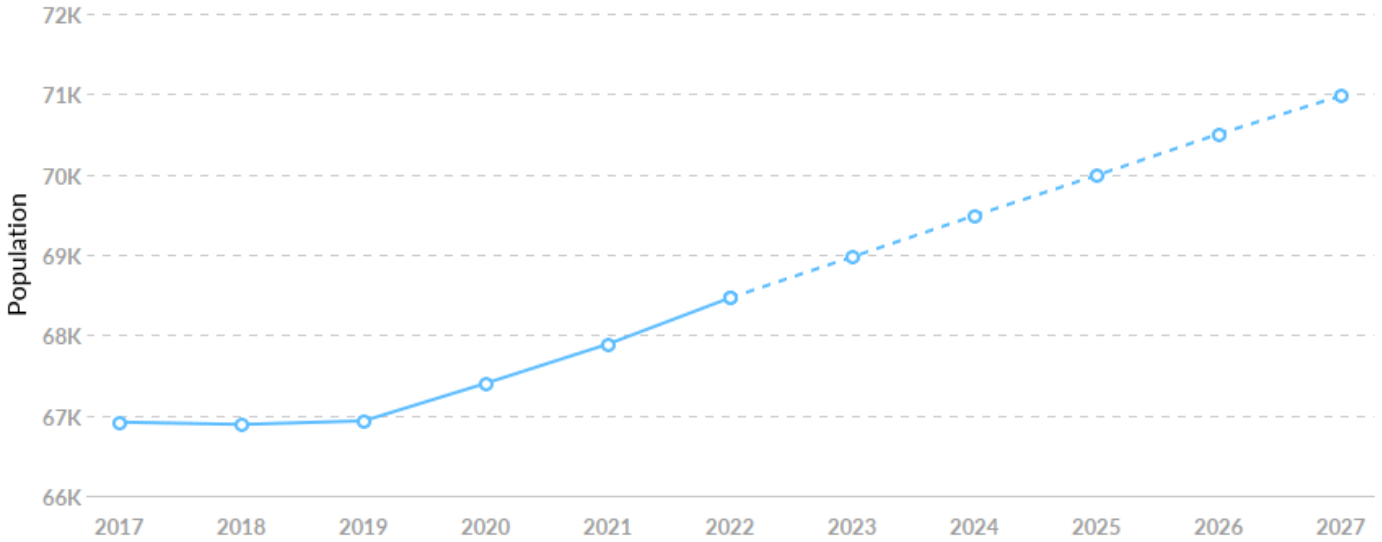


Ethnicity	Unemployment (Dec 2022)	% of Unemployed
Hispanic or Latino	199	21.22%
Not Hispanic or Latino	739	78.78%
Total	938	100.00%

Historic & Projected Trends

Population Trends

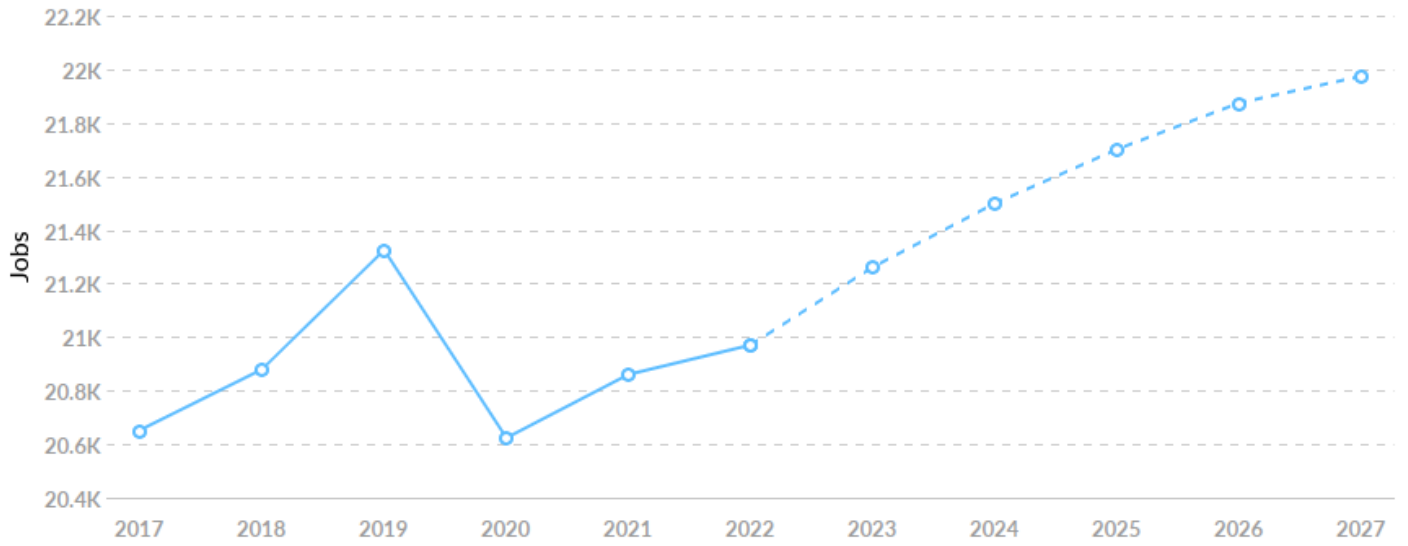
As of 2022 the region's population increased by 2.3% since 2017, growing by 1,549. Population is expected to increase by 3.7% between 2022 and 2027, adding 2,514.



Timeframe	Population
2017	66,916
2018	66,887
2019	66,932
2020	67,401
2021	67,889
2022	68,465
2023	68,974
2024	69,488
2025	69,989
2026	70,505
2027	70,979

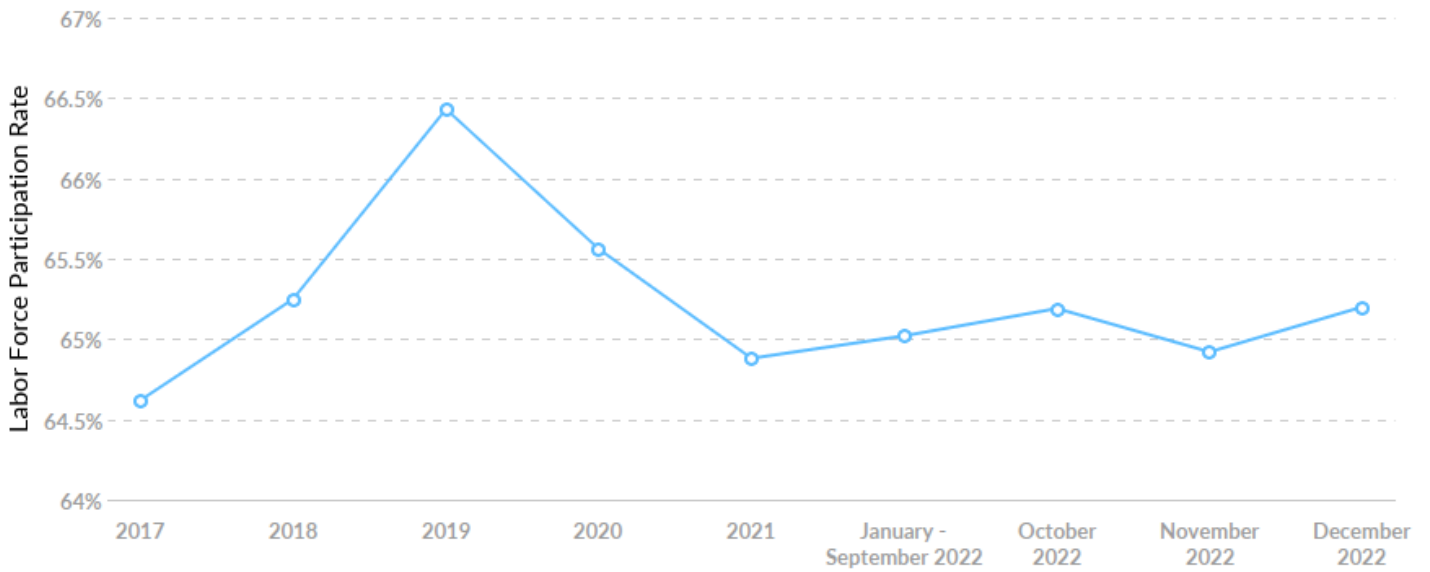
Job Trends

From 2017 to 2022, jobs increased by 1.5% in Butler County KS from 20,652 to 20,970. This change fell short of the national growth rate of 2.4% by 0.9%.



