



Explore a Career as a

FOOD MACHINE OPERATOR

What do Food Machine Operators do?

Food machine operators operate or tend cooking equipment, such as steam cooking vats, deep fry cookers, pressure cookers, kettles, and boilers, to prepare food products. They typically work in manufacturing environments and may operate computer-controlled or manually operated equipment. This type of work involves frequent physical motion. Operators must be alert and practice safe working habits at all times.

Food Machine Operators are in Demand in Kankakee County!

In Kankakee County, employment of food machine operators is expected to increase through 2020!

Training & Educational Opportunities

Food machine operators must have a high school diploma or equivalent. They typically train in apprenticeship programs or on the job and can take classes for certification or an associate degree in food safety, food handling, and other food machine operator related skills.

As a Food Machine Operator you will:

- Listen for malfunction alarms, and shut down equipment and notify supervisors when necessary
- Move control settings to make necessary adjustments on equipment units affecting speeds of chemical reactions, quality, or yields
- Read work orders, recipes, or formulas to determine cooking times, temperatures, and ingredient specifications
- Record production and test data, such as processing steps, temperature and steam readings, cooking time, batches processed, and test results

Food Machine Operator

Training Provider

The following certified training provider offers training programs in food machine operation:

- Kankakee Community College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



Types of Employers

There are many employers looking to hire food machine operators in Kankakee County, including:

- Animal processors
- Bakeries
- Food manufacturers
- Restaurants

Wages & Openings

Food Machine Operator Employment Data for Kankakee County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$10.32
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$23.57
Average Annual Job Openings Grundy County	14
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	42

Opportunities

After you receive your training as a food machine operator, there are many opportunities for advancement including:

- Production Manager
- Shift Supervisor
- Training Manager



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