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Heavy Equipment Operating Engineer Program

Salary and Wage Information

Things you need to know:

1. Employment for heavy equipment operators is usually seasonal and/or project-based. Your work cycle will be inconsistent. You will likely work for several different contractors throughout the year. Your hourly wage most likely will fluctuate from one job to another. Wages can fluctuate between different pieces of equipment you operate. The hours you work each day and the number of days a week you work will fluctuate as well. You may be self-employed at times and work for contractors at other times. **Salary and Wage information for heavy equipment operators can only be determined accurately from the operators Income Tax W2 forms.** 100% of our graduates have signed a statement that they are not willing to participate in the data collection process that will provide us with this information.
2. We offer to you the Salary and Wage information taken from EDD at: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov on the following page. You can also contact our graduates from information on our website and YouTube channel and talk to them personally.

WAGES - INFORMATION TAKEN FROM EDD AT: WWW.LABORMARKETINFO.EDD.CA.GOV

The median wage in 2013 for Operating Engineers in California is \$66,634 annually, or \$32.03 hourly. The median is the point at which half of the workers earn more and half earn less.

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Annual Wages for 2013	Low (25th percentile)	Median (50th percentile)	High (75th percentile)
California	\$50,827	\$66,634	\$82,079

Source: EDD/LMID [Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2013](#) Wages do not reflect self-employment.

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Hourly Wages for 2013	Low (25th percentile)	Median (50th percentile)	High (75th percentile)
California	\$24.44	\$32.03	\$39.46

Source: EDD/LMID [Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2013](#). Wages do not reflect self-employment.

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