

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

NOC 73400

Use a variety of heavy mobile machines and attachments in construction, mining, and material handling. They excavate, grade and landscape earth and move heavy materials and equipment.



3-YEAR OUTLOOK



Moderate

3-YEAR JOB OPENINGS

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MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE

$25.00

$20.00 LOW — $34.50 HIGH

TYPICALLY REQUIRED



High school / on-the-job training

EMPLOYED

2,409

AVERAGE SALARY

$62,600



EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

52.8%	Construction
13.1%	Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction
12.6%	Manufacturing
21.5%	All Other Industries



EMPLOYMENT BY AGE

5.8%	15-24
17.3%	25-34
14.7%	35-44
26.5%	45-54
29.7%	55-64
6.0%	65+

ALSO KNOWN AS

- Backhoe Operator
- Bulldozer Operator
- Excavator Operator
- Gradall Operator
- Grader Operator
- Heavy Equipment Operator

MAIN DUTIES:

This group performs some or all of the following duties:

- Operate heavy equipment such as backhoes, bulldozers, loaders and graders to excavate, move, load and grade earth, rock, gravel or other materials during construction and related activities
- Operate bulldozers or other heavy equipment to clear brush and stumps prior to logging activities and to build roads at logging and surface mining sites
- Operate heavy equipment with pile driver head to drive piling into earth to provide support for buildings, bridges or other structures
- Operate heavy dredging equipment to deepen waterways or reclaim earth fill.

