



## PURCHASING MANAGER

Plan, direct, or coordinate the activities of buyers, purchasing officers, and related workers involved in purchasing materials, products, and services. Include wholesale or retail trade merchandising managers and procurement managers.

### 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 purchasing manager 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
Purchasing managers	14.9%	28.1%	57.0%
Operations specialties managers	18.0%	29.8%	52.2%
Management	17.6%	26.2%	56.2%

Most Common Educational/Training Level: Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience  
Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit [www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm](http://www.oa.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	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$30.83	\$41.08	\$53.48
	Yearly	\$64,100	\$85,400	\$111,200
Missouri	Hourly	\$32.04	\$40.88	\$52.57
	Yearly	\$66,600	\$85,000	\$109,300

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

### National and State Employment Trends

Purchasing Manager	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	69,500	71,900	+ 3%	2,230
Missouri	1,080	1,100	+ 2%	30

\*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](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)

#### Saint Louis University-Main Campus

Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 977-2222  
[www.imagine.slu.edu](http://www.imagine.slu.edu)

#### Webster University

Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 961-2660  
[www.webster.edu](http://www.webster.edu)



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