



Explore a Career as an **INDUSTRIAL TRUCK OR TRACTOR OPERATOR: FORKLIFT**

What do Industrial Truck, Tractor (Forklift) Operators do?

Industrial truck and tractor operators operate industrial trucks or tractors equipped to move materials around a warehouse, storage yard, factory, construction site, or similar location. They generally receive short-term on-the-job training prior to performing their job at an acceptable level. It is an occupation that is needed for a variety of different industries. As an operator, you will be working with a lot of different tools and equipment. Feeling comfortable with each one and understanding how to use them safely is an important part of the job. Most material moving machine operators work full time, and overtime for them is common. Because materials are shipped around the clock, some operators, especially those in warehousing, work overnight shifts.

Training & Educational Opportunities

You will have many employment opportunities as an industrial truck and tractor operator and/or forklift operator once you've completed the required certification. Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers and forklift operators usually have a high school diploma and attend professional truck driving school and/or complete on-the-job training. You can also obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL A).

As an Industrial Truck or Tractor (Forklift) Operator you will:

- Inspect product load for accuracy and safely move it around the warehouse or facility
- Manually or mechanically load or unload materials from pallets, skids, platforms, cars, lifting devices, or other transport vehicles
- Move levers or controls that operate lifting devices such as forklifts, lift beams with swivel-hooks, or elevating platforms, to load, unload, transport or stack material

Industrial Truck and Tractor (Forklift) Operators are in demand Grundy County!

Grundy County employment of industrial truck and tractor and forklift operators is expected to increase through the year 2020.

Industrial Truck and Tractor (Forklift) Operator

Training Provider

The following certified training provider offers programs and certifications to train for a career as an industrial truck and tractor (forklift) operator.

- Joliet Junior College/Advantage Driver Training

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



Types of Employers

There are many different types of employers of industrial truck and tractor operators, including:

- Construction companies
- Freight companies
- Independent transportation companies
- Industrial plants
- Lumber yards
- Packaging businesses
- Warehouse and storage businesses

Wages & Openings

Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator Employment Data for Grundy County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$15.21
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$30.34
Average Annual Job Openings Grundy County	29
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	2,305

Opportunities

After you receive your certificate as an industrial truck and tractor (forklift) operator, you will have many opportunities for specialization and advancement. Some opportunities include:

- Long Haul Operator
- Truck Owner Operator
- Specialized or Heavy Equipment Operator
- Freight Truck Operator



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