



Kforce Inc. (KFRC)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$58	5 Year Annual Expected Total Return:	4.6%	Market Cap:	\$967.2 M
Fair Value Price:	\$43	5 Year Growth Estimate:	8.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	09/11/26
% Fair Value:	134%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	-5.7%	Dividend Payment Date:	09/25/26
Dividend Yield:	2.8%	5 Year Price Target	\$63	Years Of Dividend Growth:	9
Dividend Risk Score:	D	Sector:	Industrials	Rating:	Hold

Overview & Current Events

Kforce Inc. is a professional staffing and solutions firm focused on technology and finance & accounting services. The company primarily generates revenue through its “Flex” staffing model, supplying skilled professionals to clients on a temporary or project basis, alongside direct-hire placements. Its Technology segment drives the majority of business, reflecting strong demand for IT talent supporting digital transformation and data-driven initiatives.

Kforce’s strategy centers on aligning workforce solutions with long-term industry trends while improving operational efficiency through investments such as cloud-based systems and offshore delivery capabilities. Although performance is sensitive to economic cycles and hiring demand, the company maintains disciplined capital allocation, returning cash to shareholders through dividends and buybacks. Its long-term growth depends on sustained demand for specialized talent and effective execution of its strategic initiatives.

The company reported its second quarter results on July 27th, 2026. The company reported second-quarter 2026 revenue of \$349.3 million, a 4.5% year-over-year increase and a 5.7% sequential rise. Gross profit margins expanded 140 basis points to 28.5%, while Flex gross margins improved 110 basis points to 26.9%. Operating margins rose to 5.4%, and diluted earnings per share increased nearly 24% year-over-year to \$0.73. Technology Flex revenue grew 4.0% and Finance & Accounting Flex revenue rose 6.0% compared with the prior-year quarter.

Management highlighted continued sequential revenue growth, stronger profitability, and the firm’s ability to deliver operating margins well above historical levels at comparable revenue. The company returned \$9.6 million to shareholders through share repurchases and dividends during the quarter and declared a third-quarter dividend of \$0.40 per share.

For the third quarter of 2026, Kforce expects sequential revenue growth with accelerated year-over-year gains, guiding revenue of \$349–\$357 million and diluted earnings per share of \$0.71–\$0.79. Gross profit margins are projected at 28.1%–28.3%, with operating margins of 5.3%–5.7%. Leadership remains confident that demand for high-quality technology talent, including AI-related projects, will support continued growth.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	\$1.46	\$1.57	\$2.30	\$2.35	\$2.62	\$3.54	\$4.25	\$3.49	\$2.68	\$2.09	\$2.53	\$3.72
DPS	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.60	\$0.72	\$0.80	\$0.98	\$1.20	\$1.44	\$1.52	\$1.56	\$1.60	\$1.95
Shares¹	26.3	25.6	25.3	23.8	21.4	21.2	20.5	19.5	18.8	17.8	17.0	15.0

The Company has grown earnings by 4.1% annually over the past ten years. However, over the past five years, earnings growth was negative -6.5%. Kforce experienced declining earnings growth in 2025, with full-year EPS falling to \$2.09, down about 22% year-over-year, driven by lower revenue and margin compression. However, going forward we expect the company to grow earning by 8% for the next five years which will bring 2031 earnings of \$3.72. The company has grown its dividend for nine consecutive years. The most recent dividend increase was 2.6%, which was announced on February 3, 2026.

¹ Share count is in millions.

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Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Avg. P/E	15.8	16.1	13.2	16.9	16.1	21.3	12.9	19.3	21.1	14.9	22.8	17.0
Avg. Yld.	2.1%	1.9%	1.9%	1.8%	1.9%	1.3%	2.2%	2.1%	2.7%	5.1%	2.8%	3.1%

Over the past decade, Kforce has averaged a P/E ratio of 16.8x. The company was valued at a lower level in the post-recession years but quickly expanded to maintain a multiple that fluctuates around 18x in most market conditions. However, we think a fair value multiple estimates to 17x earnings is fair for this company. At the current price, the company has a multiple of 22.8x. This means that the company has a headwind of -5.7% of multiple compression.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	33%	31%	26%	31%	31%	28%	28%	41%	57%	75%	63%	52%

