

**Wages of Occupations Related to Elves' Jobs/Duties**

Santaland Job Titles	Santaland Job Duties	SOC Occupations	SOC Code	SOC Description	Average SD Wage
Head Elf of Finances	Responsible for ensuring all financial needs of Santaland are met.	Financial Managers	11-3031	Plan, direct, and coordinate accounting, investing, banking, insurance, securities, and other financial activities of a branch, office, or department of an establishment.	\$63.47
Head Elf of Santa's Workshop	Responsible for all activities and resources necessary to keep Santa's workshop running smoothly.	Industrial Production Managers	11-3051	Plan, direct, or coordinate the work activities and resources necessary for manufacturing products in accordance with cost, quality, and quantity specifications.	\$48.95
Head Elf of Transportation	Oversees all transportation related activities, including logistics on Christmas Eve.	Transportation, Storage, and Distributions Managers	11-3071	Plan, direct, or coordinate transportation, storage, or distribution activities in accordance with governmental policies and regulations. Include logistics managers.	\$45.83
Head Elf in Charge of Mail	Responsible for all of the day-to-day operations of elves working at mail related duties.	Postmasters and Mail Superintendents	11-9131	Direct and coordinate operational, administrative, management, and supportive services of a U.S. post office; or coordinate activities of workers engaged in postal and related work in assigned post office.	\$34.00
Head Elf of Purchased Supplies	Responsible for ensuring the goods not made in Santaland but needed for daily living and/or production are purchased from outside vendors and available as needed.	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	13-1020	Purchase goods and services for further processing, resale, or to enable operation of an establishment. May analyze past buying trends, sales records, price and quality of goods or services. May select, order, and authorize payment according to contractual agreements. May conduct meetings with sales personnel and introduce new products.	\$29.34
Logistical Coordinating Elves	Plan and implement logistical plans to help Santa get all his deliveries fit into one night.	Logisticians	13-1081	Analyze and coordinate the ongoing logistical functions of a firm or organization. Responsible for the entire life cycle of a product, including acquisition, distribution, internal allocation, delivery, and final disposal of resources. Excludes "Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers" (11-3071) and "Project Management Specialists" (13-1082).	\$35.55
Training Elves	Responsible for training elves, and designing and implementing elf development plans.	Training and Development Specialists	13-1151	Design and conduct training and development programs to improve individual and organizational performance. May analyze training needs.	\$24.38
Santaland Accountant	Though there is no currency in Santaland, because some supplies and parts are ordered from other locations, the Santaland Accountant is responsible for keeping accurate financial records, preparing statements and paying bills.	Accountants and Auditors	13-2011	Examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records to prepare financial statements, give advice, or audit and evaluate statements prepared by others. Install or advise on systems of recording costs or other financial and budgetary data. Excludes "Tax Examiners and Collectors, and Revenue Agents" (13-2081).	\$31.64
Finance and Investment Elves	Ensure Santaland investments are profitable.	Financial and Investment Analysts	13-2051	Conduct quantitative analyses of information affecting investment programs of public or private institutions.	\$35.51
CSA Information Technology Elves	Oversee computer systems in Santaland, ensuring they meet workflow requirements. They also recommend software purchased for use in Santaland.	Computer and Systems Analysts	15-1112	Analyze science, engineering, business, and other data processing problems to develop and implement solutions to complex applications problems, system administration issues, or network concerns. Perform systems management and integration functions, improve existing computer systems, and review computer system capabilities, workflow, and schedule limitations. May analyze or recommend commercially available software.	\$36.44

