

Butchers & Meat Cutters



Occupational Profile

DOES THIS DESCRIBE YOU?

Work Interests involve descriptive categories (compatible with Holland's Model) attributed to success in this career:

- **Realistic** – Involves work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions; often dealing with plants, animals, and real-world materials like wood, tools, and machinery.
- **Conventional** – Enjoy following set procedures and routines developed through higher authority; includes working with data and details more than with ideas.
- **Enterprising** – Involves starting up and carrying out projects; often leading people and making business decisions that sometimes require risk.

Work Styles depict worker characteristics conducive for this career:

- **Dependability**
- **Cooperation**
- **Integrity**
- **Attention to Detail**
- **Self Control**

Work Values are associated with aspects of work that provide satisfaction in this career:

- **Independence**—Autonomy; working on your own.
- **Achievement**—Sense of accomplishment; results oriented.
- **Relationships** – Provide service to others in non-competitive environment.

Aptitudes reflect an ability to acquire skills and knowledge for success in this career:

- **Manual Dexterity**
- **Near Vision**
- **Arm-Hand Steadiness**
- **Category Flexibility**
- **Control Precision**

OVERVIEW

Cut, trim, or prepare consumer-sized portions of meat for use or sale in retail establishments. Belongs to the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources career cluster and Food Products and Processing Systems career pathway.

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

Basic Skills:

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation

Technology Skills:

- Accounting Software
- Electronic Mail Software
- Office Suite Software
- Spreadsheet Software
- Word Processing Software

Knowledge:

- Customer and Personal Service
- Food Production
- Production and Processing
- Sales and Marketing

ESTIMATED & PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT

Occupational Title	2014 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	2014-24 Employment Change	Annual Growth Rate (%)	Total Annual Openings
Total, All Occupations	1,795,100	1,949,240	154,140	0.9	58,145
Production Occupations	167,720	172,880	5,160	0.3	4,585
Butchers & Meat Cutters	2,200	2,355	155	0.7	60

Source: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections>

2017 WAGE & SALARY (\$)

Occupational Title	Mean Wage	Mean Salary	Entry Wage	Entry Salary	Exp Wage	Exp Salary
Total All Occupations	20.93	43,539	10.09	20,991	26.35	54,813
Production Occupations	17.06	35,492	11.59	24,108	19.80	41,185
Butchers & Meat Cutters	12.18	25,332	9.39	19,535	13.57	28,231

Source: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-employment-and-wages>

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Education	Work Experience	Job Training
< High School Diploma	None	Long-Term On-The-Job

A diploma is required for most butcher positions with training primarily received from industry-based programs.

Sources: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections> and https://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_education_training_system.htm

NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC)

Skill	Median Skill Level	Minimum Skill Level	Maximum Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	4	3	4
Locating Information	4	3	4
Reading for Information	4	3	4
Applied Technology	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Business Writing	1	1	1
Workplace Observation	3	2	4
Listening for Understanding	2	1	3

An ACT assessment-based credential issued in determining essential work skills needed for employment success across industries and occupations. The greater the score, the greater the skill level (Bronze = 3, Silver = 4, Gold = 5, Platinum = 6 & higher). Source: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-employers/assessments.html>

PRIMARY INDUSTRY SECTORS

(Where are Butchers & Meat Cutters Employed?)

Food and Beverage Stores
Food Mfg
Animal Production

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