

Occupational Profile
Heavy Equipment Operators
OES (Occupational Employment Statistics) CODE: 97923

Cameron County		Hidalgo/Starr/Willacy Counties	
Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010	Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010
30	30	80	90
Absolute Change		Absolute Change	
#	%	#	%
0	0	10	12.5
Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement	Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement
No	0:0	No	0:0
Hourly Wage 2002		Hourly Wage 2002	
Mean	Median	Mean	Median
*	*	\$10.24	\$10.35

Job Description:

Operate or tend machinery equipped with scoops, shovels, or buckets to excavate and load loose materials. Transfers rock or other materials from quarry to dumptruck or conveyer. Operator titles vary by type of equipment operated including Rock Drill Operator, Bulldozer Operator, Stripping-Shovel Operator, Ditcher Operator, Power Shovel Operator, etc.

Average Education Required

Workers in occupations at this level can develop the skills needed for average job performance after 1 to 12 months of combined on-the-job experience and informal training.

Related Occupations

Related occupations include construction equipment operators, railroad yard workers, truck and bus drivers, and farm equipment operators.

Skills Required

- Coordination -- Adjusting actions in relation to others actions
- Equipment Maintenance -- Performing routine maintenance and determining when and what kind of maintenance is required
- Equipment Selection -- Determining the kind of tools and equipment needed to do a job
- Operation Monitoring -- Watching gauges, dials, or other indicators to make sure a machine is working properly
- Operation and Control -- Controlling operations of equipment to systems
- Repairing -- Repairing machines or systems using the needed tools

Industrial Employment Patterns		
Industry Code	Industry	Percent of Employees
1620	Heavy Construction, except Highway	49.5%
8820	Self Employed	12.5%
1610	Highway & Street Construction	8.0%
1790	Misc. Special Trade Contractors	6.8%
1540	Non-Residential Building Contractors	6.3%
1710	Plumbing, Heating, & Air-Conditioning	4.2%
1420	Crushed & Broken Stone	2.0%

* Data not available