Timeframe	Jobs
2017	20,652
2018	20,879
2019	21,324
2020	20,623
2021	20,860
2022	20,970
2023	21,261
2024	21,499
2025	21,701
2026	21,874
2027	21,974

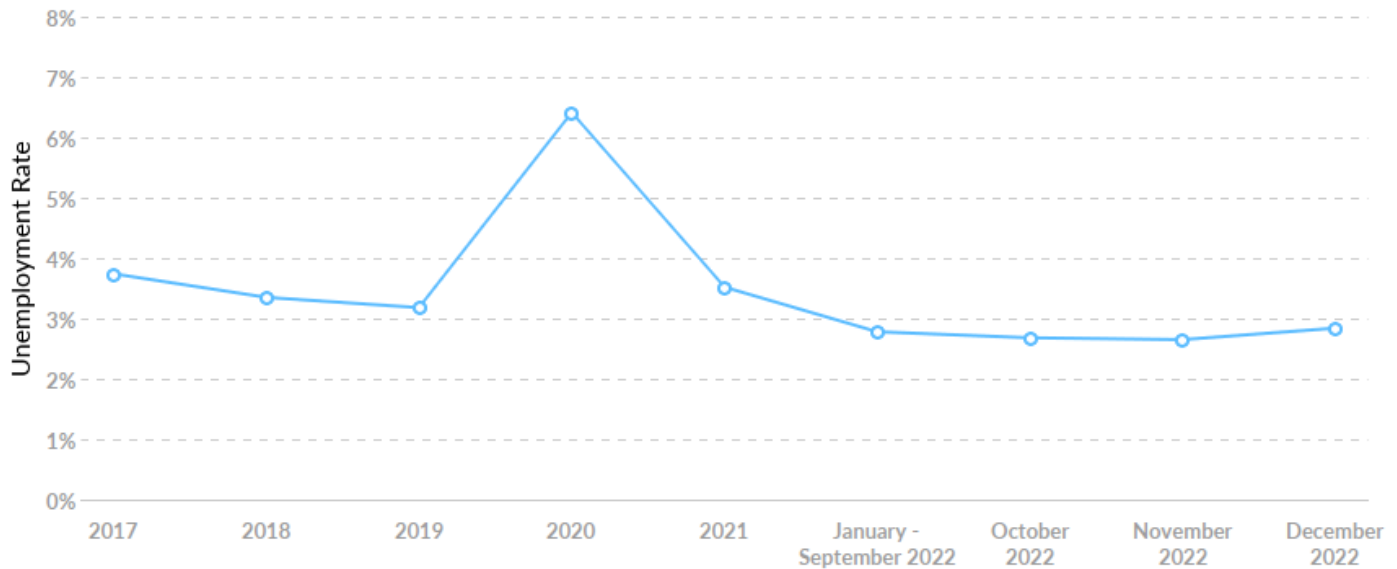
Labor Force Participation Rate Trends



Timeframe	Labor Force Participation Rate
2017	64.62%
2018	65.25%
2019	66.43%
2020	65.56%
2021	64.88%
January - September 2022	65.02%
October 2022	65.19%
November 2022	64.92%
December 2022	65.20%

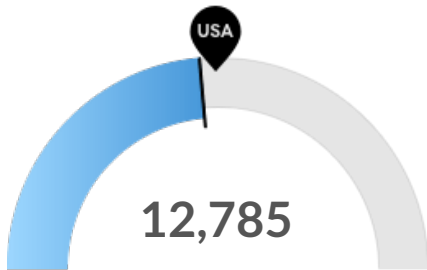
Unemployment Rate Trends

Butler County KS had a December 2022 unemployment rate of 2.84%, **decreasing from 3.74%** 5 years before.



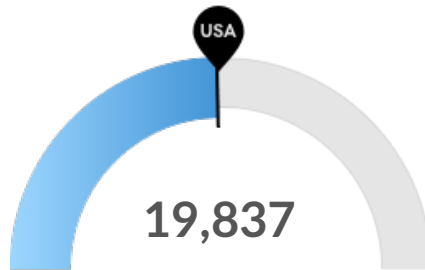
Timeframe	Unemployment Rate
2017	3.74%
2018	3.35%
2019	3.18%
2020	6.41%
2021	3.52%
January - September 2022	2.78%
October 2022	2.68%
November 2022	2.65%
December 2022	2.84%

Population Characteristics



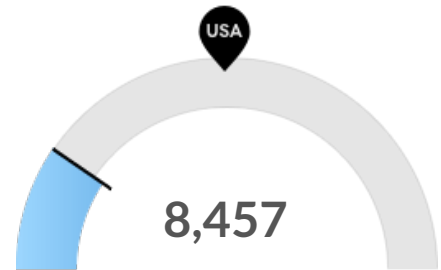
Millennials

Butler County KS has 12,785 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 13,867.



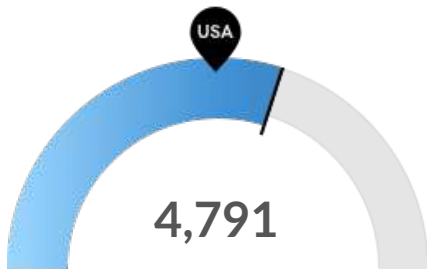
Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is about average in Butler County KS. The national average for an area this size is 20,179 people 55 or older, while there are 19,837 here.



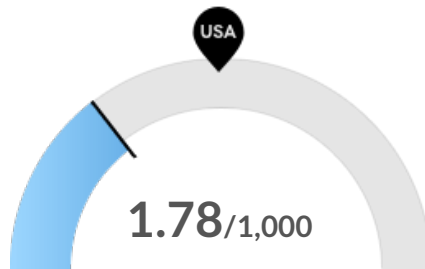
Racial Diversity

Racial diversity is low in Butler County KS. The national average for an area this size is 27,627 racially diverse people, while there are 8,457 here.



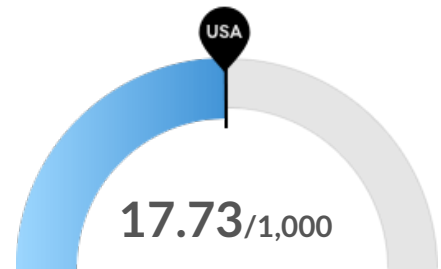
Veterans

Butler County KS has 4,791 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 3,626.



Violent Crime

Butler County KS has 1.78 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.59 per 1,000 people.

