



**South Dakota
High Demand
&
High Wage
Career**



Career Cluster: Manufacturing

Coating, Painting and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators and Tenders

Standard Occupational Code 51-9124

What They Do

Set up, operate or tend machines to coat or paint any of a wide variety of products, including glassware, cloth, ceramics, metal, plastic, paper or wood, with lacquer, silver, copper, rubber, varnish, glaze, enamel, oil or rust-proofing materials.

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.

Relationships — Allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly, non-competitive environment.

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.

- Near Vision
- Arm-Hand Steadiness
- Control Precision
- Visual Color Discrimination
- Manual Dexterity
- Far Vision
- Finger Dexterity

Basic Skills You Need

- Operations Monitoring
- Monitoring
- Operation and Control
- Quality Control Analysis
- Equipment Maintenance

Education & Training

A high school diploma or equivalent is the minimum education recommended for coating, painting, and spraying machine setters, operators and tenders. Most training for specific work tasks is done on the job. Prior work experience in a production facility is helpful.

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	3
Workplace Documents	3
Graphic Literacy	4

*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of these machine operators are:

- Machinery Manufacturing
- Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing
- Self Employment

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2022 Employment	2032 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
1,505	1,643	138	9.2%	154	\$45,590	\$46,650

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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