

Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators, Surface Mining

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Description: Operate or tend machinery at surface mining site, equipped with scoops, shovels, or buckets to excavate and load loose materials.

Other Resources:

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Sample of Reported Job Titles: Backhoe Operator, Dragline Oiler, Dragline Operator

Job Zone

Title: 2 - Some Preparation Needed

Education: Usually require a high school diploma.

Experience: Some previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed.

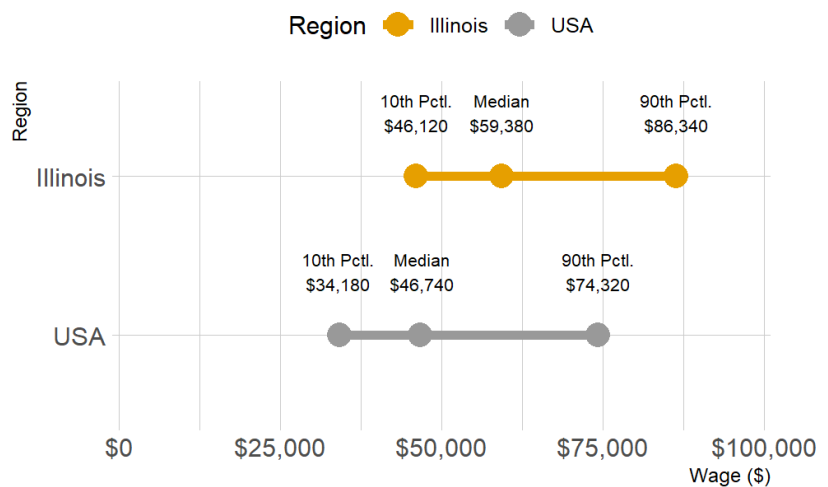
Training: A few months to one year of working with experienced employees needed. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

Hot Technologies: Microsoft Office Suite

Region	Employment	Location Quotient	Median Wage
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Illinois	380	0.27	\$59,380
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USA	35,720	–	\$46,740
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Top 5 Core Tasks According to Current Job Holders	Frequency	Importance (out of 100)
Move levers, depress foot pedals, and turn dials to operate power machinery, such as power shovels, stripping shovels, scraper loaders, or backhoes.	Hourly or more	91
Set up or inspect equipment prior to operation.	Daily	91
Become familiar with digging plans, machine capabilities and limitations, and with efficient and safe digging procedures in a given application.	Daily	89
Observe hand signals, grade stakes, or other markings when operating machines so that work can be performed to specifications.	Daily	88
Operate machinery to perform activities such as backfilling excavations, vibrating or breaking rock or concrete, or making winter roads.	Hourly or more	84