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# COOL CAREERS

**PLUMBER**

**HIGH-DEMAND**  
Job in Kansas 



In this episode, Cool Careers Correspondent Dylan visits Tatro in Garden City to explore why plumbing is such a secure job, how fun it is to problem-solve and fix things, and what it's like to be a woman working in the industry.

Plumbers install and repair pipes and systems in factories, homes, businesses and other places.

**ANSWER KEY**

**Typical Education Required For This Job:** PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

## Episode Takeaways

Please respond to these questions using complete sentences.

1. True or false: Kristina started her career as an apprentice plumber. *Circle one.*



2. What is one kind of building that commercial plumbers work on?

Schools, hospitals or grocery stores.

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning “no way” and 10 meaning “this seems like a great job for me someday,” how interested are you in this career path? *Circle a number.*

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*Definitely not*

*Maybe*

*I'm super interested*

4. Why did you circle the number you did on question 3?

Three empty text input boxes for the answer to question 4.

5. Find the Plumber, Pipefitter and Steamfitter page on **HirePaths.com**. What Kansas Career Cluster is this job in?

Manufacturing



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**WELDER** **HIGH-DEMAND**  
Job in Kansas 



In this episode, Cool Careers Correspondent Emily is in Manhattan, Kansas, to meet Richard, a welder at Florence Corporation. Emily gets to see welders in action as sparks and inspiration fly!

Welders use hand-held or remotely controlled tools to join, fix or cut metal parts and products.

**ANSWER KEY**

**Typical Education Required For This Job:** HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT OR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

## Episode Takeaways

Please respond to these questions using complete sentences.

1. True or false: Richard says once you know the basics of welding, it's easy to learn different styles. *Circle one.*



2. How hot (in degrees) can welding sparks get?

5,000 degrees

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning "no way" and 10 meaning "this seems like a great job for me someday," how interested are you in this career path? *Circle a number.*

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*Definitely not*

*Maybe*

*I'm super interested*

4. Why did you circle the number you did on question 3?

Three empty text input boxes for the answer to question 4.

5. Find the Welder, Cutter, Solderer and Brazer page on **HirePaths.com**. What Kansas Career Cluster is this job in?

Manufacturing



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## CARPENTER

**HIGH-DEMAND**  
Job in Kansas 



In this episode, Cool Careers Correspondent Cole goes to Wichita to meet Will, a carpenter foreman with Conco Construction. Luckily, Cole brought his tool belt and hammer — there's plenty of work to be done!

Carpenters build everything from all buildings and structures made from wood and other materials.

**ANSWER KEY**

**Typical Education Required For This Job:** ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT

### Episode Takeaways

Please respond to these questions using complete sentences.

1. What's one kind of building Conco Construction builds?

Aircraft hangar, car wash, hospital, their headquarters

2. Name one tool Cole and Will use as they're building together.

Laser, hammer, tape measure, nail, hard hat, goggles/glasses, drill, stud

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning "no way" and 10 meaning "this seems like a great job for me someday," how interested are you in this career path? *Circle a number.*

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*Definitely not*

*Maybe*

*I'm super interested*

4. Why did you circle the number you did on question 3?

Three empty text boxes for the answer to question 4.

5. Find the Carpenter page on the **HirePaths.com** website. In the future, demand for this job in Kansas is supposed to:

Grow



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## SHEET METAL MECHANIC

HIGH-DEMAND  
Job in Kansas 



In this episode, Cool Careers Correspondent Maya learns how airplanes are made — and how many get produced right here in Kansas at Spirit AeroSystems! She follows Tray, a sheet metal mechanic, who works on the body of airplanes. Watch how well Maya does with a drawing of the airplane!

**ANSWER KEY**

Sheet metal mechanics make, put together, and fix sheet metal products and equipment like ducts, airplane bodies, control boxes, pipes and furnace parts. They look at products to make sure everything is working properly and might operate machines to shape sheet metal.

**Typical Education Required For This Job:** HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

### Episode Takeaways

Please respond to these questions using complete sentences.

1. True or false: Spirit AeroSystems is the largest employer in Kansas. *Circle one.*



2. Name one thing Tray says you can learn through playing sports that will help prepare you for a job like sheet metal mechanic.

Communication, being on time, being active, solving problems

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning “no way” and 10 meaning “this seems like a great job for me someday,” how interested are you in this career path? *Circle a number.*

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*Definitely not*

*Maybe*

*I'm super interested*

4. Why did you circle the number you did on question 3?

Three empty text input boxes for the answer to question 4.

5. Find the Sheet Metal Worker page on **HirePaths.com**. What's the median salary for this job in Kansas?

\$47,240