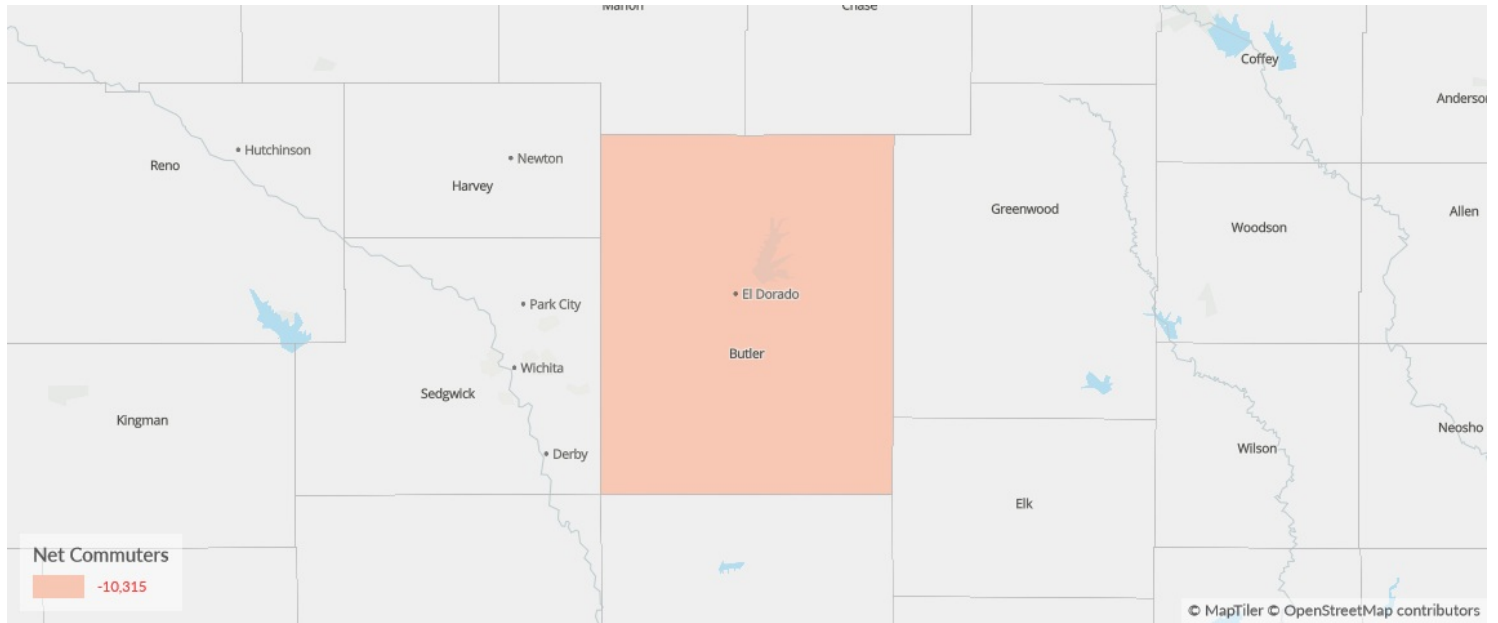


Property Crime

Butler County KS has 17.73 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 17.8 per 1,000 people.

Place of Work vs Place of Residence

Understanding where talent in Butler County, KS currently works compared to where talent lives can help you optimize site decisions.



Where Talent Works

County	Name	2022 Employment
20015	Butler County, KS	20,970

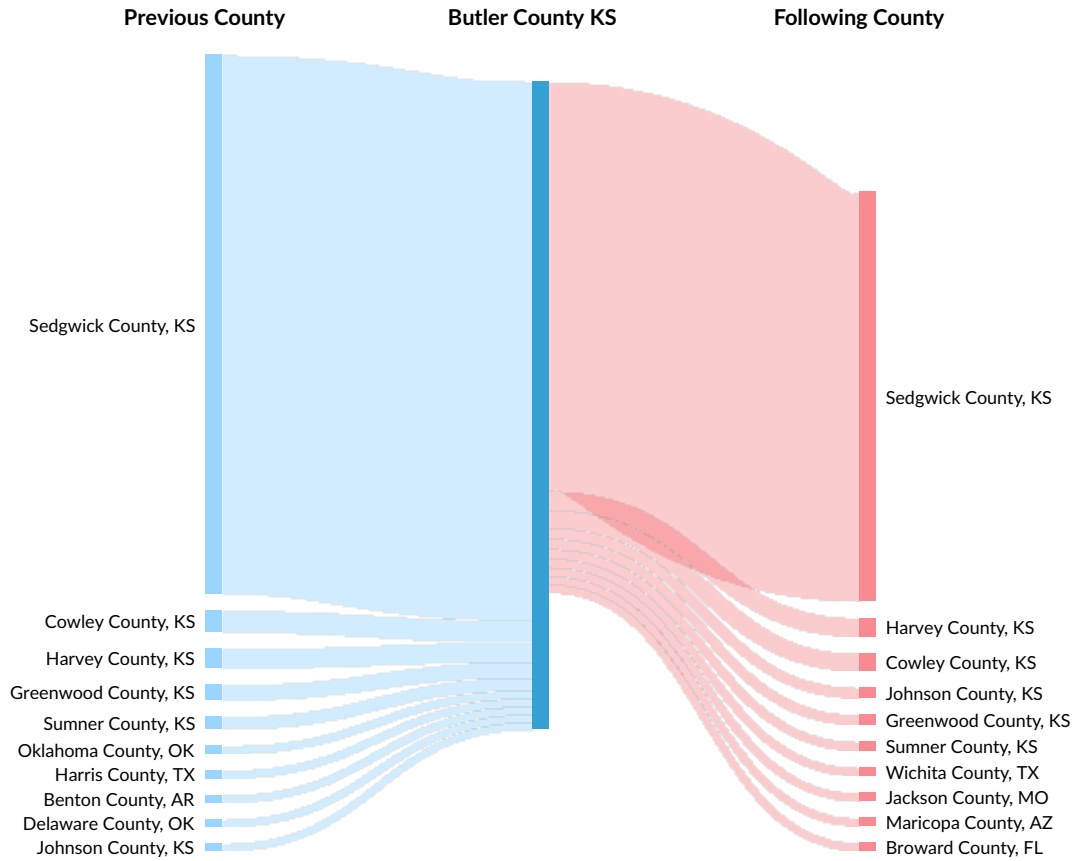
Where Talent Lives

County	Name	2022 Workers
20015	Butler County, KS	31,286

Inbound and Outbound Migration

The table below analyzes past and current residents of Butler County KS. The left column shows residents of other counties migrating to Butler County KS. The right column shows residents migrating from Butler County KS to other counties.

As of 2020, **2,137** people have migrated from Sedgwick County, KS to Butler County KS. In the same year, **1,624** people left Butler County KS migrating to Sedgwick County, KS. The total Net Migration for Butler County KS in 2020 was **421**.

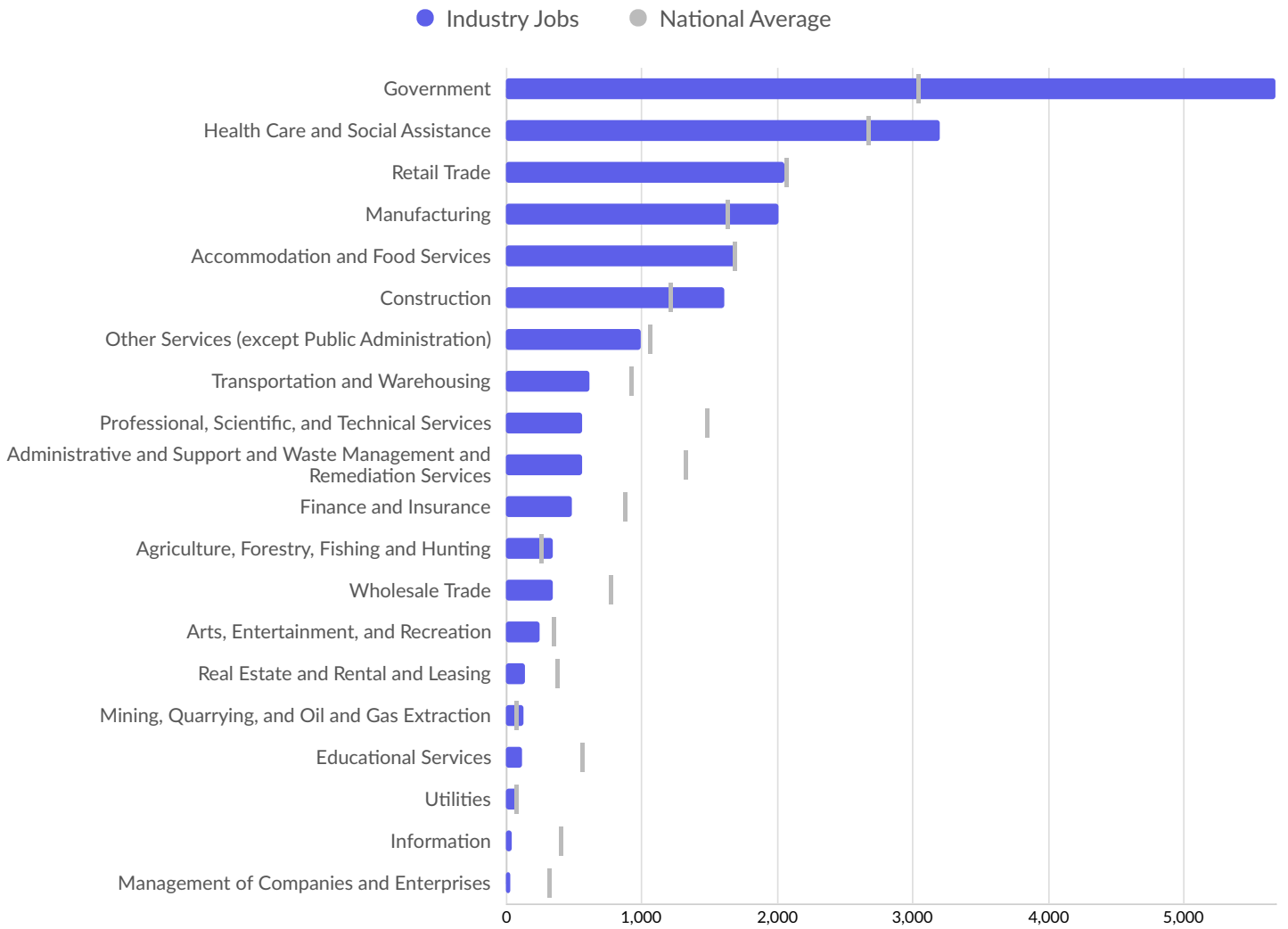


Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Sedgwick County, KS	2,137
Cowley County, KS	86
Harvey County, KS	78
Greenwood County, KS	62
Sumner County, KS	50
Oklahoma County, OK	33

