

# Industrial Truck/Tractor Operator

## PANHANDLE

*Average Wage*

**\$12.26**

*Average Annual*

*Job Openings*

**25**

*Employment in*

*2004    2014*

**750    850**

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## TEXAS

*Average Wage*

**\$11.69**

*Average Annual*

*Job Openings*

**1,595**

*Employment in*

*2004    2014*

**42,400    50,350**

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## UNITED STATES

*Employment in*

*2006*

**629,100**

*Female    4%*

*Minority    61%*

## EMPLOYMENT CODES

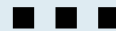
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*Industrial Truck and  
Tractor Operators*

## JOB DESCRIPTION

Drive and control industrial trucks or tractors equipped to move materials around warehouses, storage yards, factories, or construction sites.



## SKILLS AND APTITUDES NEEDED

- ◆ Mechanical aptitude
- ◆ Good physical condition and sense of balance
- ◆ Good eye-hand-foot coordination and ability to judge distance
- ◆ May require the ability to work at heights



A typical industrial truck, often called a forklift or lift truck, has a hydraulic lifting mechanism and forks for moving heavy and large objects. Industrial truck and tractor operators also may operate tractors that pull trailers loaded with materials, goods, or equipment within factories and warehouses or around outdoor storage areas.

In industries that work around the clock, material movers may work overnight shifts.

Operating heavy construction equipment can be dangerous but, as with most machinery, accidents generally can be avoided by observing proper operating procedures and safety practices. Workers who use industrial trucks or other dangerous equipment must receive specialized training in safety awareness and procedures. Many of the training requirements are standardized through the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. This training is usually provided by the employer.

## PANHANDLE AREA PUBLIC TRAINING PROVIDERS

Training Provider	Direct	Related	Education Offering

For information on public training providers outside of the Panhandle Area, please refer to the Resource Index.

### HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT LEVELS BY INDUSTRY

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

National Center for Construction Education and Research, P.O. Box 141104, Gainesville, FL 32614-1104, (888) 622-3720, <http://www.nccer.org>

Associated General Contractors of America, 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22201, (703) 548-3118, <http://www.agc.org>

Industrial Truck Association, 1750 K St. NW., Suite 460 Washington, DC 20006, (202) 296-9880, <http://www.indtrk.org>

International Union of Operating Engineers, 1125 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 429-9100, <http://www.iuoe.org>

For additional website sources, please refer to the Resource Index.

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