

## Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic



**Description:** Set up, operate, or tend machines to saw, cut, shear, slit, punch, crimp, notch, bend, or straighten metal or plastic material.

### Other Resources:

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**Sample of Reported Job Titles:** Die Setter, Fabrication Operator, Machine Operator

### Job Zone

**Title:** 2 - Some Preparation Needed

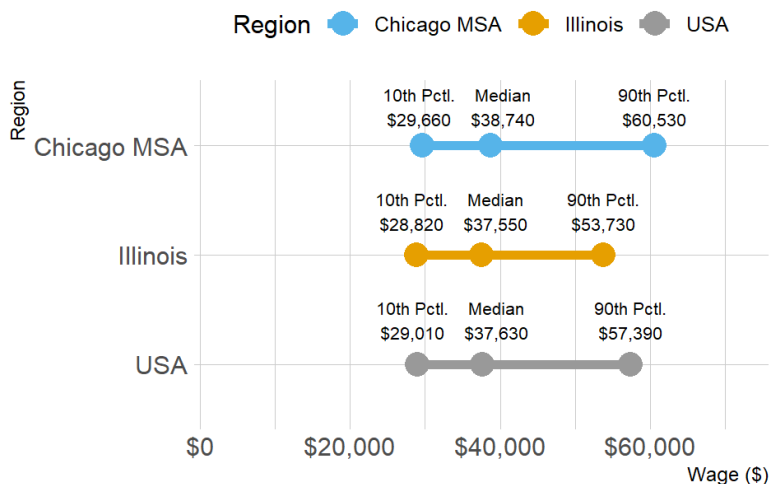
**Education:** Usually require a high school diploma.

**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:** Autodesk AutoCAD, Microsoft Office Suite, SAP business and customer relations management software

Region	Employment	Location Quotient	Median Wage
Chicago MSA	7,590	1.41	\$38,740
Illinois	8,860	1.24	\$37,550
USA	179,630	—	\$37,630



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

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

Measure completed workpieces to verify conformance to specifications, using micrometers, gauges, calipers, templates, or rulers.

Hourly or more

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Examine completed workpieces for defects, such as chipped edges or marred surfaces and sort defective pieces according to types of flaws.

Daily

90

Set stops on machine beds, change dies, and adjust components, such as rams or power presses, when making multiple or successive passes.

Daily

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Set up, operate, or tend machines to saw, cut, shear, slit, punch, crimp, notch, bend, or straighten metal or plastic material.

Daily

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Start machines, monitor their operations, and record operational data.

Daily

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