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Information Security Elves Specializing in Information Technology	Ensure the cyber security of highly confidential personal information people share in correspondence with Santa. Ensure security of gift inventions until patents and copyrights are approved. Also ensure the many records and files on Santaland computer systems are secure.	Information Security Analysts	15-1122	Plan, implement, upgrade, or monitor security measures for the protection of computer networks and information. Assess system vulnerabilities for security risks and propose and implement risk mitigation strategies. May ensure appropriate security controls are in place that will safeguard digital files and vital electronic infrastructure. May respond to computer security breaches and viruses. Excludes "Computer Network Architects" (15-1241).	\$44.05
Computer Network Support Elves	Maintain and ensure computer networks are working properly.	Computer Network Support Specialist	15-1152	Analyze, test, troubleshoot, and evaluate existing network systems, such as local area networks (LAN), wide area networks (WAN), cloud networks, servers, and other data communications networks. Perform network maintenance to ensure networks operate correctly with minimal interruption. Excludes "Computer Network Architects" (15-1241) and "Network and Computer Systems Administrators" (15-1244).	\$23.12
Computer User Support Elves	Assist Santa, Mrs. Claus and other elves with computer-related questions, concerns and problems.	Computer User Support Specialists	15-1151	Provide technical assistance to computer users. Answer questions or resolve computer problems for clients in person, via telephone, or electronically. May provide assistance concerning the use of computer hardware and software, including printing, installation, word processing, electronic mail, and operating systems. Excludes "Network and Computer Systems Administrators" (15-1244).	\$18.68
Database Administration Elves	Oversee all aspects of Santaland databases.	Database Administrators	15-1141	Administer, test, and implement computer databases, applying knowledge of database management systems. Coordinate changes to computer databases. Identify, investigate, and resolve database performance issues, database capacity, and database scalability. May plan, coordinate, and implement security measures to safeguard computer databases. Excludes "Information Security Analysts" (15-1212) and "Database Architects" (15-1243).	\$36.91
Network Administration Elves	Coordinate the local area computer network (LAN) and wide area computer networks (WAN) in Santaland.	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	15-1142	Install, configure, and maintain an organization's local area network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), data communications network, operating systems, and physical and virtual servers. Perform system monitoring and verify the integrity and availability of hardware, network, and server resources and systems. Review system and application logs and verify completion of scheduled jobs, including system backups. Analyze network and server resource consumption and control user access. Install and upgrade software and maintain software licenses. May assist in network modeling, analysis, planning, and coordination between network and data communications hardware and software. Excludes "Information Security Analysts" (15-1212), "Computer Network Support Specialists" (15-1231), and "Computer User Support Specialists" (15-1232).	\$30.01

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Santaland Computer Programmers	Write computer programs used exclusively in Santaland.	Computer Programmers	15-1131	Create, modify, and test the code and scripts that allow computer applications to run. Work from specifications drawn up by software and web developers or other individuals. May develop and write computer programs to store, locate, and retrieve specific documents, data, and information.	\$27.43
Santaland Web Master	Develop and maintain the Santaland website.	Web Developers	15-1134	Develop and implement websites, web applications, application databases, and interactive web interfaces. Evaluate code to ensure that it is properly structured, meets industry standards, and is compatible with browsers and devices. Optimize website performance, scalability, and server-side code and processes. May develop website infrastructure and integrate websites with other computer applications. Excludes "Special Effects Artists and Animators" (27-1014).	\$26.16
Engineers	Design all the gifts created in Santaland and given by Santa (i.e. toy trains, bikes, dolls, etc.)	Mechanical Engineers	17-2141	Perform engineering duties in planning and designing tools, engines, machines, and other mechanically functioning equipment. Oversee installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of such equipment as centralized heat, gas, water, and steam systems.	\$36.64
Christmas Tree Managers	Manage the Christmas tree forests in Santaland.	Foresters	19-1032	Manage forested lands for economic, recreational, and conservation purposes. May inventory the type, amount, and location of standing timber, appraise the timber's worth, negotiate the purchase, and draw up contracts for procurement. May determine how to conserve wildlife habitats, creek beds, water quality, and soil stability, and how best to comply with environmental regulations. May devise plans for planting and growing new trees, monitor trees for healthy growth, and determine optimal harvesting schedules.	\$26.37
Santaland Weather Scientists	Study and interpret meteorological weather reports and review satellite and radar images. Responsible for providing Santa accurate and current weather reports and guidance, working round-the-clock as Christmas Eve approaches.	Atmospheric and Space Scientists	19-2021	Investigate atmospheric phenomena and interpret meteorological data, gathered by surface and air stations, satellites, and radar to prepare reports and forecasts for public and other uses. Includes weather analysts and forecasters whose functions require the detailed knowledge of meteorology.	\$39.71
Artisan Painting Elves	Do detailed, hand painting on gifts.	Craft Artists	27-1012	Create or reproduce hand-made objects for sale and exhibition using a variety of techniques, such as welding, weaving, pottery, and needlecraft.	\$16.81
Toy and Gift Designers	Coordinate with engineers to develop and design toys and other gifts.	Commercial and Industrial Designers	27-1021	Develop and design manufactured products, such as cars, home appliances, and children's toys. Combine artistic talent with research on product use, marketing, and materials to create the most functional and appealing product design.	\$21.13

