



Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators

✓ RURAL JOB This career is frequently available in Idaho's rural communities

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What Is It?

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. May repair and maintain equipment in addition to other duties.

What Do They Typically Do?

- Controlling Machines and Processes
- Monitoring Processes, Materials, or Surroundings
- Operating Vehicles, Mechanized Devices, or Equipment

Annual Income:

- Entry Level: \$36,150
- Typical: \$48,360
- Experienced: \$85,560

Major Employers:

Construction, Government

What do I do next?

Learn about the job culture:

- Schedule at least one informational interview
- Conduct a job shadow, if possible
- Research available volunteer or intern opportunities

Prepare for training:

- Visit and call trade schools or colleges that offer a related program
- Research regional job openings at: idahoworks.gov

Explore all pathways to certification:

labor.idaho.gov/jobscope

Talk to your school counselor or advisor for more information

Get started today!

Ask about the career & technical programs at your school or nearby technical college.

Check out Idaho Digital Learning Academy for online opportunities: idahodigitalllearning.org

For tips, tools, and resources to learn how your skills and interests can translate to a rewarding career, visit the Next Steps Idaho website.

www.NextSteps.Idaho.gov



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