

# Operating Engineers and Other Equipment Operators

Operating Engineers and Other Equipment Operators operate one or several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concrete or other hard surface pavement. May repair and maintain equipment in addition to other duties. Classroom training and on-the-job training are needed.

Employees in this field are recommended to have at least a high school diploma or GED. The Operating Engineer occupation will appeal to those who enjoy being outdoors and doing activities that include practical and hands-on problem solving.

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**Brazos Valley Mean Wage**  
\$40,856 (\$19.64/hr.)

**Statewide Mean Wage**  
\$36,302 (\$17.45/hr.)

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Above table shows the average wage for Operating Engineers and Other Equipment Operators in the Brazos Valley and State of Texas.

