

Arts & Communications



PRESS OPERATOR

Set up, operate, or tend machines to saw, cut, shear, slit, punch, crimp, notch, bend, or straighten metal or plastic material.

Knowledge and Skills Needed for this Career

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a press operator are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Cutting, punching, & press machine setters, operators, & tenders, metal & plastics	76.7%	21.6%	0.0%
Metal Workers & Plastic Workers	71.7%	26.8%	1.5%
Production	69.1%	25.8%	5.1%

Most Common Educational/Training Level: Moderate-term on-the-job training
Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oe.doleta.gov/bat.cfm
Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing.

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2008		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$10.79	\$13.54	\$16.79
	Yearly	\$22,400	\$28,200	\$34,900
Missouri	Hourly	\$11.53	\$14.18	\$17.40
	Yearly	\$24,000	\$29,500	\$36,200

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Press Operator	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	271,700	231,400	-15%	6,510
Missouri	6,160	5,410	-12 %	150

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive.
For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Clinton Technical School

Clinton, MO
(660) 885-6101
www.clinton.k12.mo.us/ts.php

Davis H Hart Career Center

Mexico, MO
(573) 581-5684
www.mexicoschools.net

East Central College

Union, MO
(636) 583-5193
www.eastcentral.edu

Franklin Technology - MSSU

Joplin, MO
(417) 659-4400
www.franklintechjoplin.com

Hillyard Technical Center

Saint Joseph, MO
(816) 671-4170
www.hillyardtech.com

Jefferson College

Hillsboro, MO
(636) 797-3000
www.jeffco.edu

Lex La-Ray Technical Center

Lexington, MO
(660) 259-2264
www.lexington.k12.mo.us

Linn State Technical College

Linn, MO
(573) 897-5000
www.linnstate.edu

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Mineral Area College

Park Hills, MO
(573) 431-4593
www.mineralarea.edu

Moberly Area Community College

Moberly, MO
(660) 263-4110
www.macc.edu

Moberly Area Technical Center

Moberly, MO
(660) 269-2690
www.moberly.k12.mo.us

Ranken Technical College

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 371-0236
www.ranken.edu

Rolla Technical Institute

Rolla, MO
(573) 458-0150
www.rolla.k12.mo.us/schools/rtirtc

State Fair Community College

Sedalia, MO
(660) 530-5800
www.sfccmo.edu



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