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Christmas Tree and Holiday Decorators	Keep Santaland looking beautiful and magical all year long by continually decorating with fresh flora as well as decorating the many Christmas trees that dot the landscape of Santaland.	Floral Designer	27-1023	Design, cut, and arrange live, dried, or artificial flowers and foliage.	\$13.50
Window Trimming and Toy Displaying Elves	Travel outside of Santaland to create magical Christmas displays in store front windows as well prepare the setting for locations where Santa visits with children during the Christmas season.	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers	27-1026	Plan and erect commercial displays, such as those in windows and interiors of retail stores and at trade exhibitions.	\$12.05
Naughty List Criminal Investigators	Monitor everyone's acts and deeds, and investigate reports of bad behavior. Keeps Santa apprised as needed for his maintenance of the naughty or nice list.	Private Detectives and Investigators	33-9021	Detect occurrences of unlawful acts or infractions of rules in private establishment, or seek, examine, and compile information for client.	\$18.77
Head Cook, Baker and Treat Maker	Prepare meals for Santa and Mrs. Claus. Also prepare all the confectionary and other food gifts given by the Claus family.	Chefs and Head Cooks	35-1011	Direct the preparation, seasoning, and cooking of salads, soups, fish, meats, vegetables, desserts, or other foods. May plan and price menu items, order supplies, and keep records and accounts. May participate in cooking.	\$23.21
Head Cleaning Elves	Direct the work of elves who keep Santaland workshops clean, sanitary and organized.	First-Line Supervisors of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers	37-1011	Directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in hotels, hospitals, offices, and other establishments.	\$19.54
Head Gardening Elves	Direct the work of elves who keep Santaland looking beautiful and magical by growing and decorating landscape with trees, plants and flowers.	First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service and Groundskeeping Workers	37-1012	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in landscaping or groundskeeping activities. Work may involve reviewing contracts to ascertain service, machine, and workforce requirements; answering inquiries from potential customers regarding methods, material, and price ranges; and preparing estimates according to labor, material, and machine costs.	\$24.46
Janitorial and Cleaning Elves	Responsible for keeping Santaland clean and organized. Clean bathrooms and other areas, wash windows, clean floors and vacuum.	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	37-2011	Keep buildings in clean and orderly condition. Perform heavy cleaning duties, such as cleaning floors, shampooing rugs, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Duties may include tending furnace and boiler, performing routine maintenance activities, notifying management of need for repairs, and cleaning snow or debris from sidewalk.	\$12.45
Groundskeeping and Gardening Elves	Responsible for keeping outdoor areas of Santaland clean and clutter free. Shovel and move snow; operate the the Zamboni to clear and maintain skating pond; trim and assist with decorating evergreen trees.	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	37-3011	Landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Workers typically perform a variety of tasks, which may include any combination of the following: sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking, sprinkler installation, and installation of mortarless segmental concrete masonry wall units. Excludes "Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse" (45-2092).	\$13.33

