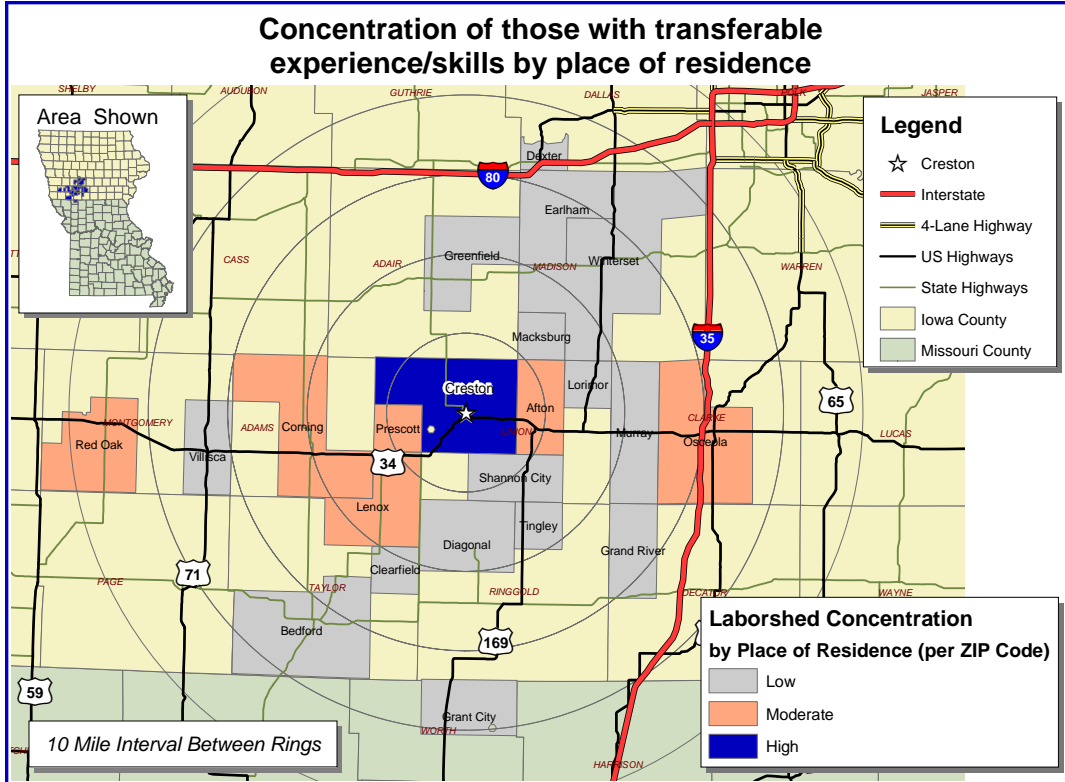


Labor Characteristics

Plastic Manufacturing

Union County, Iowa



Potential Available Labor Per Occupational Category:

Business Operations:

- Purchasing Agents - 85
- Software Engineers - 80
- Operation Research Analysts - 79
- Production & Planning Clerks - 91
- Shipping & Receiving Clerks - 87
- Stock Clerks & Order Fillers - 85
- Office & Administrative Support - 417

Production:

- Supervisors - 411
- Engineers - 81
- Engineering Technicians - 88
- Maintenance & Repair - 499
- Millwrights - 79
- Assemblers & Fabricators - 668
- Milling & Planing Machine Operators - 84
- Machinists - 89
- Multiple Machine Operators - 241
- Foundry & Mold Makers - 252
- Welders & Cutters - 83
- Inspectors - 413
- Molders, Shapers, & Casters - 164
- Production Workers - 1,833

Material Movers:

- Supervisors - 79
- Heavy Truck Drivers - 423
- Forklift Operators - 170

An estimated total of 6,581 people in the Laborshed area

Underemployment:

- Total Underemployment - 8.9%
- Low hours - 2.5%
 - Mismatch of skills - 5.1%
 - Low income - 2.5%

IWD only counts individuals once when estimating Total Underemployment.



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Workers who have transferable experience/skills in the Laborshed area are currently commuting an average of 13 miles one way for work. Those who are willing to change/accept employment are willing to commute an average of 19 miles one way for the right employment opportunity.

Employment Status:

- 72.2% Employed**
 - 31.6% of the employed are willing to change employment
- 12.7% Unemployed**
- 5.1% Homemakers, Not Employed**
- 10.1% Retired**

Education Levels:

- 50.6% Education beyond high school
- 3.8% Vocational training
- 2.5% Trade certified
- 17.7% Associate degree
- 5.1% Undergraduate degree
- 3.8% Postgraduate degree

Flexibility in the Workplace:

- (by percent of interest)
- Cross-training - 85.7%
 - Varied shifts (2nd, 3rd, & split) - 34.3%
 - Job sharing - 45.7%
 - Job teams - 91.4%
 - Seasonal work - 48.6%
 - Temporary work - 45.7%

Other Facts:

- 76.9% paid an hourly wage
- 88.6% are/were employed full-time
- 8.9% are/were employed part-time
- 10.5% hold two or more jobs
- Currently working an average of 42 hrs/week
- Prefer to work an average of 40 hrs/week

Current Benefits:

- Health/medical insurance - 96.9%
- Pension/retirement/401K - 76.6%
- Dental coverage - 43.8%
- Paid vacation - 40.6%
- Paid holidays - 37.5%
- Vision coverage - 21.9%
- Life insurance - 18.8%
- Paid sick leave - 12.5%
- Disability insurance - 6.3%

Desired Benefits:

- (by percent of interest)
- Health/medical insurance - 97.0%
 - Pension/retirement/401K - 30.3%
 - Dental coverage - 15.2%
 - Vision coverage - 15.2%
 - Paid vacation - 12.1%
 - Paid holidays - 9.1%
 - Paid sick leave - 9.1%
 - Prescription drug coverage - 9.1%
 - Life insurance - 6.1%
 - Disability insurance - 6.1%

Top Advertising Media:

- (for those seeking employment opportunities)
- Iowa Workforce Development Centers
 - Local/Regional Newspapers
 - The Des Moines Register
 - Creston News Advertiser
 - The Internet
 - www.iowaworkforce.org
 - Private Employment Services
 - Networking through friends, family, & acquaintances

Information was compiled by Iowa Workforce Development using 2009 data.

Occupation	Occupational Code	Mean Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage	Median Wage
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	43-3031	\$ 12.28	\$ 8.89	\$ 13.96	\$ 12.04
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	13-1199	\$ 21.23	\$ 10.63	\$ 26.53	\$ 18.92
Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9121	\$ 12.94	\$ 10.50	\$ 14.17	\$ 12.62
Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	51-4011	\$ 15.49	\$ 14.31	\$ 16.08	\$ 15.85
Crushing, Grinding, and Polishing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9021	\$ 12.95	\$ 10.81	\$ 14.01	\$ 12.98
Customer Service Representatives	43-4051	\$ 11.33	\$ 8.73	\$ 12.62	\$ 10.51
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	51-1011	\$ 22.94	\$ 14.96	\$ 26.93	\$ 21.57
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing, and Buffing Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	51-4033	\$ 14.35	\$ 12.28	\$ 15.39	\$ 13.85
Helpers--Production Workers	51-9198	\$ 12.54	\$ 7.88	\$ 14.86	\$ 12.44
Industrial Engineers	17-2112	\$ 29.33	\$ 20.17	\$ 33.91	\$ 28.38
Industrial Production Managers	11-3051	\$ 40.47	\$ 26.25	\$ 47.58	\$ 35.50
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	53-7051	\$ 12.66	\$ 10.93	\$ 13.53	\$ 12.72
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	51-9061	\$ 14.88	\$ 10.88	\$ 16.88	\$ 13.80
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	53-7062	\$ 12.53	\$ 9.28	\$ 14.15	\$ 11.39
Machinists	51-4041	\$ 14.09	\$ 10.44	\$ 15.90	\$ 14.13
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	49-9042	\$ 15.99	\$ 12.16	\$ 17.90	\$ 15.93
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	49-9043	\$ 16.11	\$ 11.97	\$ 18.18	\$ 16.17
Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	51-4072	\$ 12.32	\$ 10.05	\$ 13.44	\$ 11.90
Office Clerks, General	43-9061	\$ 10.37	\$ 6.94	\$ 12.09	\$ 10.59
Order Clerks	43-4151	\$ 8.75	\$ 6.32	\$ 9.96	\$ 8.96
Packers and Packagers, Hand	53-7064	\$ 7.16	\$ 6.23	\$ 7.61	\$ 6.69
Production Workers, All Other	51-9199	\$ 12.07	\$ 7.20	\$ 14.51	\$ 12.74
Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	43-5061	\$ 15.61	\$ 10.53	\$ 18.15	\$ 14.09
Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	13-1023	\$ 18.13	\$ 11.74	\$ 21.32	\$ 17.51
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	41-4012	\$ 22.26	\$ 11.48	\$ 27.66	\$ 21.16
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	43-6014	\$ 12.13	\$ 9.19	\$ 13.60	\$ 11.25
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	43-5071	\$ 10.82	\$ 7.65	\$ 12.40	\$ 10.93
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	43-5081	\$ 8.59	\$ 6.37	\$ 9.69	\$ 8.00
Team Assemblers	51-2092	\$ 11.51	\$ 8.65	\$ 12.94	\$ 10.88
Tool and Die Makers	51-4111	\$ 18.45	\$ 14.75	\$ 20.29	\$ 19.10
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	53-3032	\$ 19.90	\$ 12.04	\$ 23.83	\$ 20.59
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	53-3033	\$ 14.30	\$ 8.51	\$ 17.19	\$ 9.69
Water and Liquid Waste Treatment Plant and System Operators	51-8031	\$ 17.26	\$ 15.02	\$ 18.38	\$ 16.49

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