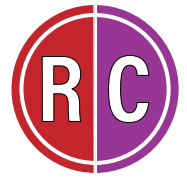


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Realistic - Conventional

Occupation by Entry-Level Education	Entry Wage	Median Wage	Job Openings *
High school diploma or equivalent			
Adhesive Bonding Machine Operators and Tenders	\$31,570	\$38,632	n
Cleaning, Washing, and Metal Pickling Equipment Operators and Tenders	\$29,227	\$36,917	13
Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators	\$35,804	\$48,021	296
Crushing, Grinding, and Polishing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	\$33,167	\$45,857	22
Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	\$32,066	\$47,735	25
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$30,857	\$37,803	58
Drilling and Boring Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$29,500	\$37,069	2
Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$32,585	\$44,995	n
Extruding, Forming, Pressing, and Compacting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	\$31,714	\$36,587	22
Food Batchmakers	\$28,688	\$30,611	45
Food Cooking Machine Operators and Tenders	\$29,877	\$34,687	5
Furnace, Kiln, Oven, Drier, and Kettle Operators and Tenders	\$34,766	\$44,940	3
Heat Treating Equipment Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$34,315	\$38,585	9
Helpers--Production Workers	\$27,689	\$33,623	143
Machinists	\$36,438	\$48,211	222
Metal Workers and Plastic Workers, All Other	\$28,798	\$37,657	52
Milling and Planing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$35,768	\$48,251	3
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	\$34,504	\$46,550	51
Molders, Shapers, and Casters, Except Metal and Plastic	\$34,562	\$37,680	17
Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$28,838	\$36,837	72
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	\$28,874	\$37,916	145
Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	\$32,965	\$44,901	17
Plating Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$33,066	\$37,916	20
Production Workers, All Other	\$29,903	\$36,782	124
Rolling Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$35,663	\$44,921	n
Sawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Wood	\$29,049	\$37,350	16

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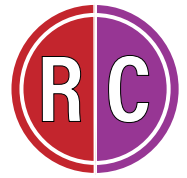
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High school diploma or equivalent (continued)			
Separating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitating, and Still Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	\$35,574	\$39,762	28
Textile Cutting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	\$27,887	\$36,101	14
Textile Knitting and Weaving Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	\$30,436	\$35,956	24
Textile Winding, Twisting, and Drawing Out Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	\$28,275	\$33,420	10
Textile, Apparel, and Furnishings Workers, All Other	\$29,592	\$37,329	13
Tool Grinders, Filers, and Sharpeners	\$34,782	\$47,133	6
Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	\$31,170	\$38,208	33
Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	\$26,883	\$35,184	42
No formal educational credential			
Food and Tobacco Roasting, Baking, and Drying Machine Operators and Tenders	\$34,532	\$36,782	25
Food Processing Workers, All Other	\$21,364	\$29,899	13

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