

## **NWI Career Cluster Overview**

## **Manufacturing Occupations**



Locations 595	(2014) <b>12,150</b>	New Jobs through 2020	(excludes benefits) \$8.32-\$40.06/hr
NWI Employment	NWI Jobs Now	Projected NWI	NWI Wage Range
Locations	(2014)	New Jobs through 2020	(excludes benefits)

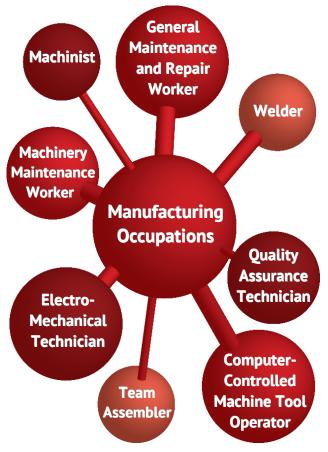
**What would I be doing?** Manufacturing occupations include the hands-on jobs that do the actual building and shaping of products. This may be done by using tools or by keeping production machinery in good repair. Common responsibilities in this field may include operating sophisticated equipment, assembling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

How much money could I be earning? Manufacturing occupations pay well once you've gained the needed training and experience. Team Assemblers can make up to \$18 an hour, and Machinery Maintenance Workers can end up at \$35 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?** Although this field is only expected to grow 2.2% in Northwest Indiana through 2020 with 272 new jobs, 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.



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Job Title	NWI Earnings Range	Education and/or Training Required	NWI Jobs (2014)
Electro-Mechanical Technician	\$22-\$40/hr	Associate degree	21
Machinery Maintenance Worker	\$18-\$35/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT/certification	239
Machinist	\$13-\$29/hr	High school diploma or HSE, long-term OJT/certification	1,243
General Maintenance and Repair Worker	\$9-\$28/hr	High school diploma or HSE, long-term OJT/certification	3,205
Welder	\$13-\$24/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT/certification	1,872
Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operator	\$12-\$18/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT/certification	487
Quality Assurance Technician	\$10-\$30/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT/certification	1,757
Team Assembler	\$8-\$18/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT/certification	3,324

What else will my employer expect? According to our survey of 100 area employers, the top ten traits that they expect of all 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
- HSE prep and testing
- Training programs and workshops
- Access to training scholarships and grants



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