

## Pile Driver Operators

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**Description:** Operate pile drivers mounted on skids, barges, crawler treads, or locomotive cranes to drive pilings for retaining walls, bulkheads, and foundations of structures such as buildings, bridges, and piers.

### Other Resources:

[ONET Link](#)

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**Sample of Reported Job Titles:** Pile Driver, Pile Driver Operator, Pile Driving Operator

### Job Zone

**Title:** 2 - Some Preparation Needed

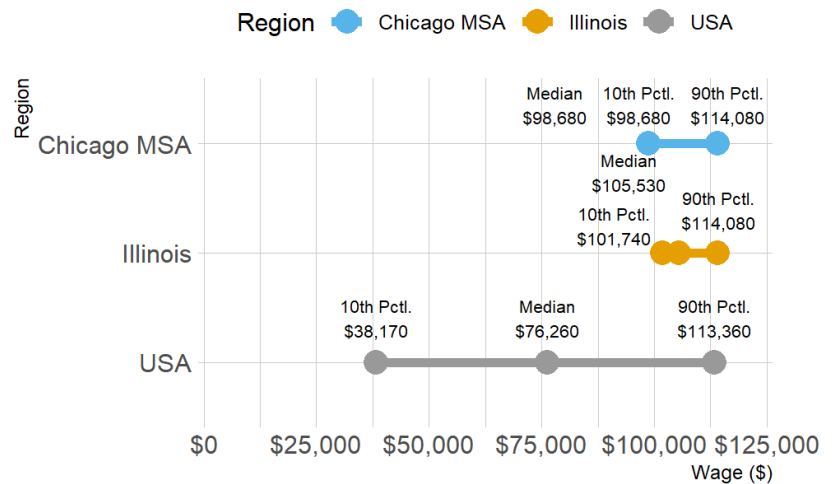
**Education:** Usually require a high school diploma.

**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
Chicago MSA	40	0.39	\$98,680
Illinois	—	—	\$105,530
USA	3,760	—	\$76,260



### Top 5 Core Tasks According to Current Job Holders

**Importance**  
**Frequency (out of 100)**

Move hand and foot levers of hoisting equipment to position piling leads, hoist piling into leads, and position hammers over pilings.

Hourly or more

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Move levers and turn valves to activate power hammers, or to raise and lower drophammers that drive piles to required depths.

Hourly or more

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Drive pilings to provide support for buildings or other structures, using heavy equipment with a pile driver head.

Hourly or more

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Conduct pre-operational checks on equipment to ensure proper functioning.

Daily

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Clean, lubricate, and refill equipment.

Daily

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