

# Machinists

Machinists use machine tools, such as lathes, drill presses, and milling machines to produce precision metal or plastic parts. They use their knowledge of the working properties of metals and their skill with machine tools to plan and carry out the operations needed to make machined products that meet precise specifications. Classroom training and on-the-job training are needed.

Employees in this field must have at least a high school diploma or GED. Machinists are very technical, mathematical, and detail oriented. They are hands-on and must work with many types of machines. Computer skills are becoming increasingly needed due to CNC (computer numerically controlled) machines.

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**Brazos Valley Mean Wage**  
\$36,729 (\$17.66/hr.)

**Statewide Mean Wage**  
\$38,654 (\$18.58/hr.)

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Above table shows the average wage for Machinists in the Brazos Valley and State of Texas.