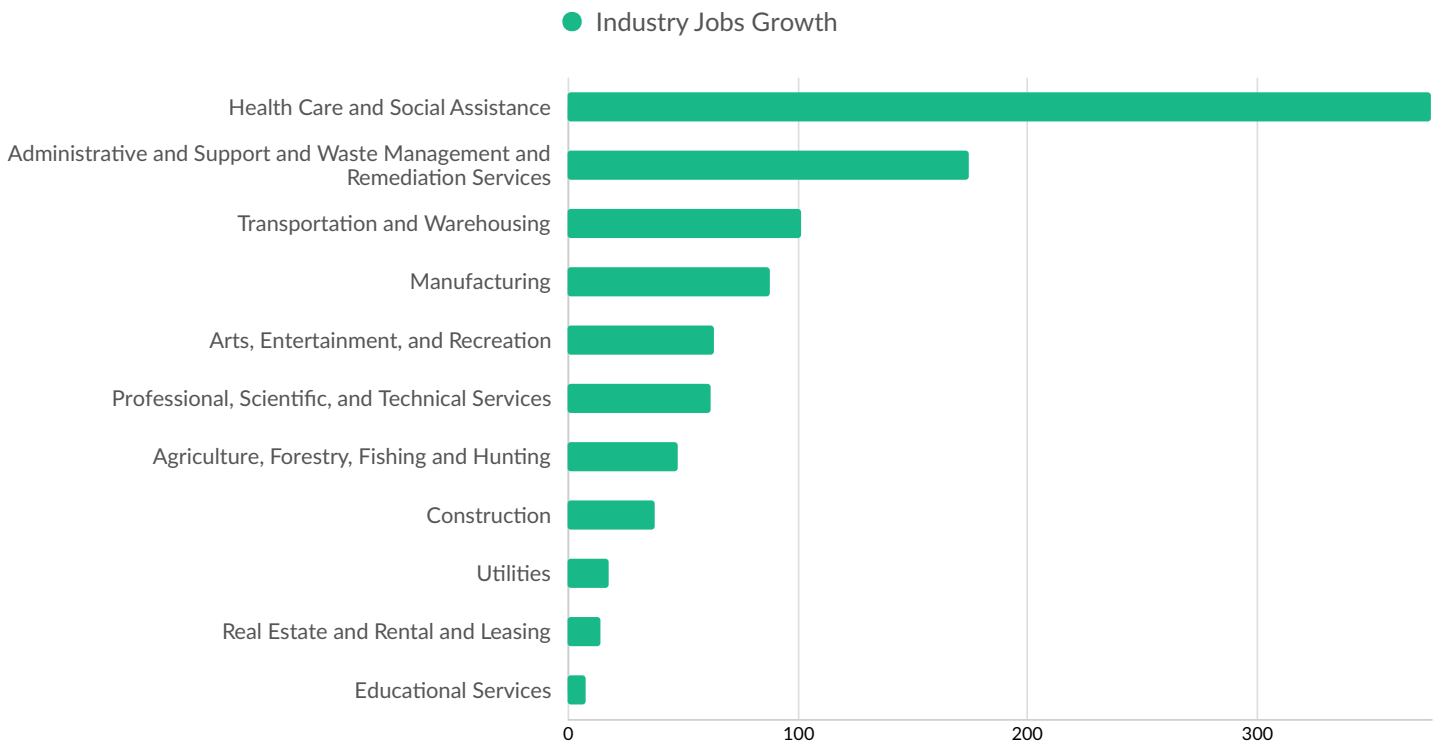
Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Harris County, TX	32
Benton County, AR	32
Delaware County, OK	30
Johnson County, KS	30
Comanche County, OK	27
Clay County, MO	26
Greene County, MO	25
San Bernardino County, CA	22
Wyandotte County, KS	21
Top Following Counties	Migrations
Sedgwick County, KS	1,624
Harvey County, KS	75
Cowley County, KS	71
Johnson County, KS	43
Greenwood County, KS	41
Sumner County, KS	38
Wichita County, TX	35
Jackson County, MO	35
Maricopa County, AZ	33
Broward County, FL	33
Oklahoma County, OK	32
Tom Green County, TX	32
Miami-Dade County, FL	30
San Diego County, CA	29
Fairfax County, VA	27

