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FOOD & BEVERAGE

The Oregon Employment Department has released data on common occupations in the Food and Beverage sector, highlighting the 2024 numbers, average wages, and the typical entry-level education for each role. Below is a summary:

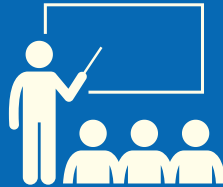
Occupation	2024 Average Annual Wages	Typical Entry Level Education
Bakers	\$38,519	Less than high school
Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment	\$40,075	Less than high school
First-Line Supervisors of Production Workers	\$84,516	High school diploma or equivalent
Food Batchmakers	\$38,777	High school diploma or equivalent
Food Processing Workers, All Other	\$48,449	High school diploma or equivalent
Food Science Technicians	\$51,677	Associate's degree
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$59,763	Postsecondary training (non-degree)
Helpers--Production Workers	\$41,829	Less than high school
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$68,490	High school diploma or equivalent
Industrial Production Managers	\$116,342	Bachelor's degree

4,291
TOTAL
EMPLOYEES



5,624
NEW &
REPLACEMENT
OPENINGS BY
2032

10%
FORECASTED
GROWTH BY
2032



\$238
MILLION
IN LANE COUNTY
PAYROLL

188
TOTAL
ESTABLISHMENTS



\$55,621
AVERAGE
WAGE

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To meet the workforce needs of employers and individuals through partnerships and innovation.



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Positive Community Kitchen Tour, October 2022.

The food and beverage sector, a key traded industry in Lane County, encompasses both manufacturers and wholesalers. In 2023, the sector included 188 firms and employed 4,291 workers. Growth in this industry has been driven in part by craft beer and organic food manufacturers.

Because the food and beverage sector is made up of jobs in manufacturing and wholesale trade, it was less affected by COVID-19 restrictions than some other sectors. When restrictions were enacted in 2020, the sector dropped about 2 percent, compared to 7 percent for all industries.

Going forward, the sector is expected to add 424 additional jobs by 2032 for a 10% growth rate, equal to the all industries average. In addition, there are an expected 2,172 replacement openings over the 10-year period.

Wages are about the same in the food and beverage sector compared to total average wages in Lane County. In 2023, the Lane County average annual wage in the food and beverage sector was \$55,621 compared to \$56,320 for all industries. High wages in the food and beverage sector are relatively uncommon in Oregon. Statewide, wages in the food and beverage sector are somewhat less than the average for all industries. In Lane County, many firms in the food and beverage manufacturing portion of the sector produce specialized products such as organic food and craft beer as opposed to large food processors, helping to push wages higher.

Of the most common occupations, most require a high school diploma or less, yet employers in the industry report having difficulty hiring and keeping workers.

The Lane County Sector Strategy Team (LCSST) utilizes the [Next Generation Sector Partnerships model](#), a nationally recognized approach. For more information, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/LaneWorkforce>