

More South Dakota Hot Careers

Beyond the
Top **30**



High Demand & High Wage Career

Career Cluster: Manufacturing

Machinists

Standard Occupational Code 51-4041

What They Do

Set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision parts and instruments. They 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.

Is This For You?

Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

Realistic (Doers) — Prefer to work with objects, things, machines, tools, plants or animals. They have mechanical ability, enjoy being outdoors and working with their hands.

Conventional (Organizers) — Detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They can be counted on to be accurate and enjoy structure and closure.

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

Support — Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

Working Conditions — Offer job security and good working conditions.

Independence — Allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

Abilities reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career.

- Arm-Hand Steadiness
- Finger Dexterity
- Manual Dexterity
- Control Precision
- Deductive Reasoning
- Near Vision
- Problem Sensitivity
- Selective Attention

Basic Skills You Need

- Operation and Control
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Operations Monitoring
- Active Listening
- Complex Problem Solving

Education & Training

A high school diploma or equivalent is the minimum education recommended for machinists. Most training is done on the job.

A registered apprenticeship is another option for preparing for this occupation. To learn more, visit StartTodaySD.com or contact your local Job Service office to get started.

Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

Applied Math	4
Workplace Documents	4
Graphic Literacy	4

*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of machinists are:

- Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
- Machinery Manufacturing

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2020 Workers	2030 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
805	921	116	14.4%	100	\$46,370	\$46,030

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetonline.org

mySkills myFuture

<https://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

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