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CAREERS IN APPAREL AND FURNISHINGS SERVICES

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NOTE TO COUNSELORS

These Job Guides have been prepared for the sole purpose of providing general job information about the occupations represented. Since the Guides are statewide in scope, they indicate a composite job picture, and do not represent any specific job with an individual employer. Also, the wages and hours indicated for the various areas represent an average or range of variance. Individual jobs may vary considerably from this range.

One of our main objectives in preparing these materials is to provide accurate information so that job-seekers can compare the short-run and long-run advantages of alternative work fields before choosing a specific occupational goal.

Each individual Guide indicates the Worker Trait Group (from the 3rd Edition of the Dictionary of Occupational Titles) into which this occupation falls. This will help the counselor in assessing the individual's qualifications, and in relating these to the Worker Trait requirements of various jobs. Each Worker Trait Group lists related jobs with the same level of trait requirements. The Training Manual for the 3rd Edition of the DOT thoroughly explains the Worker Trait Groupings, and discusses how this concept can be used in classification and counseling.

This series of Guides represents one step of a continuing occupational information project. All the Guides will be produced on an occupational series basis---with loose-leaf Guides available for individual distribution to counselees; while the complete booklet (including a narrative discussion of the industry and its trends) is designed for use by counselors.

The Guides will be reviewed periodically and revised to insure current, accurate information.

APPAREL AND FURNISHINGS SERVICE OCCUPATIONS

Apparel and Furnishings Service occupations are concerned with improving the appearance of and repairing clothing, furnishings, and accessories. These include occupations in laundries, dry cleaning, dyeing, and shoe and luggage repairing establishments. The laundries, cleaning and dyeing plants employed the majority of people working in the personal service industries in 1964. One person out of every 16 working in service occupations was employed in these plants. In addition to job opportunities in commercial laundries and dry cleaning establishments, many of these jobs are also found in hospitals, institutions, and large industrial plants.

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Total employment in the laundries, cleaning, and dyeing plants is expanding, although not as fast as total service employment. In 1960, laundries, cleaning, and dyeing plants made up 7.1% of the service industries. In 1964, the ratio dropped to 6.2%. The number of women working in laundries, cleaning, and dyeing plants has shown a larger increase than the total number of employees in these plants. This does not mean, however, that there is no place for men in laundry and related occupations. Most of the washer machine operators, dry cleaners, delivery men, rug cleaners, and shoe repairmen are males.

Employment in the shoe repair shops has been declining and this is expected to continue. However, many of the shoe repairmen are approaching retirement age. Natural attrition will more than cover the decrease in anticipated demands and, therefore, jobs will be available in this area.

Luggage repair is usually a job performed on a part-time basis in connection with other employment. There are few, if any, opportunities to make a career in this field.

AUTOMATION

In the last five years, the technological changes in laundries have been fabulous. New cleaning solvents have been developed to reduce the possibility of fire in dry cleaning establishments. Quicker, safer, and easier-to-run pressing machines have been developed. One of the most outstanding recent developments is a new type presser that uses air pressure to press garments from the inside, with only touch ups required by press operators to finish the garment. This has increased the productivity of a worker from four to six suits to around forty-five per hour. New ventilating systems now permit laundries to change the air in the entire plant every one to two minutes.

NEW INNOVATIONS IN CLOTHING

Dura-press (permanently pressed garments) and wash-and-wear clothing have actually been beneficial to the laundries. These innovations have not noticeably cut down the volume of business and have actually made the work of the laundries easier. The fact that casual wear has become popular has reduced the demand for laundry and dry cleaning services per person, but the increase in population has more than compensated for this.

ADVANTAGES OF WORK

1. Mobility

After a person has become proficient at his position in a laundry or dry cleaning establishment, practically any employer, anywhere, would offer him a job. Skills learned in one shop are easily transferred to another shop anywhere in the United States. This is true because of the standardization of machines and equipment used in the industry. Hospitals and other institutions hiring laundry workers are also located in almost every community, and often offer excellent opportunities for part-time work to students and housewives.

2. Stability

Job stability is another big advantage for working in a laundry or dry cleaning establishment. There are very few layoffs since the service is in demand all year long. Even in depressions the laundries stay in business because people cannot afford as many new clothes and the clothing they have must last longer, thereby continuing the demand for cleaning services.

3. Working Conditions

Most laundries are clean and the modern laundries are well lighted and well ventilated. In some laundries, they can change the air once every one to two minutes. Some dry cleaning establishments are now using cleaning solvents that cannot be started on fire even by direct application of flame.

