

Realists



Realists are interested in traditional, practical work, working in fields such as repairing, building, or farming. They use tools and machinery, and work with their hands. They are problem-solvers, sensible, and down-to-earth. Their interests are strongly realistic, and limited in other areas.

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Occupation by Entry-Level Education	Entry Wage	Median Wage	Job Openings *
Postsecondary Non-Degree Award			
Commercial Divers	\$39,633	\$52,382	n
Motorcycle Mechanics	\$35,118	\$47,058	28
High School Diploma or Equivalent plus Apprenticeship			
Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators, Surface Mining	\$46,067	\$47,885	n
Sheet Metal Workers	\$35,887	\$48,888	51
Stonemasons	\$41,209	\$46,910	12
High school diploma or equivalent			
Animal Trainers	\$27,067	\$36,059	29
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	\$32,056	\$46,972	81
Extruding and Forming Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Synthetic and Glass Fibers	\$30,771	\$38,897	n
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing, and Buffing Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$32,055	\$37,657	76
Helpers--Pipelayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$29,464	\$37,514	26
Mechanical Door Repairers	\$26,399	\$47,454	13
Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$29,848	\$37,624	125
Precision Instrument and Equipment Repairers, All Other	\$43,606	\$71,265	7
Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners	\$37,359	\$47,306	22
Textile Bleaching and Dyeing Machine Operators and Tenders	\$27,259	\$35,143	15
Tree Trimmers and Pruners	\$23,534	\$39,159	59
Upholsterers	\$37,739	\$49,050	5
No formal educational credential			
Agricultural Equipment Operators	n/a	n/a	42
Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	\$23,734	\$29,815	143
Helpers - Brickmasons, Blockmasons, Stonemasons, and Tile and Marble Setters	\$35,099	\$38,672	18
Insulation Workers, Floor, Ceiling, and Wall	\$34,941	\$38,406	22
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$27,467	\$32,476	866
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	\$22,095	\$29,132	n
Painting, Coating, and Decorating Workers	\$34,792	\$38,585	7
Pipelayers	\$45,845	\$59,766	6
Plasterers and Stucco Masons	\$27,319	\$33,931	n
Tapers	\$48,680	\$50,734	n

* Bolded numbers indicate occupations with a **Very Favorable Job Outlook**

n = Data not available

Data Sources:

- 2021 Occupational Employment & Wages
- Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030

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