



## Explore a Career as a **PRODUCTION WORKER**

### **What do Production Workers do?**

Production workers are involved in manufacturing all kinds of goods and components in a variety of sectors, including pharmaceuticals, food and drink processing, and light and heavy engineering machinery and production line operation – one of the key duties is to operate machinery used in the production process. Assembly and finishing – workers may be involved in assembly work, putting together component parts on a production line. Some production workers carry out finishing work, which involves cleaning the products, smoothing rough edges or applying protective coatings, often using hazardous chemicals. Packing, storage and dispatch – some duties include the use of packaging equipment to prepare products for shipment.

### **Training & Educational Opportunities**

You will have many of employment opportunities as a production worker, but first you will need to complete training and earn a certificate. Some employers may prefer you to have previous experience on a production line, and forklift training could be useful for some jobs.

### **As a Production Worker you will:**

- Assemble goods on a production line, like fitting circuit boards into computers
- Clean and maintain work areas and machinery
- Finish products, for example applying protective coatings
- Measure, grade and feed batches of raw materials into production machinery
- Monitor the production process and carry out basic testing and quality checks
- Operate production line equipment
- Package goods ready for shipment
- Report equipment faults to maintenance staff

### **Production Workers are in demand in Lake County!**

Lake County employment of production workers is expected to increase through the year 2020.

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## Training Providers

The following certified training provider offers training programs for production workers:

- Harper College

Training is of no cost, based upon eligibility.



## Types of Employers

There are many types of employers looking to hire production workers in Lake County, including:

- Auto manufacturers
- Clothing manufacturers
- Food manufacturers
- Power plants

## Wages & Openings

### Production Worker Employment Data for Lake County

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| Average Starting Hourly Wage              | \$9.04  |
| Average Hourly Wage With Experience       | \$15.12 |
| Average Annual Job Openings Lake County   | 34      |
| Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro | 686     |

## Opportunities

After you receive your training as a production worker, you will have many opportunities for advancement, including:

- Lead shift manager
- Senior production supervisor
- Quality inspector



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