4. Wages and Hours

Historically, the wages have been low, but this is being changed and the wage level is already comparable to many occupations. Most employees work a regular 40-hour week with no evening, weekend, or holiday work required as is the case in many other service occupations. Since the new minimum wage bill has now officially been enacted into law, many laundry and cleaning jobs will be covered; thus bringing the wage scale up significantly.

POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGES

Working Conditions

Through the summer, the laundry gets quite warm even though some have elaborate ventilating systems. In fact, the plant temperature is often 20 degrees above the outside temperature, with accompanying high humidity. The work is strenuous as most employees must stand constantly. The work is repetitive, short-cycle operations. Wages are not the best, but they are comparable with many other occupations.

SUMMARY

Practically any one who has good manual dexterity and wants to work, can find a good job in the Apparel and Furnishings Service occupations regardless of his education, training, or age.

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NATURE OF WORK

- Sorts incoming laundry into lots, such as flatwork, shirts, starchwork, and colored articles prior to washing. Weighs incoming laundry and records weight on laundry ticket. Marks articles with individual customer's identifying symbol. Places in different colored nets according to the process to be used in cleaning. The nets are then pinned closed with identical pins for each customer's laundry so it can be reassembled properly. May be assigned to price incoming laundry and dry-cleaning—using acquired knowledge of fabrics and cleaning techniques.

WORKING CONDITIONS

All the work of the CLASSIFIER is done inside in well lighted, well ventilated surroundings. Handling soiled laundry naturally makes this job unsanitary. The CLASSIFIER must be able to stand for long periods of time.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Because CLASSIFIERS are required to know fabrics and the different processes applicable to these fabrics, most CLASSIFIERS are promoted from lesser skilled positions in the laundry where they can acquire at least part of this knowledge. Legible hand writing, good manual dexterity, and clerical ability are required.

INTEREST & TEMPERAMENT

A person wishing to go into this field should like working alone. They should be dexterous, accurate, and fast in sighting spots and in determining what process should be applied to the different articles. Should be able to adapt to work of a routine nature.

HOW TO PREPARE

High school graduation is not a requirement, but high school courses in fabrics would be advantageous. Also, simply having experience doing family washing at home would be valuable.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

As long as the current trend of utilizing time and labor-saving services continues and the present high level of wages is maintained, the demand for CLASSIFIERS will continue.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact the local Iowa State Employment Service office or the American Institute of Laundering, Joliet, Illinois.



THE JOB AS IT APPEARS IN IOWA'S LARGER CITIES

CEDAR RAPIDS

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.75 per hour.
Hours of Work: 8 hour day; 5 to 5½ day week.

No. Employed: 40

Location of Jobs: Laundry and dry cleaning establishments, hospitals, and hotels.

Promotion: None.

Fringe Benefits: May receive vacations, uniforms, and partially paid health and accident insurance.

Job Outlook Locally: Always a need for qualified CLASSIFIERS.

Other Comments: In some firms, the CLASSIFIER prices the laundry and dry cleaning.

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$1.35 to \$1.75 per hour.
Hours of Work: Normally 44 to 50 hours per week.

No. Employed: 5

Location of Jobs: Laundries.

Promotion: Usually settle for pay increase.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations and health insurance plans.

Job Outlook Locally: Number employed is small but experienced CLASSIFIER can find work.

Other Comments:

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: \$1.10 to \$1.25 per hour.
Hours of Work: 40 - 44

No. Employed: 15

Location of Jobs: Laundries and dry cleaners, hospitals, and hotels.

Promotion: Monetary or supervisory position.

Fringe Benefits: Group insurance, paid vacations, reduction on personal laundry.

Job Outlook Locally: Limited demand due to limited number of positions.

Other Comments:

SIOUX CITY

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.75 per hour and incentive
Hours of Work: 40 to 48. 8 hour day starting a 7:00 or 8:00 a.m.

No. Employed: About 20.

Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning and laundry plant industrial launderers, hospitals.

Promotion: Generally few advancement opportunities but may become Washer or SPOTTER.

Fringe Benefits: Usually 6 paid holidays per year and 1 week vacation after 1 year. Medical and retirement insurance may be partially paid.

Job Outlook Locally: Occasional openings to meet replacement needs. Specialized equipment such as endless belt conveyors should reduce employment slightly.

Other Comments: May sort into a few or 40 to 50 different categories identified by code system.

DES MOINES

Wage Range: Union Scale: Starting \$1.31; top \$1.44.
Hours of Work: 7:00 - 3:30 Monday through Friday. 40 hours per week.

