

## Manufacturing Cluster



*Planning, managing and performing the processing of materials into intermediate or final products and related professional and technical support activities such as production planning and control, maintenance and manufacturing/process engineering.*

**Data Sources**  
Bureau of Labor Statistics  
CareerInfoNet  
CareerClusters  
The College Board  
Tracer

# Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators

*Can you see yourself at the controls of an industrial truck or tractor? Does the thought of someday walking down a street and pointing to a bridge, a highway or a building and saying, "I made that," appeal to you?*

If you are interested in a career turning the visions of architects and engineers into concrete reality, a career as a **industrial truck and tractor operator** may be for you.

**Industrial truck and tractor operators use machinery to move construction materials, dig soil, pave and surface roads and much more.**

### **Are You Ready To...?**

- Work outdoors in all types of weather
- Control equipment by moving levers or foot pedals, operating switches or turning dials
- Take care of equipment and make small repairs
- Set up and inspect equipment
- Follow safety guidelines

### **It Helps To Be...**

Physically strong, good with machines, coordinated, careful and able to work well on your own and as part of a team

### **A Day In The Life...**

- Fasten attachments or accessories to tractor
- Inspect material moving equipment
- Load, unload or stack containers, materials or products
- Operate forklift
- Operate cargo handling gear

### **Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area**

**Median Hourly Wage: \$15.54**

*That comes out to more than \$32,327 a year.*

**In 2016, we had 1,213 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators. By 2026, we'll need 1,440.**

*Could you be one of the 227?*

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## After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many employers look for industrial truck and tractor operators with **on-the-job training** and **apprenticeships**.



## Top 5 Industries for Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators

1. Warehousing and Storage
2. Building Material and Supplies Dealers
3. Employment Services
4. General Freight Trucking
5. Grocery and Related Product Merchant Wholesalers

## Related Training

- On-the-job training
- Apprenticeships (typically three years)

## Related Industry Certifications

- Heavy/Industrial Equipment Maintenance Technologies
- Construction/Heavy Equipment/Earthmoving Equipment Operation
- Transportation and Materials Moving

## Related Careers

- Construction Managers
- Glaziers
- Heavy Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Technicians
- Industrial Machinery Repairers
- Ironworkers

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