Industry Characteristics

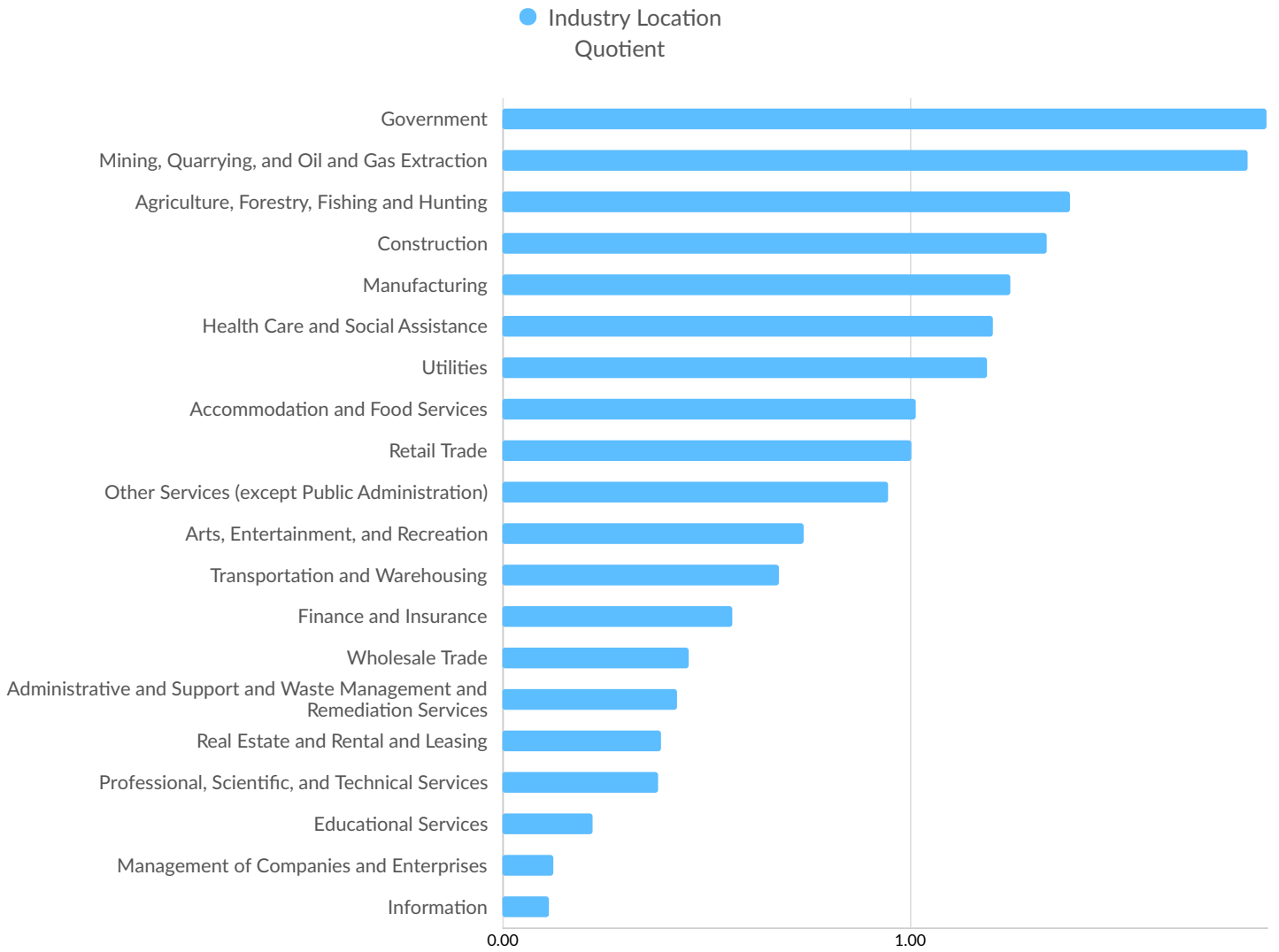
Largest Industries



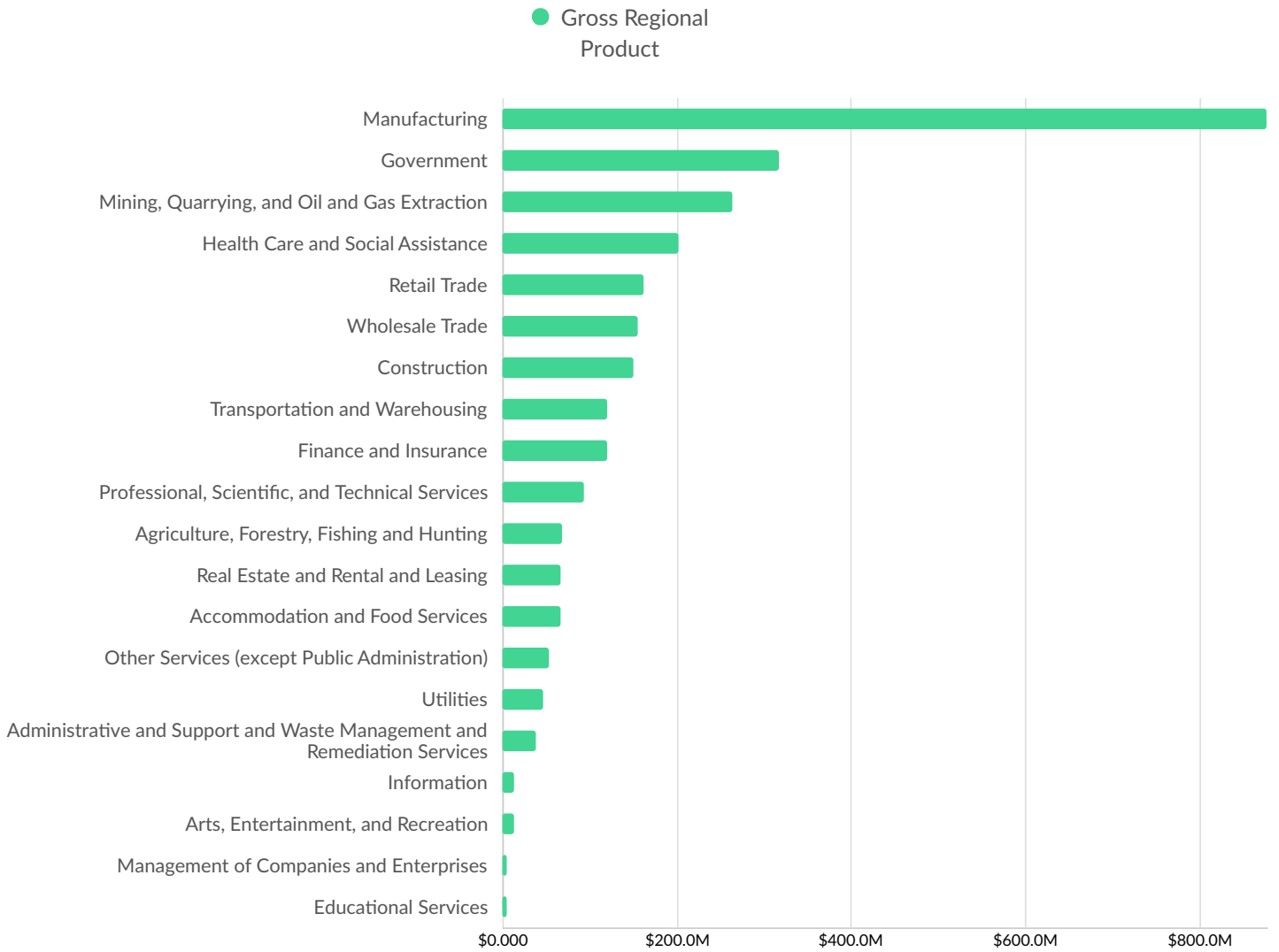
Top Growing Industries



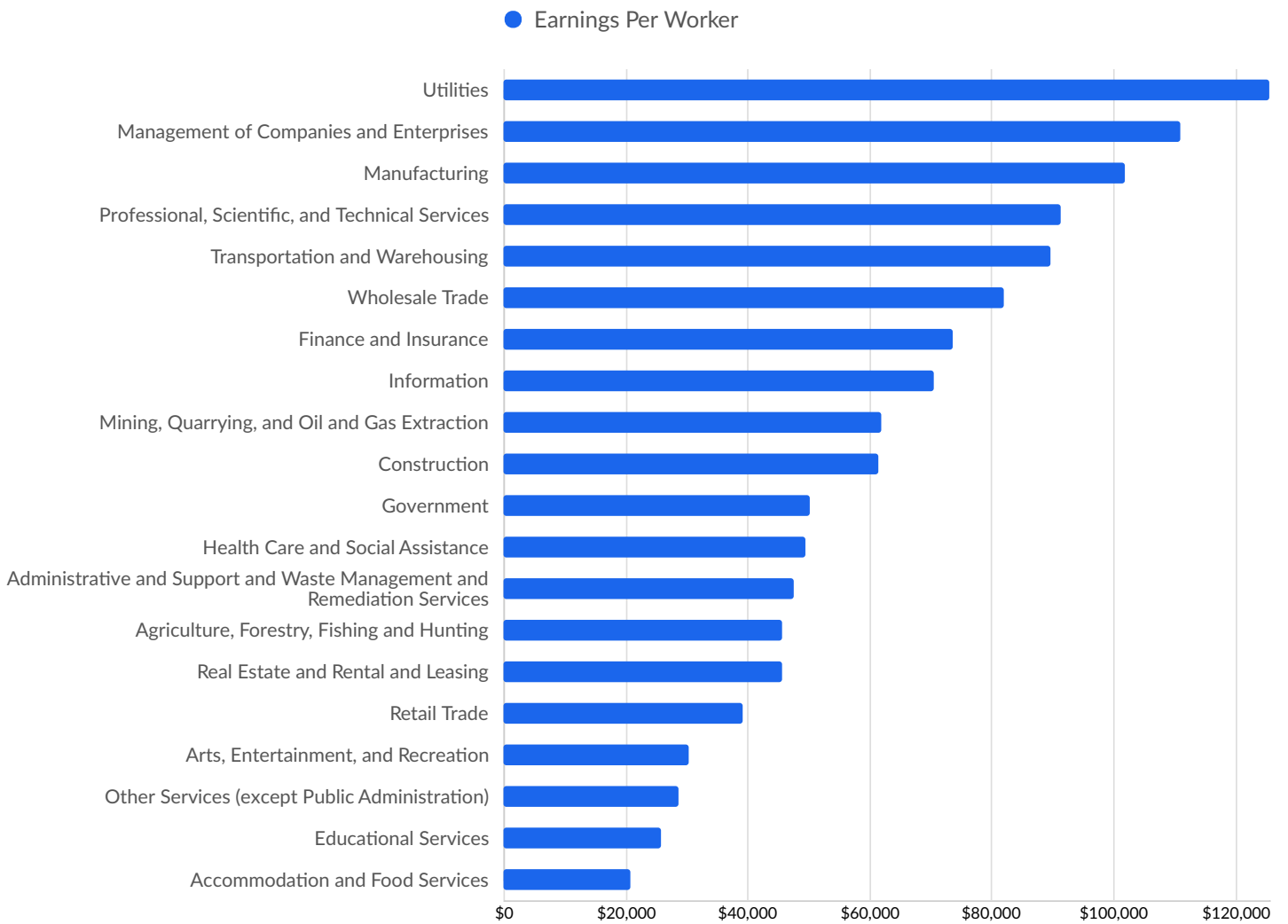
Top Industry Location Quotient



Top Industry GRP























Top Industry Earnings



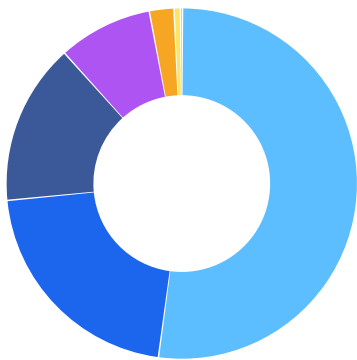
Business Characteristics

4,462 Companies Employ Your Workers

Online profiles for your workers mention 4,462 companies as employers, with the top 10 appearing below. In the last 12 months, 585 companies in Butler County KS posted job postings, with the top 10 appearing below.