No. Employed: 10

Location of Jobs: Laundries.

Promotion: Relatively little opportunity for promotion.

Fringe Benefits: Hospitalization insurance paid by employer. Vacation: 1 week after 1 year; 2 weeks after 3 years. 6 paid holidays.

Job Outlook Locally: Fair.

Other Comments: In most Des Moines laundries, this work is done by RETAIL RECEIVING CLERK.

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$1.15 to \$1.20 per hour.
Hours of Work: 8 to 10 hour day; 5½ day week.

No. Employed:

Location of Jobs: Laundries.

Promotion: To PRESSER, MACHINE.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacation.

Job Outlook Locally: Usually a demand locally.

Other Comments:

DRY CLEANER

Worker Traits Group - MACHINE WORK; OPERATING-CONTROLLING .782



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NATURE OF WORK

Operates dry-cleaning machine to clean garments, drapes, and other materials that cannot be washed in water without shrinkage or damage to fabrics—using knowledge of cleaning processes, fabrics, and colors to determine procedures. Articles sorted by the CLASSIFIER are placed in the drum of the dry-cleaning machine by the DRY CLEANER and the cleaning solvents are admitted. After the articles are cleaned, places into extractors or tumblers to dry and remove odor of solvent. The articles are then ready for the PRESSERS. DRY CLEANERS also clean articles by hand that are too delicate or too badly soiled to respond to cleaning machines.

WORKING CONDITIONS

All the work of the DRY CLEANER is done in clean, well lighted, and well ventilated surroundings. Most of the plants use a flammable cleaning solvent that is very volatile and strict safety precautions must be followed to prevent a fire or an explosion. On the other hand, about 25% of the plants use a cleaning solvent that cannot be ignited even with a flame.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A DRY CLEANER is usually promoted from DRY CLEANER HELPER or PRESS OPERATOR in the dry-cleaning establishment where he has learned the different cleaning processes, fabrics, and colors to determine which procedures to follow. There are no educational requirements. However, a person must be able to stand for extended periods of time and must be able to lift medium to heavy bundles of laundry.

INTEREST & TEMPERAMENT

A person wishing to enter this field should be somewhat mechanically inclined, should enjoy working alone and be able to adjust to routine, repetitive work.

HOW TO PREPARE

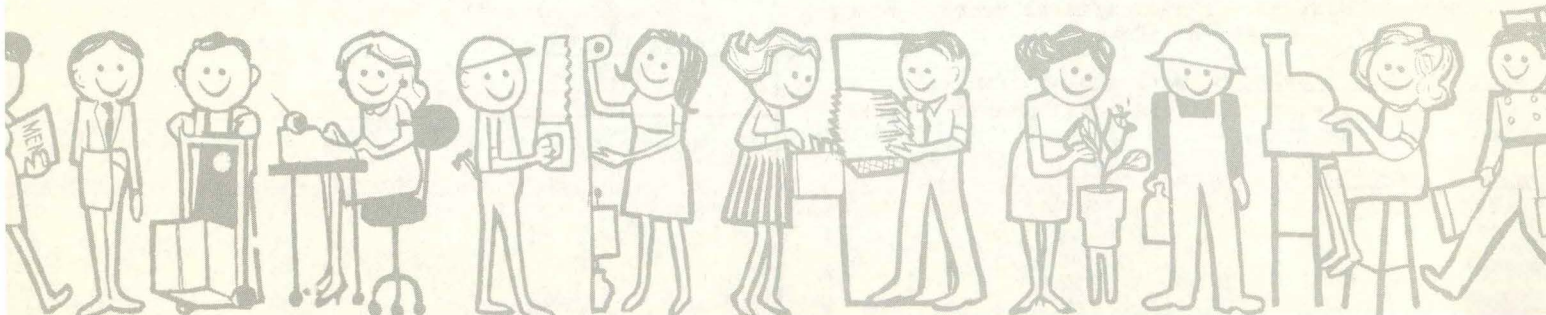
Entry jobs, such as DRY CLEANER HELPER or PRESS OPERATOR, in laundries or dry-cleaning establishments normally provide the stepping-stone to the job of DRY CLEANER or similar skilled positions in this line of work.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

There is little demand for DRY CLEANERS because there is little turnover. Whenever an opening does occur, it is usually filled by a PRESS OPERATOR or someone else already employed within the dry-cleaning establishment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact the local Iowa State Employment Service office; the National Institute of Dry Cleaning, Silver Springs, Maryland; or other Job Guides.