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Reindeer and Other Furry (and not so furry) Animal Care Taking Elves	Attend to the needs of reindeer herds. Make sure all birds, furry creatures, seals, penguins, sea lions, etc. are properly fed and groomed.	Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	39-2021	Feed, water, groom, bathe, exercise, or otherwise provide care to promote and maintain the well-being of pets and other animals that are not raised for consumption, such as dogs, cats, race horses, ornamental fish or birds, zoo animals, and mice. Work in settings such as kennels, animal shelters, zoos, circuses, and aquariums. May keep records of feedings, treatments, and animals received or discharged. May clean, disinfect, and repair cages, pens, or fish tanks. Excludes "Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers" (31-9096) and "Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals" (45-2093).	\$11.58
Assistant Office Manager Head Elves	Direct the work of all of the elves working in Santaland offices.	First-Line Supervisor of Office and Administrative Support Workers	43-1011	Directly supervise and coordinate the activities of clerical and administrative support workers.	\$23.56
Letter Reading and Writing Elves	These elves read every letter sent to the North Pole, they have been trained by Santa himself to respond to the more common questions and/or requests for gifts. They have also been trained to forward the special letters that only Santa can handle to him.	Correspondence Clerks	43-4021	Compose letters in reply to requests for merchandise, damage claims, credit and other information, delinquent accounts, incorrect billings, or unsatisfactory services. Duties may include gathering data to formulate reply and typing correspondence.	\$14.00
Santa Letter List Coordinating Elves	Help Santa by processing incoming wish lists and other correspondence, checking status of the sender's status on the naughty or nice list, and coordinating gift orders with the workshop accordingly.	Order Clerks	43-4151	Receive and process incoming orders for materials, merchandise, classified ads, or services such as repairs, installations, or rental of facilities. Generally receives orders via mail, phone, fax, or other electronic means. Duties include informing customers of receipt, prices, shipping dates, and delays; preparing contracts; and handling complaints. Excludes "Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance" (43-5032) who both dispatch and take orders for services.	\$16.05
Cargo Elves	Responsible for ensuring gifts are delivered in a timely manner to the sleigh loading zone for shipment.	Cargo and Freight Agents	43-5011	Expedite and route movement of incoming and outgoing cargo and freight shipments in airline, train, and trucking terminals and shipping docks. Take orders from customers and arrange pickup of freight and cargo for delivery to loading platform. Prepare and examine bills of lading to determine shipping charges and tariffs.	\$25.11
Dispatchers	Schedule and dispatch the work and packing crews. Transmit and relay logistical adjustments due to changing weather forecasts on Christmas Eve.	Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire and Ambulance	43-5032	Schedule and dispatch workers, work crews, equipment, or service vehicles for conveyance of materials, freight, or passengers, or for normal installation, service, or emergency repairs rendered outside the place of business. Duties may include using radio, telephone, or computer to transmit assignments and compiling statistics and reports on work	\$16.44
Postal Service Elves	Receive and sort all incoming Christmas wish lists and letters. Also responsible for preparing all outgoing Christmas cards and other Santaland correspondence, weighing and marking with appropriate postage.	Postal Service Clerks	43-5051	Perform any combination of tasks in a United States Postal Service (USPS) post office, such as receive letters and parcels; sell postage and revenue stamps, postal cards, and stamped envelopes; fill out and sell money orders; place mail in pigeon holes of mail rack or in bags; and examine mail for correct postage. Includes postal service clerks employed by USPS	\$21.64

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Shipping Elves	Prepare and ship variety of packages, including fruit cake, candy canes, egg nog, etc. to grocery stores during the holiday season. Recieve packages containing items that can not be grown in the cold climate of the north pole such as fruits and nuts.	Shipping, Receiving and Inventory Clerks	43-5071	Verify and maintain records on incoming and outgoing shipments involving inventory. Duties include verifying and recording incoming merchandise or material and arranging for the transportation of products. May prepare items for shipment. Excludes "Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping" (43-5111), "Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators, except Postal Service" (43-9051), and "Stockers and Order Fillers" (53-7065).	\$15.93
Santa and Mrs. Clause's secretaries	Provide direct administrative support and report to Santa and Mrs. Clause.	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	43-6011	Provide high-level administrative support by conducting research, preparing statistical reports, and handling information requests, as well as performing routine administrative functions such as preparing correspondence, receiving visitors, arranging conference calls, and scheduling meetings. May also train and supervise lower-level clerical staff. Excludes "Secretaries" (43-6012 through 43-6014).	\$18.76
Mail Sorters/Processors	Ensure all outgoing correspondence, such as Santa's replies, are prepared for shipping and all incoming correspondence, such as gift wish lists, are routed to the correct department.	Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators, Except Postal Service	43-9051	Prepare incoming and outgoing mail for distribution. Time-stamp, open, read, sort, and route incoming mail; and address, seal, stamp, fold, stuff, and affix postage to outgoing mail or packages. Duties may also include keeping necessary records and completed forms.	\$13.10
Santa's Reindeer and Other Critters Caretakers	Care for Rudolph and other reindeer, feeding and protecting them from bad weather. Care for Santa's and Mrs. Claus's pets and other woodland critters.	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	45-2093	Attend to live farm, ranch, open range or aquacultural animals that may include cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses and other equines, poultry, rabbits, finfish, shellfish, and bees. Attend to animals produced for animal products, such as meat, fur, skins, feathers, eggs, milk, and honey. Duties may include feeding, watering, herding, grazing, milking, castrating, branding, de-beaking, weighing, catching, and loading animals. May maintain records on animals; examine animals to detect diseases and injuries; assist in birth deliveries; and administer medications, vaccinations, or insecticides as appropriate. May clean and maintain animal housing areas. Includes workers who shear wool from sheep and collect eggs in hatcheries.	\$15.01
Roofers	Travel with Santa on Christmas Eve, repairing any damage which may occur during landings.	Roofers	47-2181	Cover roofs of structures with shingles, slate, asphalt, aluminum, wood, and related materials. May spray roofs, sidings, and walls with material to bind, seal, insulate, or soundproof sections of	\$14.81
Maintenance Elves	Perform a variety of duties, including servicing and maintaining machines and mechanical equipment used to make gifts. Other perform general maintenance tasks to keep the various workshops, offices, bakeries and mail distribution centers in repair.	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	49-9071	Perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of a building in repair. Duties may involve pipe fitting; HVAC maintenance; insulating; welding; machining; carpentry; repairing electrical or mechanical equipment; installing, aligning, and balancing new equipment; and repairing buildings, floors, or stairs. Excludes "Facilities Managers" (11-3013) and "Maintenance Workers, Machinery" (49-9043).	\$17.99

