

Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators

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Description: Operate one or several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth.

Other Resources:

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Sample of Reported Job Titles: Back Hoe Operator, Engineering Equipment Operator, Equipment Operator (EO)

Job Zone

Title: 2 - Some Preparation Needed

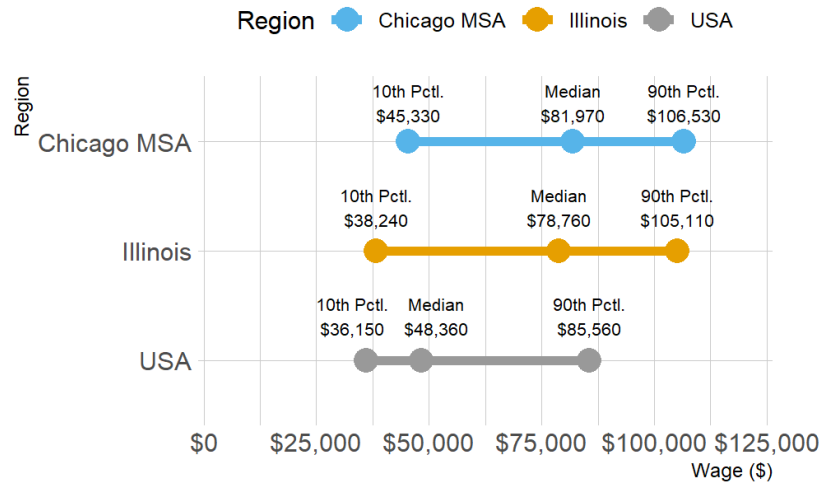
Education: Usually require a high school diploma.

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	7,580	0.62	\$81,970
Illinois	11,530	0.71	\$78,760
USA	404,820	—	\$48,360



Top 5 Core Tasks According to Current Job Holders

Importance
Frequency (out of 100)

Learn and follow safety regulations.

Daily

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Take actions to avoid potential hazards or obstructions, such as utility lines, other equipment, other workers, or falling objects.

Daily

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Start engines, move throttles, switches, or levers, or depress pedals to operate machines, such as bulldozers, trench excavators, road graders, or backhoes.

Hourly or more

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Coordinate machine actions with other activities, positioning or moving loads in response to hand or audio signals from crew members.

Daily

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Locate underground services, such as pipes or wires, prior to beginning work.

Daily

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