THE JOB AS IT APPEARS IN IOWA'S LARGER CITIES

CEDAR RAPIDS

Wage Range: \$1.50 to \$2.25 per hour.
Hours of Work: 8 hour day; usually 5½ days per week.

No. Employed: 15
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning establishments.

Promotion: Supervisor of plant.

Fringe Benefits: May receive uniforms, paid vacations, and partially paid health insurance.

Job Outlook Locally: Little demand due to within-plant promotions.

Other Comments:

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$90 to \$125 per week.
Hours of Work: 40 - 50 hours per week.

No. Employed: 8
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning establishments.

Promotion: May open own establishment but must settle for increase in pay.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacation and health insurance plans.

Job Outlook Locally: Turnover is small but experienced DRY CLEANER can find work.

Other Comments:

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: \$1.40 to \$2.00 per hour.
Hours of Work: 40 hours per week.

No. Employed: 8
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaners.

Promotion: Supervisor or, more frequently, monetary advances.

Fringe Benefits: Group insurance, paid vacation, reduction on personal laundry.

Job Outlook Locally: Little demand.

Other Comments:

SIOUX CITY

Wage Range: \$80 to \$100 per week.
Hours of Work: 40 to 48 hours per week. Start 7:00 or 8:00 a.m.

No. Employed: Less than 10.
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning service establishments.

Promotion: Works closely with SPOTTER and may learn skills of this occupation.

Fringe Benefits: Larger estab. offer company paid holidays, vacations, and ins. benefits. May be paid on weekly basis even though not required to work

Job Outlook Locally: full 40 hours. Automatic machines have reduced the number of full-time dry cleaning jobs to a very small number. The

Other Comments: work is frequently combined with SPOTTER.

DES MOINES

Wage Range: Union Scale: Starting \$1.68; top \$1.80.
Hours of Work: 7:00 - 3:30 Monday through Friday, 40 hour week, except in rush seasons.

No. Employed: 50
Location of Jobs: Cleaning establishments and combination laundry and dry cleaners.

Promotion: No direct line of promotion.

Fringe Benefits: Hospitalization benefits paid by employer. Vacation: 1 week after 1 year, 2 weeks after 3 years. 6 paid holidays.

Job Outlook Locally: Most job opportunities due to replacement needs; growth in total number of jobs expected to be slow.

Other Comments:

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$1.50 to \$2.00 per hour.
Hours of Work: 44 hour week.

No. Employed:
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning plants.

Promotion: To supervisor.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.

Job Outlook Locally: Demand to remain steady.

Other Comments:

FLATWORK FINISHER

Worker Traits Group - ELEMENTAL; FEEDING-OFFBEARING .886



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IOWA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

NATURE OF WORK

Finishes flatwork. Shakes creases and folds out of semi-dry sheets, pillowcases, tableclothes, or any other flat household or commercial articles prior to feeding into machine. Usually, a team of two feed the machine by placing one edge of the flatwork on the feeder roller that conveys it into the machine. Smooths and guides article as it is conveyed into the machine to prevent folds and wrinkles. As the flatwork is discharged from the machine, two other FLATWORK FINISHERS fold the articles and place on table for re-assembly into individual customer orders. Observes and returns articles that are insufficiently dried or wrinkled for reironing.

WORKING CONDITIONS

As in most laundry occupations, the work area of the FLATWORK FINISHER is warm, well lighted, and clean. With even a reasonable amount of care, the chances of being burned are almost non-existent. Must be able to stand for extended periods of time.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A person wishing to enter this occupation should be in good physical condition, and have good eye-hand coordination to feed and fold the flatwork properly. Should enjoy working with others because teamwork is essential in both feeding and folding sheets. There are no minimum education, experience, or training qualifications.

INTEREST & TEMPERAMENT

FLATWORK FINISHERS must enjoy working as a team and be able to adjust to work of a routine, repetitive nature.

HOW TO PREPARE

Here, as in most laundry occupations, the training is done on the job, and there is no recommended procedure to follow to prepare for this position. However, if two people apply for a position, their education and previous work record would probably determine who would get the job.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

As long as the high level of wages continues, and the demand for labor-saving services remains strong, the outlook for increasing job opportunities for FLATWORK FINISHER will remain excellent.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact the local Iowa State Employment Service office or the American Institute of Laundering, Joliet, Illinois.