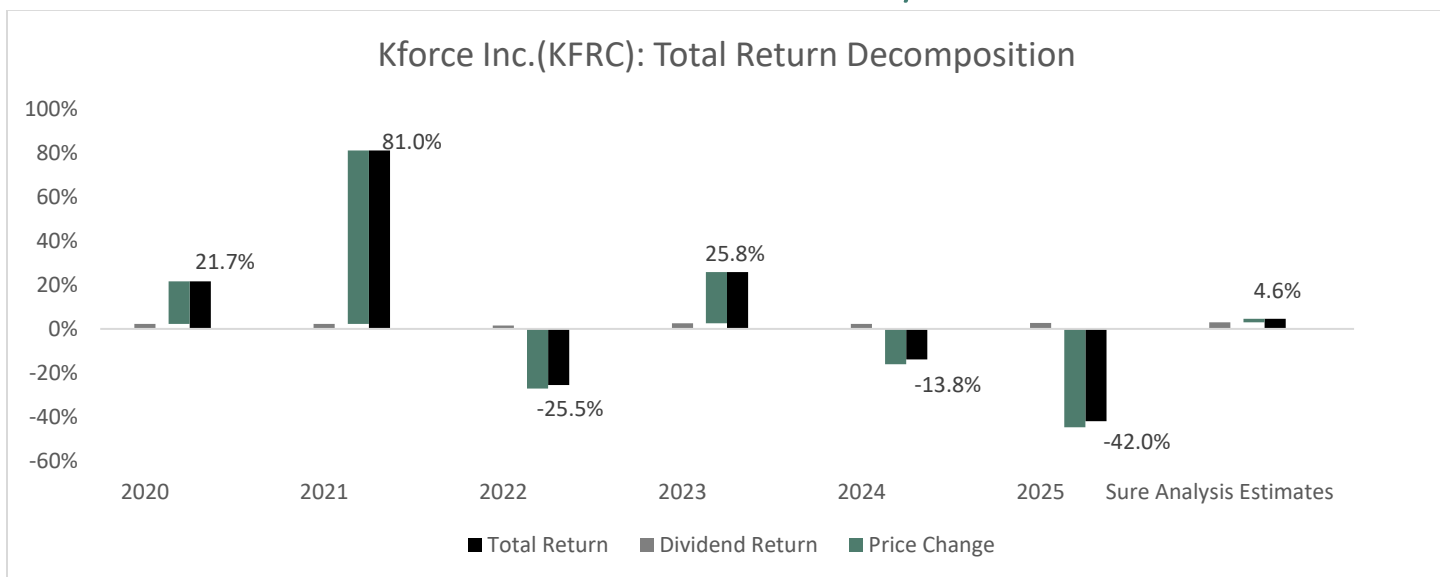
Kforce Inc. maintains solid business quality through its asset-light model, consistent cash generation, and disciplined capital returns. Its focus on high-skill technology staffing supports service quality and operational efficiency, while investments in cloud systems and offshore delivery enhance scalability and cost control.

The company's competitive advantage stems from its specialization in technology talent and long-standing client relationships. However, recession resiliency is moderate, as staffing demand is cyclical and tied to hiring trends, though its focus on mission-critical IT roles provides some downside protection. Currently the company as a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.6 which is a good ratio and a long term debt to capital ratio of 38%. Thus, the company has a good balance sheet.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Kforce Inc. is a high-quality niche staffing firm with strong expertise in technology talent solutions and a disciplined capital return strategy. However, its earnings are highly cyclical and closely tied to corporate hiring demand, which limits stability during economic downturns. Overall, it is a well-run company but better suited as a cyclical exposure rather than a defensive long-term holding. We expect a return over the next five years is 4.6%. Thus, we have a Hold rating because of the high dividend payout ratio and D dividend Risk Score.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenue	1,320	1,358	1,304	1,347	1,398	1,580	1,711	1,532	1,405	1,329
Gross Profit	400	400	380	389	391	452	497	422	380	356
Gross Margin	30.3%	29.4%	29.1%	28.9%	28.0%	28.6%	29.0%	27.6%	27.0%	26.8%
SG&A Exp.	341	331	307	314	311	346	380	335	310	306
D&A Exp.	9	9	8	6	11	10	10	5	10	6
Operating Profit	59	65	72	75	80	108	117	93	70	50
Operating Margin	4.4%	4.8%	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%	6.8%	6.8%	6.1%	5.0%	3.8%
Net Profit	33	33	51	55	56	75	75	61	50	35
Net Margin	2.5%	2.5%	3.9%	4.0%	4.0%	4.8%	4.4%	4.0%	3.6%	2.6%
Free Cash Flow	27	23	83	56	103	65	83	84	79	47
Income Tax	23	31	17	17	19	24	27	24	17	12

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Assets	365	384	385	390	491	518	404	369	368	376
Cash & Equivalents	1	0	0	20	103	97	0	0	0	2
Accounts Receivable	206	226	211	218	228	265	269	233	216	190
Inventories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill & Int.	50	49	30	34	38	40	41	41	54	77
Total Liabilities	244	250	216	222	311	329	222	210	214	251
Accounts Payable	20	22	19	20	20	40	50	43	38	40
Long-Term Debt	116	120	72	81	115	112	42	54	45	80
Shareholder's Equity	122	134	168	167	180	188	182	159	155	125
LTD/E Ratio	0.96	0.90	0.43	0.52	0.67	0.63	0.26	0.36	0.31	0.67

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Return on Assets	9.1%	8.9%	13.2%	14.1%	12.7%	14.9%	16.4%	15.8%	13.7%	9.4%
Return on Equity	25.1%	26.0%	33.6%	32.5%	32.3%	40.8%	40.7%	35.8%	32.1%	24.9%
ROIC	14.2%	13.5%	20.6%	22.1%	20.2%	24.8%	28.2%	27.4%	24.1%	17.0%
Shares Out.	26.3	25.6	25.3	23.8	21.4	21.2	20.5	19.5	18.8	17.8
Revenue/Share	50.23	53.07	51.64	56.68	65.33	74.48	83.44	78.52	74.71	74.76
FCF/Share	1.03	0.92	3.27	2.37	4.80	3.08	4.03	4.29	4.22	2.63

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.

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