

Manufacturing Careers in High Demand	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT		
Packaging Machine Operators	\$19.65	\$40,874
Assembly/Production Line Worker	\$21.85	\$46,695
Fabrication Operator	\$25.25	\$52,524
Quality Control Technician	\$26.38	\$54,868
CNC Operators (Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators)	\$29.14	\$60,610
Welders, Cutters, Solders and Brazers	\$29.42	\$61,190
Machine Maintenance Workers	\$33.17	\$68,985
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing	\$37.88	\$78,785
Supervisors of Production Workers	\$38.72	\$80,546
Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$44.92	\$93,437
VOCATIONAL TRAINING		
Machinists	\$29.55	\$61,474
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$35.98	\$74,848
ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE		
Industrial Engineering Technologist and Technicians	\$33.82	\$70,352
BACHELOR'S DEGREE		
Sales Representatives, Technical Products	\$47.25	\$98,284
Mechanical Engineers	\$49.12	\$102,171
Industrial Engineers	\$50.02	\$104,053
Transportation, Storage and Distribution Managers	\$52.38	\$108,960
Industrial Production Managers	\$61.83	\$128,603

*Data provided by IOCP using info from the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Career Pathways & Occupational Employment Statistics 7-County Metro Area for careers in demand (as indicated by 4-5 stars). Updated 10/25 *Note: A typical family in Metro Minnesota with two adults - working a combined 60 hours per week - with one child at home needs to earn \$19.72 per hour per worker to meet their basic needs.*