



Excavating & Loading Machine & Dragline Operators, Surface Mining

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What Is It?

Operate or tend machinery at surface mining site, equipped with scoops, shovels, or buckets to excavate and load loose materials.

What Do They Typically Do?

- Operating Vehicles, Mechanized Devices, or Equipment
- Controlling Machines and Processes
- Inspecting Equipment, Structures, or Materials

Annual Income:

- Entry Level: \$46,340
- Typical: \$55,890
- Experienced: \$59,000

Major Employers:

Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction, Construction

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

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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: idahodigitallearning.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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