

The manufacturing sector in Chicagoland employs over 400,000 people in jobs with high growth potential. Many openings in manufacturing companies are projected for the future, due to the large number of employees expected to retire. These jobs pay well, usually offer benefits and, in most cases, are permanent positions with opportunities for advancement and a fulfilling career. Public funds are available to train people who are interested in entering the manufacturing industry.

### Chicago Manufacturing Facts:

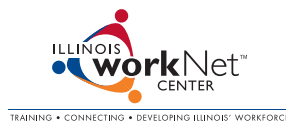
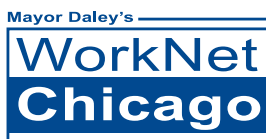
- Food processing companies employ the greatest number of people in manufacturing; other opportunities are available at companies that work with plastics, metals, electronics, chemical processing, printing and other types of manufacturing.
- There are typically close to 10,000 manufacturing job openings each year in Cook County.
- In Chicago individuals in manufacturing earn an average of \$64,000 a year.
- Cell phones, CDs and DVDs, food and beverages, athletic equipment and cosmetics are all products that come from manufacturing.
- Manufacturing jobs vary and include design and development; production and quality assurance; health, safety and environment; installation; maintenance and repair.

### Manufacturing Career Information:

- Many manufacturing positions allow a person to move up and make more money. Most are in very clean, safe environments and involve more thinking skills than muscle skills, “more brain than brawn.”
- The ability to work well with others in a team situation is important, as is the ability to problem-solve.
- Basic computer skills are important since most machine operations are computerized. A high school diploma is often important, but it is not always required.
- Any related skills can be important to landing a manufacturing job—such as repairing things like cars, repairs around the house or apartment, driving a forklift in a warehouse, packing candy into boxes, etc.
- Food processing companies have not been hit as hard as others by the economy. With future increases in the costs of fuel and transportation, many manufacturing jobs are expected to return to the U.S. where they are closer to their market.

You may qualify for free education, training or other services to help you find a job in the manufacturing industry. Contact ManufacturingWorks or your provider to learn more.

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# CHICAGO CAREERS

## MANUFACTURING



# MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

## POSITIONS

## CAREER PATH

## SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

Director of Sales and Marketing  
Executive Manager of Operations  
Plant Manager  
Training Director

### MANAGEMENT

\$33,000 PER YEAR  
AND UP

Bachelor's to Master's Degree  
Job Experience/Seniority  
Management Classes/Certificates

Human Resources Manager  
Machine Set-Up Programmer  
Maintenance Mechanic Lead  
Manufacturing Technician/Production Planner  
Quality Control Technician  
Team Leader  
Welder Lead

### SKILLED

\$15 - \$25 PER HOUR

Advanced Training  
Apprenticeship  
Associate to Bachelor's Degree  
Certifications (ASQC, AWS, NIMS, SME)  
Job Experience/Seniority

Computer Numerical Control Operator (CNC)  
Human Resources, Sales or Marketing Assistant  
Machine Operator/Production Technician  
Maintenance Mechanic  
Plastic Injection Molding Machine Operator  
Quality Control Inspector  
Shop Assistant  
Welder

### SEMI-SKILLED

\$12 - \$16 PER HOUR

Advanced Math Skills  
Associate Degree  
Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC)  
Specialized Training  
Vocational Certificate

Forklift or Material Handler  
General Assembler  
Line Operator  
Packer  
Receptionist

### ENTRY

\$8.50 - \$11 PER HOUR

Basic Math Skills  
English Skills  
GED/High School Diploma  
Reliability  
Workplace Readiness

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CONTACT INFORMATION TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR TRAINING.