

GREEN JOB FACT SHEET

PRODUCTION WORKER

Production workers are responsible for helping assemble and prepare products for shipment. In the corrugated packaging industry, these workers serve manufacturing plants, warehouses, and factories by operating machinery and monitoring the production process to meet production, quality, and safety goals.

THE BIG PICTURE

Production workers have many tasks, including:

- Working with team members to ensure the company and its products meet production and quality standards.
- Following daily safety procedures and guidelines.

IS THIS CAREER RIGHT FOR YOU?

DO YOU LIKE TO WORK AS PART OF A TEAM? ARE YOU RELIABLE? IS BEING SAFE IMPORTANT TO YOU? DO YOU LIKE BEING ON-THE-GO?

- Production workers are reliable and comfortable in fast-paced work environments.
- Production work can be repetitive by nature. Successful production workers are self-motivated, consistently on time, enjoy problem-solving, and jump in where needed to ensure operations run smoothly and safely.
- Production workers utilize basic math skills to measure materials, count production quantities, and keep track of inventory.

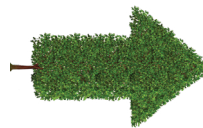
SALARY

The U.S. average starting annual salary is \$41,777 or \$20.09/hour and the U.S. median annual salary is \$46,842 or \$22.52/hour.

FUTURE HIRING DEMAND

In 2024, top-rated packaging companies are expected to generate approximately 150,000 new jobs across various roles. As technological advancements continue to shape the landscape, the packaging industry will likely see further innovations that could lead to even more job opportunities in the near future.

MOVING FORWARD



Aspiring production workers should:

- Earn a high school diploma or GED.
- Many production workers begin in an entry-level position, which does not require prior industry experience.
- Production workers can take advantage of ample growth opportunities in the industry to transition to higher-level positions.

CONSIDER A #CAREERINCORRUGATED

The corrugated packaging industry employs over 100,000 people at over 1,100 corrugated manufacturing and design facilities across the U.S. Overall, the forest products industry is among the top 10 manufacturing employers in 43 states, employing about 950,000 people nationwide.

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