



Continuous Mining Machine Operators

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What Is It?

Operate self-propelled mining machines that rip coal, metal and nonmetal ores, rock, stone, or sand from the mine face and load it onto conveyors or into shuttle cars in a continuous operation.

What Do They Typically Do?

- Controlling Machines and Processes
- Operating Vehicles, Mechanized Devices, or Equipment
- Making Decisions and Solving Problems

Annual Income:

- Entry Level: \$55,410
- Typical: \$65,530
- Experienced: \$65,540

Major Employers:

Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction

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/jobscape

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: 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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