Top Companies	Profiles	Top Companies Posting	Unique Postings
Spirit AeroSystems	471 	Ascension	354 
Butler Community College	304 	Butler Community College	318 
Textron	151 	Kansas Medical Center, L.L.C.	180 
HollyFrontier	139 	Andover Public Schools	156 
Beechcraft Corp	130 	Pizza Hut	113 
Via Christi Health	125 	Walmart	100 
Andover Public Schools	109 	Sherwin-Williams	94 
Boeing	100 	Midwest Health	91 
Walmart	100 	Butler County	88 
Koch Industries	94 	HollyFrontier	88 

Business Size

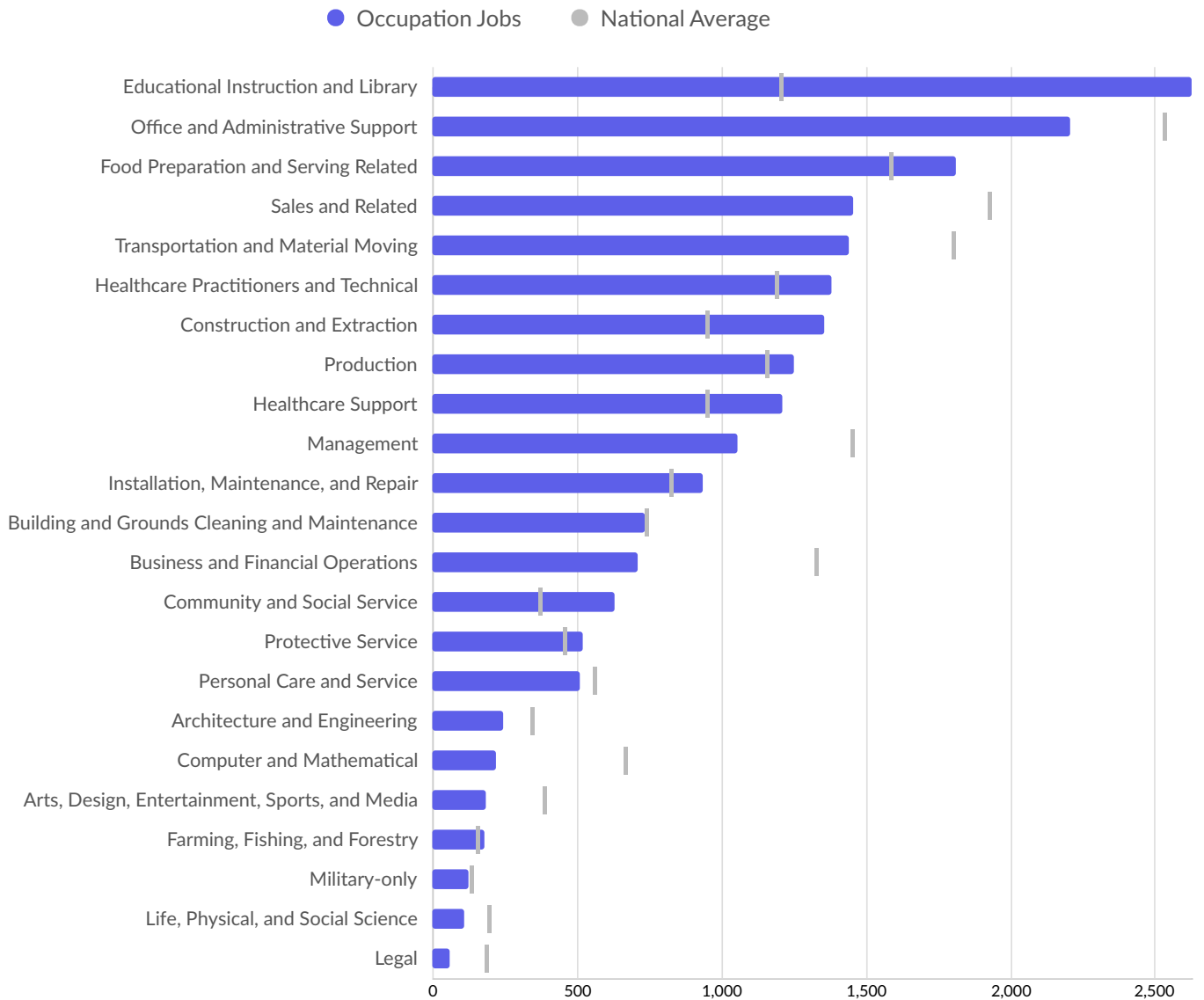


	Percentage	Business Count
● 1 to 4 employees	52.1%	1,403
● 5 to 9 employees	21.3%	575
● 10 to 19 employees	14.9%	401
● 20 to 49 employees	8.7%	234
● 50 to 99 employees	2.3%	61
● 100 to 249 employees	0.6%	16
● 250 to 499 employees	0.2%	5

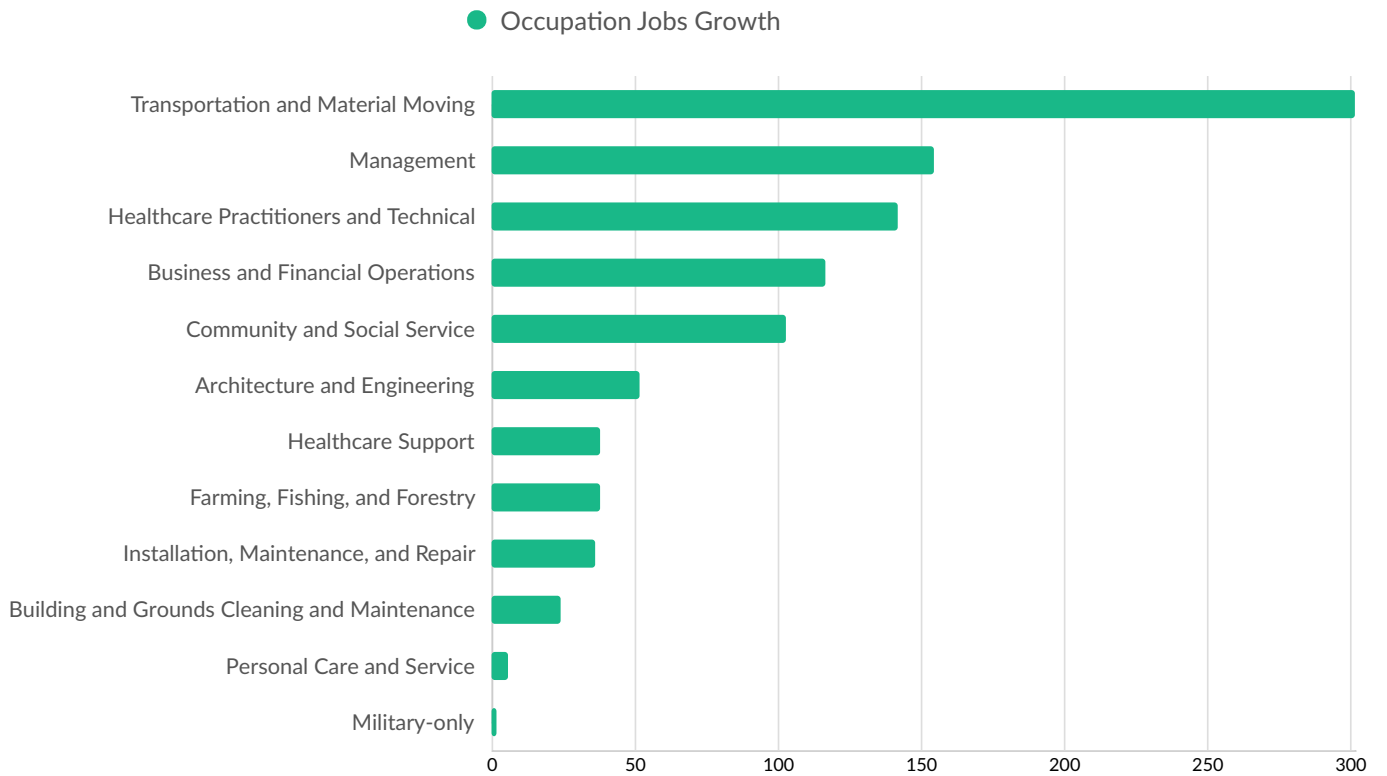
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Workforce Characteristics