FILE UNDER: FLATWORK FINISHER

THE JOB AS IT APPEARS IN IOWA'S LARGER CITIES

CEDAR RAPIDS

Wage Range: \$0.75 to \$1.30 per hour.
Hours of Work: 5½ days per week common; hours vary according to work load.
No. Employed: 100
Location of Jobs: Laundry establishments and hospitals.
Promotion: to CLASSIFIER and other higher paying laundry occupations.
Fringe Benefits: Uniforms may be furnished and cleaned without charge. Vacations, holidays, and insurance provided.
Job Outlook Locally: Excellent demand due to low wages and tight labor market.
Other Comments:

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.25 per hour.
Hours of Work: Normally 44 to 50 hours per week.
No. Employed: 20
Location of Jobs: Laundry and dry cleaning establishments.
Promotion: May advance to CLASSIFIER; PRESSER, MACHINE; or SHIRT PRESSER.
Fringe Benefits: Most firms give paid vacations and insurance plans.
Job Outlook Locally: Although total employed is small, openings are normally available.
Other Comments:

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: \$1.10 to \$1.25 per hour.
Hours of Work: 40
No. Employed: 50
Location of Jobs: Laundries, hospitals, and hotels.
Promotion: Monetary.

SIOUX CITY

Wage Range: \$0.80 to \$1.40 per hour. May also earn 15 to 25¢ extra with incentive plan, at some plants.
Hours of Work: 40 to 48 hours per week.
 May be less than 40 during slack periods.
No. Employed: 35 or 40.
Location of Jobs: Family, industrial, and institutional laundries.

Fringe Benefits: Group insurance, paid vacations, reduction on personal laundry.
Job Outlook Locally: Good demand and demand is expected to continue.
Other Comments:

Promotion: Frequently used as entry job for jobs performed by women. Promoted next usually to SHIRT PRESSER.
Fringe Benefits:

Job Outlook Locally: Openings occur regularly due to relatively high turnover rate for this type work.
Other Comments: Small articles do not require teamwork except one to feed and one to receive. Sheets can be quite hot coming off the machine and inexperienced operators can get burned.

DES MOINES

Wage Range: Union Scale: Starting, \$1.30; top, \$1.40.
Hours of Work: 7:00 - 3:30, Monday through Friday. 40 hour week except in rush seasons.
No. Employed: 50
Location of Jobs: Laundries, plus some in hospitals.

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$0.90 to \$1.00 per hour.
Hours of Work: 8 to 10 hour day; 5 - 5½ day week.
No. Employed:
Location of Jobs: Laundries.

Promotion: Possibly to Shirt Finisher, PRESSER, DRY CLEANER, or SPOTTER.

Promotion: Usually to pressing department.

Fringe Benefits: Hospitalization benefits paid by employer. Vacation: 1 week after 1 year; 2 weeks after 3 years. 6 paid holidays.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.

Job Outlook Locally: Small gradual increase in number of jobs expected.

Job Outlook Locally: Increased demands expected.

Other Comments:

Other Comments: In many firms, this and related jobs are grouped together as "laundry laborer," with great amount of interchangeability among them.

LAUNDERETTE ATTENDANT

Worker Traits Group - PERSONAL SERVICE; MISC. CUSTOMER SERVICE .877



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NATURE OF WORK

A LAUNDERETTE ATTENDANT assists customers to launder or dry clean clothes using self-service equipment. Gives instructions to customers as to how to operate the equipment or how to prepare clothing, such as weighing, sorting, or spot removal. May perform all the services for the customers. The ATTENDANT must also be alert to detect malfunctions in the different machines before more severe damage to the machine or to customers' laundry develops. It is also the duty of the ATTENDANT to keep the launderette clean and orderly.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The working conditions are usually clean, well lighted, and well ventilated. There is little heavy lifting and probably the most physical effort is exerted in scrubbing floors and cleaning up.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no education, experience, or age requirements for this position; however, because the ATTENDANT is left without supervision, must be dependable and able to make decisions. A friendly personality is also a must. Should be able to learn machine operations and appropriate washing and dry-cleaning techniques. Must be able to read and understand labels and written instructions.

INTEREST & TEMPERAMENT

A person wishing to enter this field must be able to work without supervision, be willing to accept responsibility, and enjoy meeting people.

HOW TO PREPARE

Any public contact experience would be helpful. Home laundry experience or home economics courses would provide valuable background in operating laundry machines, using detergents, and learning the washing and cleaning characteristics of various fabrics.

