

## Average Production Wages Birmingham, Alabama Metropolitan Area

| Job Title                                      | Wage    | Job Title                                       | Wage  |
|--|---------|---|-------|
| Assemblers and Fabricators                     | \$10.28 | Mixing & Blending Machine Setters & Operators   | 13.09 |
| Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters               | 11.29   | Model Makers & Pattern Makers, Wood             | 15.37 |
| Cementing and Gluing Machine Operators         | 11.61   | Molders, Shapers & Casters Exc. Metal & Plastic | 12.91 |
| Chemical Equipment Operators & Tenders         | 15.19   | Molding & Coremaking Machine Setters & Op.      | 14.06 |
| Coating, Painting & Spraying Mach. Operators   | 11.42   | Multiple Machine Tool Setters & Operators       | 14.99 |
| Coil Winders, Tapers & Finishers               | 9.59    | Numerical Tool & Process Control Programmers    | 17.43 |
| Conveyor Operators & Tenders                   | 10.58   | Packaging & Filling Machine Operators           | 9.62  |
| Crane & Tower Operators                        | 17.25   | Packers & Packagers, Hand                       | 9.80  |
| Crushing, Grinding & Polishing Mach. Operators | 10.79   | Painting, Coating & Decorating Workers          | 11.96 |
| Cutting & Slicing Mach. Setters & Operators    | 11.70   | Paper Goods Machine Setters & Operators         | 11.39 |
| Cutting, Punching & Press Mach. Setters & Op.  | 11.49   | Patternmakers, Metal & Plastic                  | 17.09 |
| Drilling & Boring Mach. Tool Setters & Op.     | 12.39   | Patternmakers, Wood                             | 14.02 |
| Electromechanical Equipment Assemblers         | 11.96   | Photographic Process Workers                    | 9.48  |
| Engine & Other Machine Assemblers              | 13.57   | Plant & System Operators, Other                 | 13.60 |
| Extruding & Drwng. Mach., Setters Op. & Tndrs. | 11.42   | Plating & Coating Machine Setters & Operators   | 13.07 |
| Food Batchmakers                               | 12.69   | Pourers & Casters, Metal                        | 16.03 |
| Food Processing Workers, Others                | 8.71    | Prepress Technicians & Workers                  | 15.68 |
| Forging Machine Setters, Operators & Tenders   | 14.71   | Pressers, Textile, Garment & Related            | 8.10  |
| Foundry Mold & Coremakers                      | 12.04   | Printing Machine Operators                      | 12.54 |
| Furnace, Kiln, Oven, Drier & Kettle Operators  | 16.63   | Printing Workers, Other                         | 13.30 |
| Furniture Finishers                            | 11.53   | Production Workers, Other                       | 10.68 |
| Gas Plant Operators                            | 25.49   | Rolling Machine Setters, Operators & Tenders    | 17.01 |
| Grinding & Polishing Workers, Hand             | 11.87   | Sawing Machine Setters & Operators              | 9.66  |
| Grinding, Polishing & Buffing Mach, Operators  | 12.98   | Separating, Filtering & Clarifying Operators    | 11.63 |
| Heat Treating Equip. Setters, Ops. & Tenders   | 14.37   | Sewing Machine Operators                        | 7.70  |
| Helpers, Production                            | 9.13    | Stationary Engineers & Boiler Operators         | 18.43 |
| Hoist & Wench Operators                        | 14.01   | Structural Metal Fabricators & Fitters          | 14.59 |
| Industrial Truck Operators                     | 13.02   | Supervisors/Managers, Production Workers        | 21.92 |
| Inspectors, Testers, Sorters & Weighers        | 12.20   | Team Assemblers                                 | 10.08 |
| Job Printers                                   | 14.27   | Textile Cutting Mach. Setters, Op.& Tenders     | 16.55 |
| Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers    | 9.49    | Tool Grinders Filers & Sharpeners               | 10.97 |
| Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters & Op.     | 15.06   | Transportation Inspectors                       | 28.82 |
| Layout Workers, Metal & Plastic                | 13.10   | Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer          | 17.02 |
| Machinists                                     | 15.17   | Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery                | 12.77 |
| Medical Appliance Technicians                  | 16.73   | Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers           | 13.89 |
| Metal & Plastic Workers, Others                | 14.44   | Welding & Cutting Machine Setters & Operators   | 13.52 |
| Metal Refining Furnace Operators & Tenders     | 16.01   | Woodworking Mach. Setters & Op. exc. Sawing     | 10.56 |

Source: [Source: State of Alabama, Department of Industrial Relations, Alabama Wage Survey, 2003](#)



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