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Assistant Head of Production Elves	Directly oversee and coordinate the activities of elves producing gifts; assist with production of gifts as needed to meet output demand, especially as Christmas draws near.	First-Line Supervisors/Manager of Production and Operating Workers	51-1011	Directly supervise and coordinate the activities of production and operating workers, such as inspectors, precision workers, machine setters and operators, assemblers, fabricators, and plant and system operators. Excludes team or work leaders.	\$28.93
Elfin' Magic Team Assemblers	Assemble and produce gifts and other items in Santa's workshop, often in an assembly line fashion.	Team Assemblers and all Other Fabricators	51-2098	Work as part of a team having responsibility for assembling and entire product or component of a product. Team Assemblers can perform all tasks conducted by the team in the assembly process and rotate through all or most of them rather than being assigned to a specific task on a permanent basis. May participate in making management decisions affecting the work. Includes team leaders who work as part of the team. Assemblers who continuously perform the same tasks are classified elsewhere in 51-2000. Includes all other assemblers and fabricators not listed separately.	\$14.10
Santa's Bakers	Bake sweet treats for Santa, Mrs. Claus and elves to eat. Also make confectionary treats Santa puts in stockings on Christmas Eve.	Baker	51-3011	Mix and bake ingredients according to recipes to produce breads, rolls, cookies, cakes, pies, pastries, or other baked goods. Include pastry chefs in restaurants and hotels with "Chefs and Head Cooks" (35-1011).	\$12.73
Miscellaneous Holiday Treat Elves	Prepare treats such as smoked and roasted meats and nuts, and dried fruits and meats.	Food and Tobacco Roasting, Baking, and Drying Machine Operators and Tenders	51-3091	Operate or tend food or tobacco roasting, baking, or drying equipment, including hearth ovens, kiln driers, roasters, char kilns, and vacuum drying equipment.	\$13.28
Confectionary, Specialty Cheeses and Other Treat Makers	Operate industrial mixers and blenders to prepare ingredients and form them into sweet treats, candy and cheese.	Food Batchmakers	51-3092	Set up and operate equipment that mixes or blends ingredients used in the manufacturing of food products. Include candy makers and cheese makers.	\$14.21
Metal Working Elves	Set up and operate machines to make runners for sleds and blades for ice skates, etc.	Cutting, Punching and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	51-4031	Set up, operate, or tend machines to saw, cut, shear, slit, punch, crimp, notch, bend, or straighten metal or plastic material.	\$17.62
Santa's Machinists	Operate machines used to produce tools, precision parts and instruments used to make toys and other gifts produced in Santaland.	Machinists	51-4041	Set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision parts and instruments out of metal. Includes precision instrument makers who fabricate, modify, or repair mechanical instruments. May also fabricate and modify parts to make or repair machine tools or maintain industrial machines, applying knowledge of mechanics, mathematics, metal properties, layout, and machining procedures. Machinists who primarily program or operate computer numerically controlled (CNC) equipment are classified in "Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators and Programmers" (51-9160).	\$18.34
Production Elves involved in pouring and casting metal.	These elves work on productions machines which mold and cast metal and plastic to make gifts or parts for gifts. One example of the many things they make is runners for sleds and blades for ice skates, etc.	Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	51-4072	Set up, operate, or tend metal or plastic molding, casting, or coremaking machines to mold or cast metal or thermoplastic parts or products.	\$15.75

