



NWI Career Cluster Overview

Manufacturing Occupations

NWI Employment Locations	NWI Jobs Now (2019)	Projected NWI New Jobs through 2024	NWI Wage Range (excludes benefits)
844	8,189	197	\$9-\$38/hr

What would I be doing? Manufacturing occupations include the hands-on jobs that do the actual building and shaping of products. This may be done by using tools or by keeping production machinery in good repair. Common responsibilities in this field may include operating sophisticated equipment, assembling products, and repairing machinery.

How much money could I be earning? Manufacturing occupations pay well once you've gained the needed training and experience. Food Batchmakers can make up to \$23 an hour, and Machinery Maintenance Workers can make up to \$38 an hour without requiring any more formal schooling.

Where would I be working? Manufacturing occupations are found in factories, machine shops, and production plants of all kinds.

Is this a growing field? This field is expected to grow 2.4% in Northwest Indiana through 2024 with 197 new jobs projected in the area. Many current workers in this field are expected to retire soon, opening up existing jobs to new talent.

What skills should I have? To work in this field, you must be good at working with your hands. Someone who pays close attention to detail and who can perform repetitive tasks and follow procedures will also do very well.

What education or training do I need? While many positions say they accept those with high school diplomas or equivalents, further training or certification can open the door to more opportunities with employers. WorkOne can help by providing the training you need to get hired.



Interested in a job you don't see listed? Just ask for more information.

WorkOne can also assist you with training and scholarships.

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Job Title	NWI Earnings Range	Education and/or Training Required	NWI Jobs (2019)
Coating and Painting Machine Operators	\$11-\$26/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT/certification	241
Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators	\$15-\$31/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT/certification	427
Food Batchmakers	\$10-\$23/hr	High school diploma or HSE, long-term OJT/certification	203
General Maintenance and Repair Workers	\$11-\$30/hr	High school diploma or HSE, long-term OJT/certification	3,610
Machinery Maintenance Workers	\$18-\$38/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT/certification	589
Machinists	\$13-\$33/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT/certification	1,060
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators	\$9-\$26/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT/certification	706
Welders	\$14-\$34/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT/certification	1,353

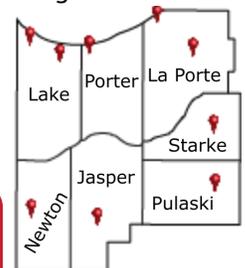
What else will my employer expect? According to our survey of 100 area employers, the top ten traits that they expect of their employees are:

1. Have a positive attitude
2. Work well with others
3. Follow directions
4. Show up on time
5. Recognize problems and find solutions
6. Manage time effectively
7. Apply good listening skills
8. Be honest and dependable
9. Pass a drug or background test
10. Dress properly and practice good grooming

Sounds great, so what's my next step? WorkOne NWI is your one-stop resource to move forward in your job search and career development, offering the tools and support you need including:

- Skills assessment
- Resume and cover letter writing assistance
- High school equivalency (HSE) prep and testing
- Training programs and workshops
- Access to training scholarships and grants

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