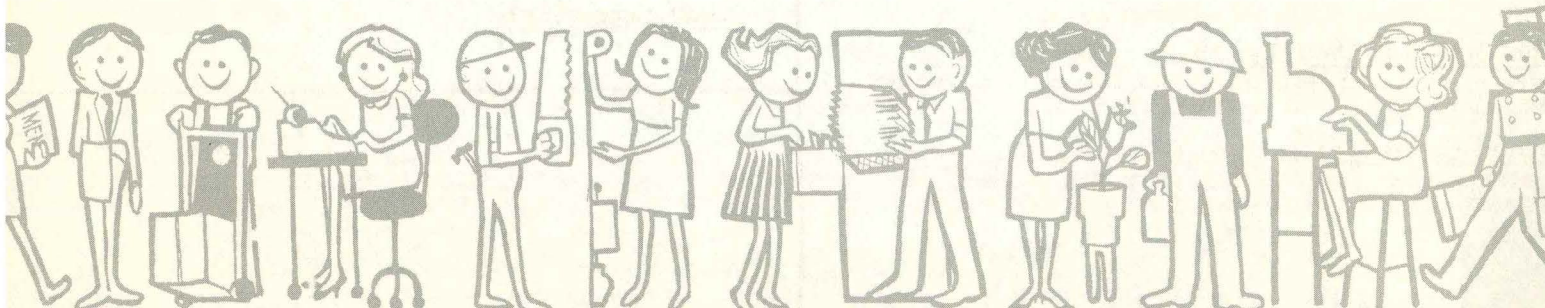
EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Currently, there are only a few attended launderettes; therefore, employment opportunities in this field are limited.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact the local Iowa State Employment Service office.

File Under: LAUNDERETTE ATTENDANT 307.071



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CEDAR RAPIDS

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.30 per hour.
Hours of Work: Usually 8 hours a day, 5 days a week.

No. Employed: 5
Location of Jobs: Launderettes.

Promotion: None.

Fringe Benefits: Uniforms usually furnished.
 Paid vacations and holidays.

Job Outlook Locally: Little demand due to lack of
 launderettes.

Other Comments:

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.50 per hour.
Hours of Work: 25 to 48 hours per week.

No. Employed: 10
Location of Jobs: Self-service laundries.

Promotion: Normally increase in pay.

Fringe Benefits: None.

Job Outlook Locally: Little increase expected as
 it appears self-service laundries have reached

Other Comments: their peak.

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.25 per hour.
Hours of Work: 40 - 48, varied shifts, possibly
 some weekends and/or holidays.

No. Employed: 6
Location of Jobs: Launderettes, or self-service
 section of commercial dry-cleaner.

Promotion: Monetary.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.

Job Outlook Locally: Small demand because of
 limited number of positions.

Other Comments:

SIOUX CITY

Wage Range: \$0.75 to \$1.25 per hour.
Hours of Work: Irregular: owners adjust hours as
 needed. Paid attendants may only work evenings.

No. Employed: 10 (including self-employed).
Location of Jobs: Only self-service laundromats.

Promotion: None.

Fringe Benefits: None.

Job Outlook Locally: Only a few laundromats utili:
 hired attendants currently.

Other Comments: This work is generally performed
 by husband and wife owners, or a retired person or
 housewife residing in the immediate area.

DES MOINES

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.25 per hour.
Hours of Work: Variable; from 40 to 48 hours per
 week.

No. Employed: 20
Location of Jobs: Most in establishments offering
 self-service dry cleaning or cleaning and laundering;
 a few in establishments offering self-service laun-
 dry facilities only.

Promotion: No established lines of promotion. Would
 have to transfer to another type of establishment.

Fringe Benefits: Usually none.

Job Outlook Locally: Due to labor shortage, some
 self-service dry-cleaning facilities have recently
 discontinued use of attendants.

Other Comments:

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$0.90 to \$1.00 per hour.
Hours of Work: 5 hour day; 5 day week.

No. Employed:
Location of Jobs: Launderettes.

Promotion: Wage increases only.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.

Job Outlook Locally: Poor.

Other Comments:

L A U N D R Y R O U T E M A N

Worker Traits Group - MERCHANDISING; DEMONSTRATION & SALES .358



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NATURE OF WORK

A LAUNDRY ROUTEMAN drives a truck to deliver and pick up laundry at customers' homes or places of business over an established route. Informs customers of new services and calls on prospective customers. May collect for deliveries. Loads and unloads truck and keeps truck serviced and in good running order.

WORKING CONDITIONS

A good portion of the ROUTEMAN'S time is spent out of the truck and naturally all types of weather are encountered. Some laundry bundles, especially from businesses, can weigh up to 100 pounds, although the average household bundle weighs between 10 and 25 pounds.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

High school graduates are preferred, but this is not an absolute requirement. A driver's license and a good driving record are a must and the person should be bondable, at least 21 years old, neat, clean, and enjoy meeting people.

