

## Cost Estimators

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**Description:** Prepare cost estimates for product manufacturing, construction projects, or services to aid management in bidding on or determining price of product or service.

### Other Resources:

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**Sample of Reported Job Titles:** Acquisition Cost Estimator, Construction Estimator, Cost Analyst

### Job Zone

**Title:** 4 - Considerable Preparation Needed

**Education:** Require a four-year bachelor's degree.

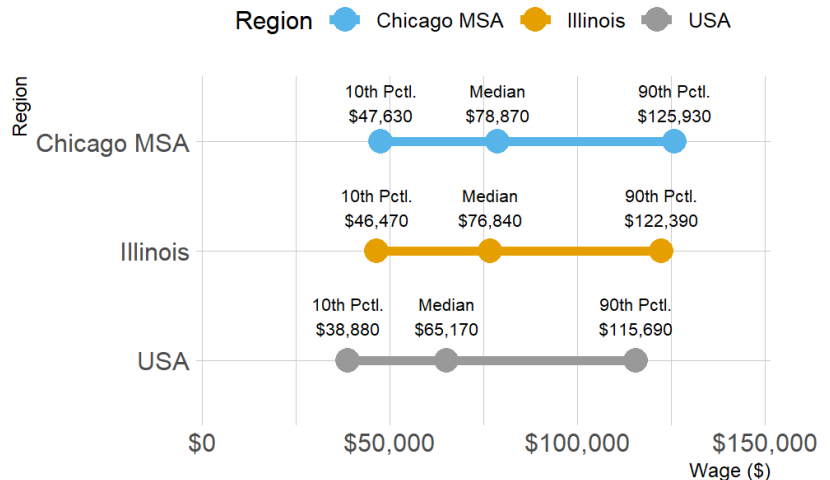
**Experience:** A considerable amount of work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed.

**Training:** Several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training, and/or vocational training needed.

**Core Certifications:** Professional Cost Estimator/Analyst, Certified Cost Technician

**Hot Technologies:** Adobe Systems Adobe Acrobat, Autodesk AutoCAD, Autodesk Revit, Computer aided design and drafting CADD software, ConEst IntelliBid Design Build

Region	Employment	Location Quotient	Median Wage
Chicago MSA	4,350	0.69	\$78,870
Illinois	5,570	0.67	\$76,840
USA	208,950	—	\$65,170



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

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

Collect historical cost data to estimate costs for current or future products.

More than  
monthly

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Consult with clients, vendors, personnel in other departments, or construction foremen to discuss and formulate estimates and resolve issues.

More than  
weekly

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Analyze blueprints and other documentation to prepare time, cost, materials, and labor estimates.

Daily

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Prepare estimates used by management for purposes such as planning, organizing, and scheduling work.

More than  
weekly

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Confer with engineers, architects, owners, contractors, and subcontractors on changes and adjustments to cost estimates.

More than  
weekly

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