REGION 1

2021

MIDDLE TENNESSEE **INDUSTRIAL WAGE & BENEFIT SURVEY**

Information based on a survey of over 25 industries who employ 3,586 Tennesseans in the mid-state. With a response rate of 42.4%, the results of this survey provide a picture of the compensation structure in the region in the spring of 2021.*



AVERAGE TIME Based on 40 hour work week (typical)





Many companies have graduated vacation days that change with employee's tenure at a given company. of employers in the study area offer sick leave

Companies commonly offer 6 to 7 days of sick leave. Many companies do not offer sick leave and instead give employees a set amount of time off for illness, vacation, and

Offer PTO that combines vacation, sick leave and personal days

Offer vacation, sick leave, personal day separately

INSURANCE





88% offer Vision

offer Wellness Plan

offer Prescription Drug

Who pays?





Employees are expected to pay an average of:

S1.520

for annual health insurance

Employer's share for each employee is significantly higher:

for annual health insurance



DEPENDENTS (Cost to insure)

When dependents become part of the benefit plan, individual cost for health insurance increases to \$5,996, dental increases to \$754, and vision increases to \$226. Similarly, the cost to employers of insuring dependents increases significantly for health (\$11,953), dental (\$469), and vision (\$221).

RETIREMENT & THER BENEFITS

offer 401(k) **Plans**

career development

offer tuition payment Overall, total employee benefits equal 31% of wages and salaries.

Did COVID Impact:

Training Needs? YES, 65% **Human Resource Practices? YES, 85%** Overall Business? YES, 90%

Most Common On-Site Training:

- ✔ Health & Safety
- ✔ Forklift Operations
- ✓ Job-related Skills
- ✓ Company Policy

Select Occupation Details	Difficulty of Filling (1=Easy; 10= Difficult)	Typical Licensing Requirement	Typical Education Requirement	Entry Level Wage	Annual Salary (Average)
General and Operations Managers	7	N/A	Bachelor's	\$53.83	\$129,445
Sales Managers	4	N/A	Bachelor's	\$65.82	\$129,659
Computer and Information Systems Managers	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$81,439
Financial Managers	8	Yes	Bachelor's	\$79.01	\$136,070
Industrial Production Managers	7	No	Bachelor's	\$40.98	\$97,212
Purchasing Managers	5	Yes	Voc/Assoc/Bachelor's	\$ \$33.08	\$89,966
Human Resources Specialists	4	No	Bachelor's	\$25.79	\$60,731
Accountants and Auditors	6	Yes	HS or less	N/A	\$83,970
Industrial Engineers	7	No	Bachelor's	\$28.59	\$80,056
Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	5	No	HS/Voc/Assoc	N/A	\$62,520
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	6	No	HS/Voc/Assoc	N/A	\$54,323
Customer Service Representatives	3	No	HS or less	\$15.88	\$42,887
Order Clerks	4	No	HS or less	\$13.58	\$29,529
Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks	4	No	HS or less	\$15.36	\$41,438
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	N/A	Yes	N/A	\$22.39	\$50,911
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	8	Yes	HS or less	\$23.66	\$59,829
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	6	Yes	Voc/Assoc	\$18.77	\$40,066
Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	6	No	HS or less	\$24.60	\$59,195
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators	7	No	HS or less	\$13.00	\$32,344
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Operators	6	No	HS or less	\$14.65	\$35,056
Machinists	8	Yes	HS/Voc/Assoc	\$19.17	\$47,635
Metal-Refining Furnace Operators and Tenders	5	No	HS or less	\$13.93	\$34,431
Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Operators	6	No	HS or less	\$14.59	\$37,066
Multiple Machine Tool Operators	5	No	HS or less	\$17.82	\$51,709
Tool and Die Makers	7	Yes	Voc/Assoc	\$17.82	\$52,994
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	4	Yes	HS or less	\$22.27	\$58,150
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	3	No	HS or less	\$16.27	\$42,324
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	N/A	No	HS or less	N/A	\$31,996
Production Workers, All Other	N/A	No	HS or less	N/A	\$32,663

A Regional Economic Development Partnership Project

USDA, Rural Development
Middle TN Industrial Development Association
Tennessee Valley Authority
TN Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
Middle Tennessee Regional Workforce Boards
Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Nashville Regional Council
South Central Tennessee Development District
Upper Cumberland Development District

Tennessee Central Economic Authority
The Highlands Economic Partnership
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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