



Butchers and meat cutters

Cut, trim, or prepare consumer-sized portions of meat for use or sale in retail establishments.

Cognitive and mental requirements

The qualifications that workers need to use judgement, make decisions, interact with others, and adapt to changes in jobs.

In 2024, more than basic people skills were required for less than 5 percent of butchers and meat cutters, and basic people skills were required for greater than 95 percent.

Table 1. Percentage of butchers and meat cutters with cognitive and mental requirements, 2024

Requirement	Yes	No
Adaptability: Work schedule variability	53.7	46.3
Pace: Pause control	8.1	91.9
Telework	<0.5	>99.5
Work review: Presence of supervisor	>85	<15
Work review: Supervising others	<0.5	>99.5
Working around crowds	<0.5	>99.5

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

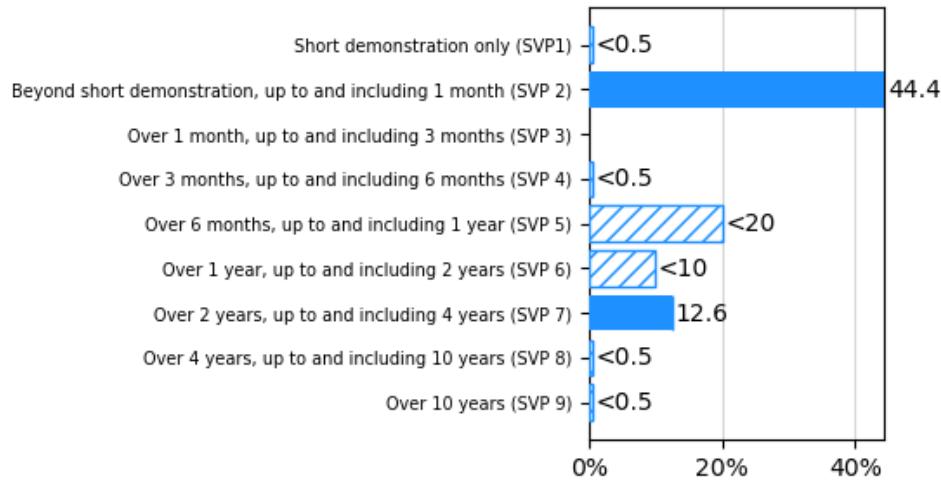
Education, training, and experience requirements

The minimum level of formal education required, credentials necessary, on-the-job training, and prior work experience necessary for average performance in jobs.

In 2024, prior work experience was required for 21.1 percent of butchers and meat cutters and on-the-job training was required for greater than 80 percent.

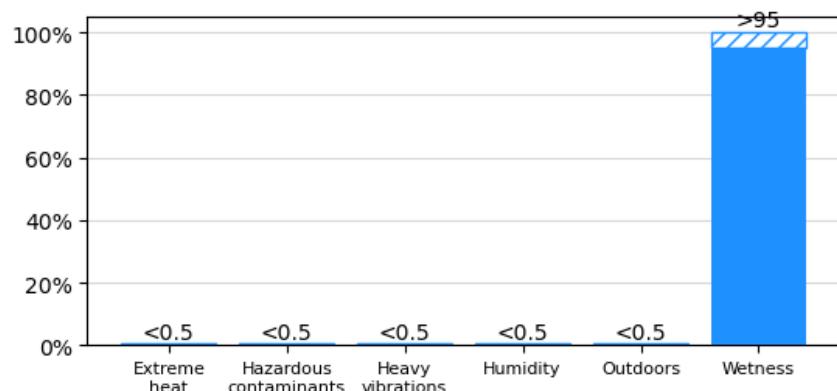
No minimum education was required for 66.5 percent of butchers and meat cutters.

Chart 1. Percentage of butchers and meat cutters by specific vocational preparation (SVP) level, 2024



Note: Striped bars represent range estimates where precise value is unpublished.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

Chart 2. Percentage of butchers and meat cutters with exposure to environmental conditions, 2024



Environmental conditions

The various tangible or concrete hazards or difficulties that are in the vicinity of where jobs' critical tasks are performed.

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Physical demands

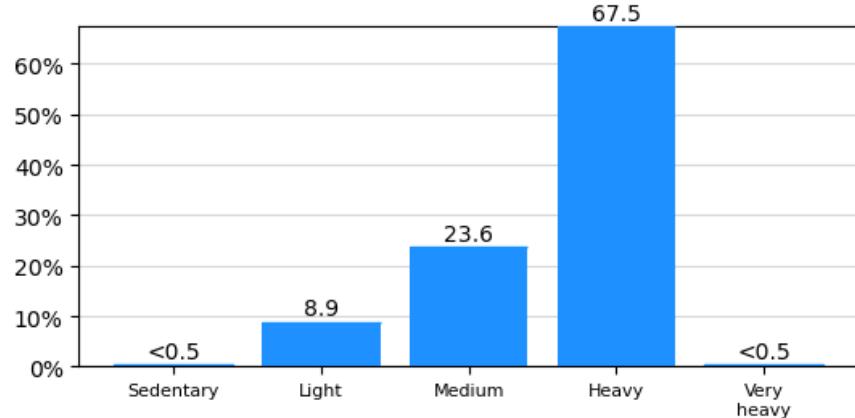
Refer to the physical activities required to perform tasks in jobs. The presence and, in some cases, duration of these activities are published.

In 2024, reaching at or below the shoulder was required for greater than 99.5 percent of butchers and meat cutters and was not required for less than 0.5 percent. For 57.3 percent of workers, reaching at or below the shoulder was occasionally performed, 14.3 percent frequently, and for less than 0.5 percent reaching at or below the shoulder occurred constantly.

Performing work in low postures was required for 91.9 percent of butchers and meat cutters and was not required for 8.1 percent.

On average, butchers and meat cutters spent 99.6 percent of the workday standing.

Chart 3. Percentage of butchers and meat cutters by strength level requirements, 2024



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Table 2. Percentage of butchers and meat cutters with physical demands, 2024

Requirement	Yes	No
Choice of sitting or standing	<0.5	>99.5
Climbing structure-related ramps or stairs	<0.5	>99.5
Driving	<0.5	>99.5

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey