

**Selected Average Salary and Wage Rates  
for Industrial Positions – Manufacturing Sector**

**Bessemer, Alabama**

**2007**

Job Position	Annual Salary (Average)	Hourly Wage (Average)
1. Carpenter	--	\$ 11.50
2. Computer Technician	<i>No 2007 data available</i>	
3. Electrician	<i>No 2007 data available</i>	
4. Electronics Specialist	<i>No 2007 data available</i>	
5. Foreman (*)	--	15.00
6. Forklift Operator	--	14.00
7. Heavy Equipment Operator (**)	--	15.00
8. Laboratory Technician	<i>No 2007 data available</i>	
9. Machine Operator	--	13.50
10. Machinist	--	16.00
11. Maintenance Worker	--	11.00
12. Material Handler	--	12.00
13. Millwright	<i>No 2007 data available</i>	
14. Packaging Handler	--	11.00
15. Painter	<i>No 2007 data available</i>	
16. Pipe Fitter	<i>No 2007 data available</i>	
17. Printer	<i>No 2007 data available</i>	
18. Production Manager	--	34.00
19. Repair Shop Worker	<i>No 2007 data available</i>	
20. Sheet Metal Worker	--	10.50
21. Shipping Coordinator/Manager	--	13.00
22. Truck Driver/Delivery	<i>No 2007 data available</i>	
23. Welder	--	15.00
24. Woodworker (Apprentice)	<i>No 2007 data available</i>	
25. Woodworker (Senior)	--	14.50

Prepared by Bessemer Development Board, 2007, based on (1) responses to survey conducted by Yvonne Murray, MPA student with UAB School of Government and (2) analysis of wage rates for selected occupations for Jefferson County.

Analysis does not include fringe benefit costs, which vary by occupation and employer.

(\*) Skill sets of “foreman” can vary widely among different types of firms

(\*\*) Excavating machinery only

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**2004**

Job Position	Annual Salary (Average)	Hourly Wage (Average)
1. Carpenter	--	\$ 10.50
2. Computer Technician	\$ 52,000.00	--
3. Electrician	--	15.10
4. Electronics Specialist	37,000.00	--
5. Foreman	--	11.20
6. Forklift Operator	--	13.05
7. Heavy Equipment Operator	--	11.58
8. Laboratory Technician	48,000.00	--
9. Machine Operator	--	12.45
10. Machinist	--	14.75
11. Maintenance Worker	21,000.00	--
12. Material Handler	--	10.10
13. Millwright	--	10.00
14. Packaging Handler	--	10.35
15. Painter	28,500.00	--
16. Pipe Fitter	--	10.50
17. Printer	--	11.67
18. Production Manager	67,000.00	--
19. Repair Shop Worker	--	12.85
20. Sheet Metal Worker	--	9.35
21. Shipping Coordinator	--	11.45
22. Truck Driver/Delivery	27,700.00	--
23. Welder	--	13.00
24. Woodworker (Apprentice)	--	9.60
25. Woodworker (Senior)	--	13.25

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