INTEREST & TEMPERAMENT

A person wishing to enter this field should enjoy public contact work plus enjoy driving a vehicle while working. He should be cheerful, polite, and dependable.

HOW TO PREPARE

Successful completion of a driver's training course and no driving offenses would aid in finding a job in this field. Delivering papers after school or driving a delivery truck during the Christmas holiday season would be good experience for someone wishing to get into this occupation.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

As long as the public demands more and more time and labor-saving services, and the present level of high wages continues, the demand for LAUNDRY ROUTEMAN in laundries and dry cleaning establishments will continue.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information contact the local Iowa State Employment Service office or the American Institute of Laundering, Joliet, Illinois.

File Under: LAUNDRY ROUTEMAN 292.358



THE JOB AS IT APPEARS IN IOWA'S LARGER CITIES

CEDAR RAPIDS

On commission basis - usually earns

Wage Range: \$90 to \$125 per week.
Hours of Work: Varies - usually 8 hours a day; 5 to 6 days a week.
No. Employed: 60
Location of Jobs: Laundry and dry cleaning establishments.

Promotion: None.

Fringe Benefits: Uniforms furnished. Discount on personal laundry and dry cleaning.
Job Outlook Locally: Excellent demand due to turnover and expansion.
Other Comments: Responsible position since LAUNDRY ROUTEMAN represents firm and is his own boss.

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$80 to \$150 per week.
Hours of Work: 44 to 50 hours per week.
No. Employed: 10
Location of Jobs: Laundries and dry cleaning establishments.

Promotion: Possibly to Route Supervisor.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacation and health insurance plan.
Job Outlook Locally: Demand is strong.

Other Comments:

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: Guarantee \$85 per week, plus commission. \$95 to \$125 average per week.
Hours of Work: 44
No. Employed: 25
Location of Jobs: Laundries and dry cleaners.

Promotion: Possible promotion to Route Supervisor if size of laundry warrants this, otherwise monetary.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations, group insurance, reduction on personal laundry.
Job Outlook Locally: Good demand and demand is expected to continue.
Other Comments:

SIOUX CITY

Wage Range: Commission or up to \$100 per week straight salary.
Hours of Work: May be more than 40 per week depending on volume of work and individual initiative.
No. Employed: 40 to 50
Location of Jobs: Laundries and dry cleaning establishments, industrial uniforms and linen services, towel and diaper services.
Promotion: Generally limited to advancement in wages or larger commission earnings.
Fringe Benefits: National holidays and vacations. Some provision through company or union for insurance and retirement benefits.
Job Outlook Locally: Good demand and demand is expected to continue. Openings occur from time to time throughout the year. The industry is relying more on delivery and pick up service than store services.
Other Comments:

DES MOINES

Wage Range: Usually paid on commission, average from \$75 to \$100 per week.
Hours of Work: Mostly 5½ or 6 days per week.
No. Employed: 75
Location of Jobs: Laundries and dry cleaning establishments.

Promotion: None, but experience may be helpful in other types of route sales work.

Fringe Benefits: Usually none.

Job Outlook Locally: Fair; growth of self-service laundries and establishment of new branch stations holds down requirements.

Other Comments:

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$60 to \$140 per week, on commission.
Hours of Work: 45 to 50 hours per week.
No. Employed:
Location of Jobs: Laundries and dry cleaning plants.

Promotion: Could be promoted to Supervisor.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.

Job Outlook Locally: Always in demand.

Other Comments:



PRESSER, MACHINE

Worker Traits Group - MACHINE WORK; OPERATING-CONTROLLING .782

Iowa job guide IOWA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

NATURE OF WORK

Operates pressing machine to press washed or dry-cleaned wearing apparel or household articles, such as uniforms, trousers, jackets, aprons, and curtains. Smooths section of article on the buck of machine and moistens any dry portion with a water spray. Pushes buttons or depresses pedals to lower pressing head of machine onto article to dry it. Rearranges article on the buck, repeating process until the pressing is completed. May tend two or three presses simultaneously, positioning the article on one while the other presses are closed. May tend machine that presses and shapes articles such as shirts, blouses, and sweaters.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The work area of the Press Operator is usually warm, but well lighted and clean. The Operator must be physically coordinated, alert, and be able to stand for extended periods of time. With the built-in safety devices, the chances of being burned are practically eliminated.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no educational, experience, or age requirements for a person wishing to enter this occupation. However, he should enjoy working alone, be able to adjust to routine, repetitive work, and have good manual dexterity. He also must have the ability to concentrate on his work for extended periods of time.