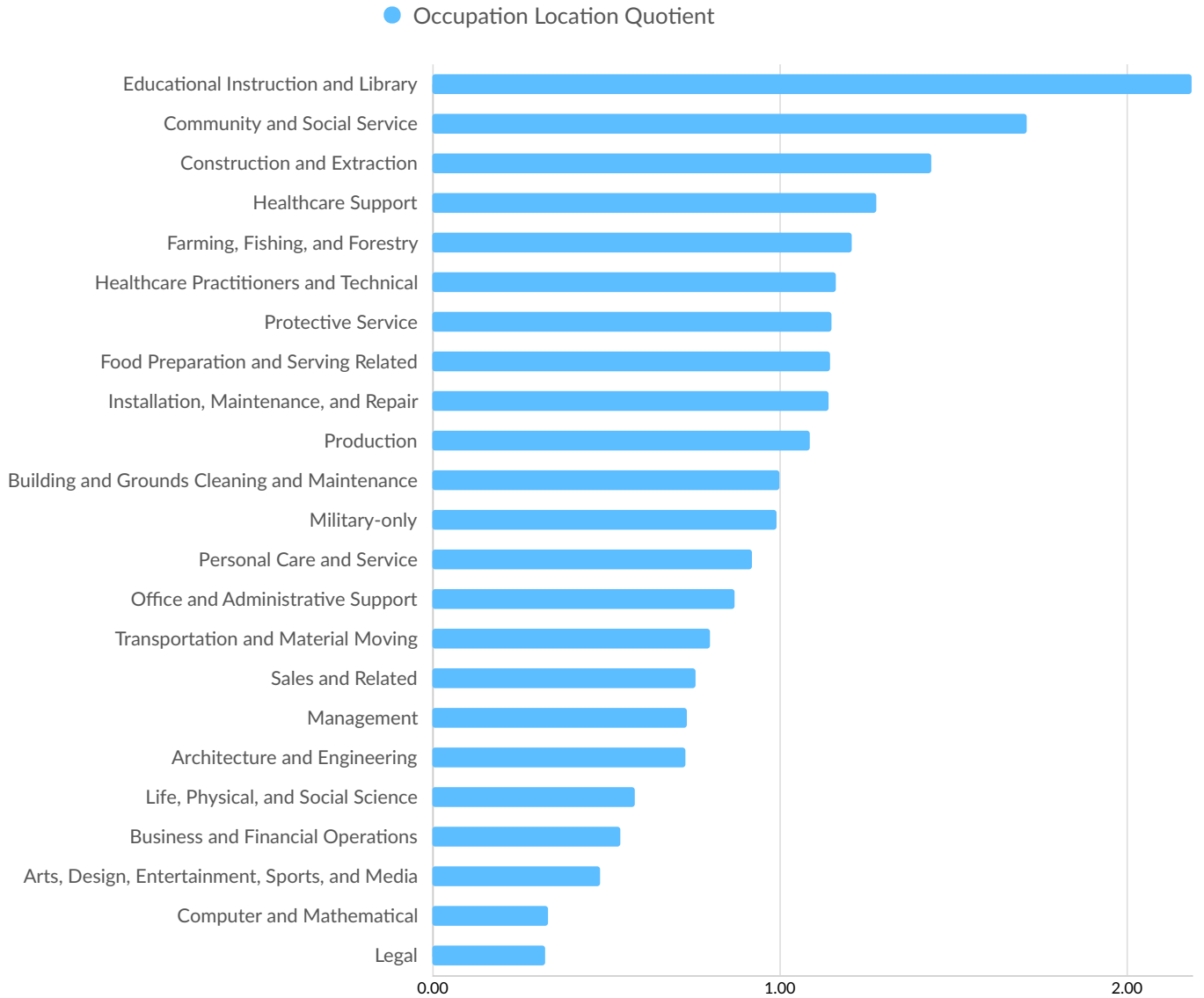
Largest Occupations



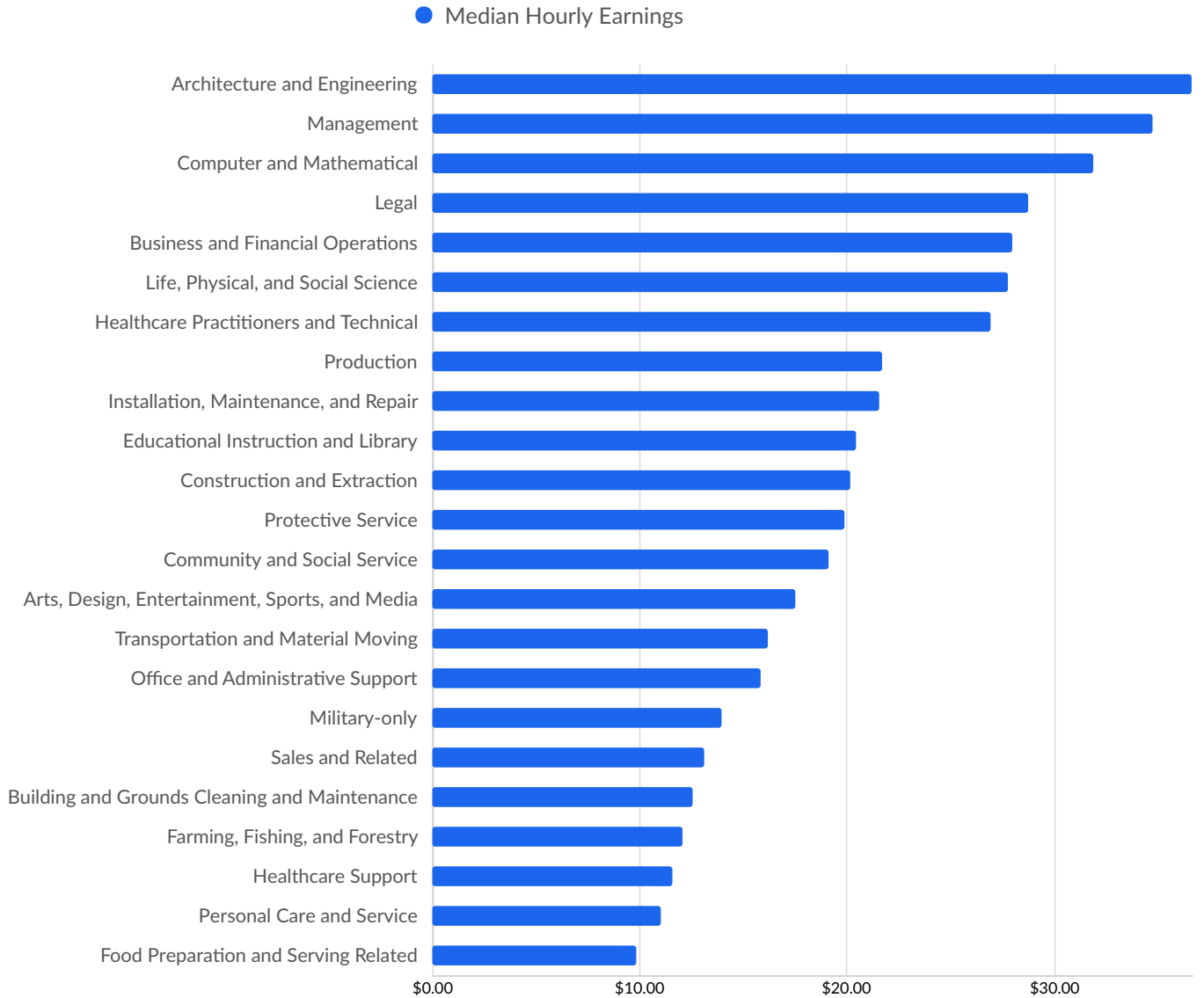
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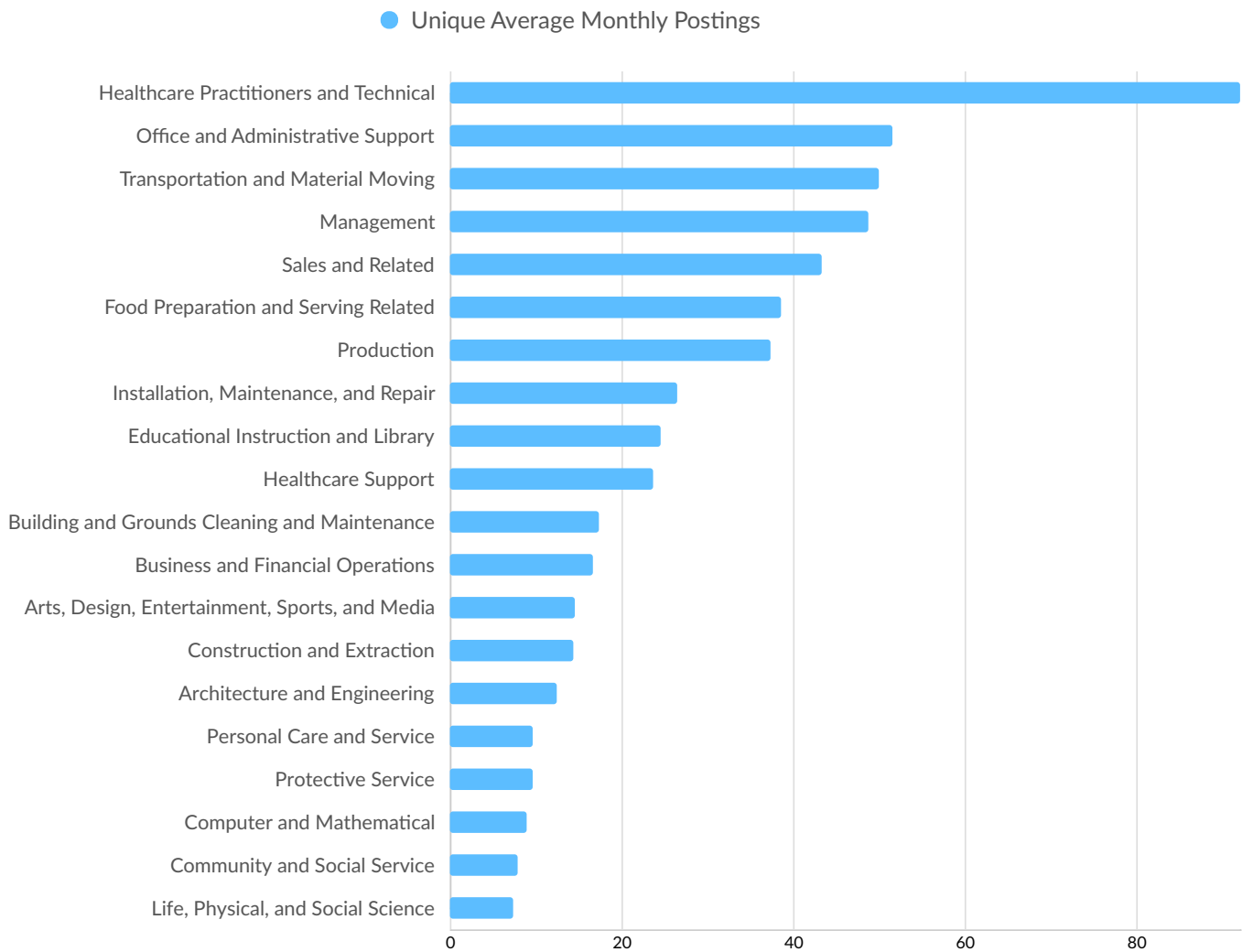
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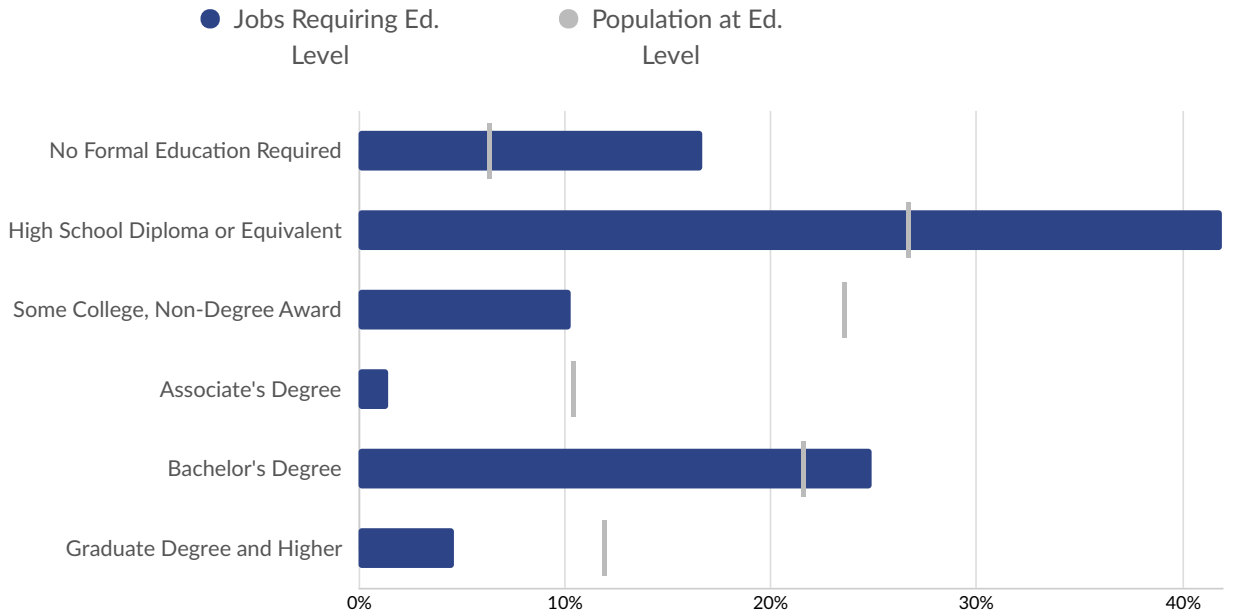
Top Occupation Earnings



Top Posted Occupations

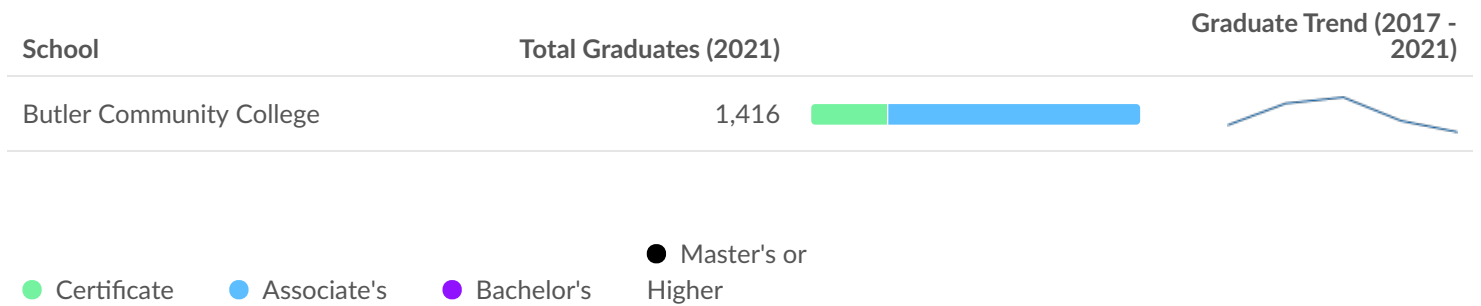


Underemployment



Educational Pipeline

In 2021, there were 1,416 graduates in Butler County KS. This pipeline has shrunk by 1% over the last 5 years. The highest share of these graduates come from "Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies" (Associate's), "Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse" (Certificate), and "Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse" (Associate's).



In-Demand Skills