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Production Elves who operate several machines involved in creating metal and plastic items.	Operate productions machines to make both metal and plastic pieces for gifts, such as building blocks, dolls, video game remotes, drones, etc.	Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	51-4081	Set up, operate, or tend more than one type of cutting or forming machine tool or robot.	\$19.55
Santa's Welders	Join together metal components in a variety of settings. May weld pipes used in Santaland buildings, may weld tools and machines, or repair the metal structure of Santa's sleigh.	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	51-4121	Use hand-welding, flame-cutting, hand soldering, or brazing equipment to weld or join metal components or to fill holes, indentations, or seams of fabricated metal products.	\$18.47
Production Layout Elves	Lay out reference points and dimensions on sheets, plates and other structural shapes of plastic and metal in preparation for molding and casting	Layout Workers, Metal and Plastic	51-4192	Lay out reference points and dimensions on metal or plastic stock or workpieces, such as sheets, plates, tubes, structural shapes, castings, or machine parts, for further processing. Includes shipfitters.	\$17.35
Production Tool Grinding, Filing and Sharpening Elves	Operate sharpening and grinding equipment such as lathes and grinders to smooth, sharpen and polish objects used as gifts or parts of gifts.	Tool Grinders, Filers and Sharpeners	51-4194	Perform precision smoothing, sharpening, polishing, or grinding of metal objects.	\$17.09
Sewing Elves	Operate sewing machiness (and sometimes do hand sewing on delicate, detailed and intrinsic gifts) to create clothing, baby dolls, stuffed animals and other fabric items and gifts.	Sewing Machine Operators	51-6031	Operate or tend sewing machines to join, reinforce, decorate, or perform related sewing operations in the manufacture of garment or nongarment products.	\$13.05
Santa's Carpenters	Build wooden gifts such as doll and play houses, hobby horses, rocking chairs, etc.	Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	51-7011	Cut, shape, and assemble wooden articles or set up and operate a variety of woodworking machines, such as power saws, jointers, and mortisers to surface, cut, or shape lumber or to fabricate parts for wood products. Excludes "Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders" (51-7040).	\$15.24
Wood Working Specialty Elves	Operate various machines to help Santa's carpenters produce wooden toys and gifts.	Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	51-7042	Set up, operate, or tend woodworking machines, such as drill presses, lathes, shapers, routers, sanders, planers, and wood nailing machines.	\$14.33
Quality Control Elves	Responsible for ensuring gifts produced in Santaland are of the highest quality possible, work correctly and are safe to use.	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	51-9061	Inspect, test, sort, sample, or weigh nonagricultural raw materials or processed, machined, fabricated, or assembled parts or products for defects, wear, and deviations from specifications. May use precision measuring instruments and complex test equipment.	\$17.43
Helper Elves	Assist in all aspects of the production process. Elves interested in toy and gift production often start as helper elves.	Helpers, Production	51-9198	Help production workers by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Apprentice workers are classified in the appropriate production occupations (51-0000).	\$18.31

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Santaland Traffic Controller	Ensure safe air traffic for all air flight vehicles in Santaland. Ensure safe take offs, travel and landing for all of the cargo and transport planes which fly into and out of Santaland. In addition, these controllers track Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve to ensure it is on time, warn Santa of bad weather or obstacles which could hinder his travel, such as flocks of birds, etc.	Air Traffic Controllers	53-2021	Control air traffic on and within vicinity of airport, and movement of air traffic between altitude sectors and control centers, according to established procedures and policies. Authorize, regulate, and control commercial airline flights according to government or company regulations to expedite and ensure flight safety.	\$39.70
Warehouse gift handlers and Sleigh Packers	Move gifts and stock by hand within warehouses and other storage facilities. Also responsible for meticulously packing Santa's sleigh for safe Christmas Eve deliveries.	Laborers and Freight, Stock and Material Movers, Hand	53-7062	Manually move freight, stock, luggage, or other materials, or perform other general labor. Includes all manual laborers not elsewhere classified. Excludes "Construction Laborers" (47-2061) and "Helpers, Construction Trades" (47-3011 through 47-3019). Excludes "Material Moving Workers" (53-7011 through 53-7199) who use power equipment.	\$13.50
Gift Wrappers and Hand Packing Elves	Wrap all of the gifts from Santa to good boys and girls; prepare packages for Santa's sleigh.	Packers and Packagers, Hand	53-7064	Pack or package by hand a wide variety of products and materials.	\$12.13

Notes:

To learn more about \*SOC Codes and \*SOC Occupational Descriptions, see [Occupational Descriptions in SOC Code Order, 2010](#).

The **mean wage** is also known as the average wage. The mean wage is calculated by dividing the estimated total wages for an occupation by the number of workers in that occupation. **Percentile wages** represent the percentage of an occupation's workers who earn less than or equal to that wage. The **median wage** is the 50th percentile: 50% earn less than or equal to this amount; 50% earn more.

For more information on percentile wages, see [Occupational Wages - Technical Notes](#).

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Source: Occupational Employment Statistics (OES), Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation. Compiled using the Local Employment and Wage Information System (LEWIS) August 2019.