



Precision Machining Jobs Account for Seven of the Top 25 High Paying Jobs — No College Degree Required

Those who hire in the precision machining industry have a persuasive point for prospective employees who don't hold — or want to go into debt to hold — a college degree.

Follow the money. I just spoke to two millennials who do not hold a college degree. They told me, in this current job market, they are chasing the money. The work itself was secondary. For those hiring in the precision machining industry, you have a huge advantage. You can show them that the money is there *and* the work is rewarding.

High Paying Jobs

According to BusinessInsider.com, which pulled data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, there are 25 high paying jobs that do not require a college degree and are growing — which means they will be around in the future, and not go the way of milkmen. Plus, our industry was declared essential during the pandemic so job security is an advantage. Of those 25, seven jobs (32%) relate to the precision machining industry. The eight jobs are:

- Machinists
- Production, planning and expediting clerks
- Wholesale and manufacturing sales representatives
- First-line supervisors of mechanics, installers and repairers
- Computer user support specialists
- Industrial machinery mechanics
- Sales representatives of services

The median annual earnings for the eight jobs mentioned above range between \$45,000-\$70,000 in 2020. And for many of those positions there is room for advancement. To give you a comparison for the median annual earnings, the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics lists cashiers, cooks, wait



staff, retail salespeople, home health aides, security guards, orderlies and bank tellers as earning between \$25,000-\$32,000 annually in 2020. No degree required but look at the salary difference.

The math works in our favor. If many in the current workforce pool are chasing the money, you can offer them money and a career. Getting a degree can create serious debt and the degree doesn't guarantee a large salary. Just ask the disc jockeys and broadcasters who are paying off the cost of a Bachelor's degree with annual median earnings of \$36,000. Or the credit counselor with their Bachelor's earning an annual median of \$42,000. We have very strong arguments to those who don't see college in their future and are chasing the money. So, go show them how they can get on track to buy that new truck.



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