

Metro Atlanta TOP JOBS

SKILLED TRADES



Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators

Standard Occupational Classification Code: 472073

Also known as: Back Hoe Operator, Engineering Equipment Operator, Equipment Operator (EO), Forklift Operator, Heavy Equipment Operator, Hot Mix Asphalt Operator, Machine Operator, Motor Grader Operator, Operating Engineer, Track Hoe Operator

Are you good at ...

- Being reliable, responsible, and dependable?
- Taking initiative?
- Paying attention to detail?
- Being open to change?
- Displaying a good-natured, cooperative attitude?

A Day in the Life

Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators operate one or several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concrete or other hard surface pavement. They may repair and maintain equipment in addition to other duties.

They maintain construction tools or equipment. They signal equipment operators to indicate proper equipment positioning. They load or unload materials used in construction or extraction. They operate heavy-duty construction or installation equipment. They communicate with clients about products, procedures, and policies. They review blueprints or specifications to determine work requirements. They install equipment attachments or components. They select construction equipment. They record operational or environmental data. They remove debris or vegetation from work sites. They drive trucks or truck-mounted equipment.

How do I get into this top job?

This job requires a high school diploma or the equivalent. You will also need about six months of on-the-job training. Training programs may be expensive, but you might not have to pay for all of it yourself. If you are low income, ask your job coach, career counselor, training program, or workforce development specialist about assisting you with your training expenses. It might be free!



What they earn in Metro Atlanta:

Entry Wage: **\$14.56**
Median Wage: **\$17.26**



What makes this a Top Job?

They're in high demand. The Georgia Dept. of Labor estimates there will be 470 openings per year through 2026! Additionally, this job pays above average wages.



Educational Requirement

low mid high

High School Diploma
Or Equivalent



On-the-Job Training

low mid high

Moderate-term
On-the-job Training



Related Occupations

Check out these similar careers on O*NET online:

- [Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators](#)
- [Pile Driver Operators](#)
- [Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators](#)

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION!

404-527-3501 | careerriseatlanta.org | atlantacareerrise@unitedwayatlanta.org

Metro Atlanta Top Jobs is a project of **CareerRise** and **WorkSource Metro Atlanta** (Atlanta, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Atlanta Regional which serves Cherokee, Clayton, Douglas, Fayette, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale counties).