HOW TO PREPARE

As in nearly all laundry occupations, there is no hard-and-fast rule as to how to prepare for the job and most of the training is done on the job. Doing the ironing at home would be beneficial, however, and would lessen the time required to learn how to do the work.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

With the expansion of the dry-cleaning industry, the demand for Press Operators has increased. As long as the high level of wages and the desire for labor-saving services continue, Press Operators will be in demand.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact the local Iowa State Employment Service office; the American Institute of Laundering, Joliet, Illinois; or the National Institute of Dry Cleaning, Silver Springs, Maryland.

File Under: PRESSER, MACHINE 363.782



THE JOB AS IT APPEARS IN IOWA'S LARGER CITIES

CEDAR RAPIDS

Wage Range: \$0.90 to \$1.45 per hour.
Hours of Work: Depends on amount of work to do — usually 8 hours a day.
No. Employed: 110
Location of Jobs: Laundry and dry cleaning establishments, hospitals, hotels, and department stores.
Promotion: To DRY CLEANER and SPOTTER.
Fringe Benefits: May receive vacations and partially paid insurance. Uniforms sometimes furnished.
Job Outlook Locally: Strong demand due to turnover and tight labor market.
Other Comments:

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$1.15 to \$1.75 per hour.
Hours of Work: 44 to 50 hours per week.
No. Employed: 20
Location of Jobs: Laundries and dry cleaning establishments.
Promotion: Occasionally to supervisory position.
Fringe Benefits: Normally paid vacation and health insurance.
Job Outlook Locally: Although total employed is small, demand is constant.
Other Comments:

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: \$1.10 to \$1.25 per hour.
Hours of Work: 40 per week.
No. Employed: 50
Location of Jobs: Laundries, dry cleaners, hotels, hospitals.
Promotion: Possibly promotion to SHIRT PRESSER, however, usually monetary advances.
Fringe Benefits: Group insurance, paid vacations, reduction on personal laundry.
Job Outlook Locally: Great demand and demand is expected to continue.
Other Comments:

SIOUX CITY

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.65 per hour. Some firms offer incentive plan.
Hours of Work: 40 to 48 hours per week. May be reduced to less than 40 during slack periods.
No. Employed: About 60.
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaners, laundries, industrial uniforms and linen services, hospitals.
Promotion: Advancement limited to small wage increase.
Fringe Benefits: Generally 1 week vacation after year, 5-6 holidays. May have partially paid medical and life insurance. Some offer retirement benefits.
Job Outlook Locally: Employment opportunities good for experienced workers. Usually promoted from flatwork or shirt pressing jobs.
Other Comments: Increased use of automatic machines has reduced physical demands of this work as well as the number of workers required.

DES MOINES

Wage Range: Union Scales: Starting \$1.56; top \$1.73*
Hours of Work: 7:00 - 3:30, Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week except in rush seasons.
No. Employed: 140
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning plants and combination laundries and dry cleaners.
Promotion: Possibility of promotion to DRY CLEANER.
Fringe Benefits: Hospitalization benefits paid by employer. Vacation: 1 week after 1 year, 2 weeks after 3 years. 6 paid holidays.
Job Outlook Locally: Moderately good.

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.91. May be incentive.
Hours of Work: 44 hour week.
No. Employed:
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning establishments.
Promotion: To supervisor.
Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.
Job Outlook Locally: Good.
Other Comments:

Other Comments:

*Wages in non-union plants about 20¢ lower.

RETAIL RECEIVING CLERK

Worker Traits Group - PERSONAL SERVICES; CUSTOMER SERVICE, N.E.C. .478



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IOWA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

NATURE OF WORK

Receives articles to be laundered or dry cleaned from customers or LAUNDRY ROUTEMAN and prepares work orders according to the customers' desires. Informs customers of the different services available. Notes defects in articles, such as stains, missing buttons, rips or tears, and prepares work order slip. Checks the pick-up slip against the tagged laundry to be sure that the complete order is ready. Collects payments, records receipts, and makes change.

WORKING CONDITIONS

All the work of the RETAIL RECEIVING CLERK is done inside in clean, well lighted, well ventilated surroundings. Stands most of the time and must be able to lift medium to heavy bundles of laundry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There is no specific educational requirement, but the CLERK should be able to write legibly, speak clearly, and be able to do simple arithmetic calculations. Should be neat, clean, and able to meet the public.

INTEREST & TEMPERAMENT

A person planning to go into this occupation should enjoy public contact, and be patient, polite, and cooperative.

HOW TO PREPARE

There is no prescribed procedure to follow in preparing for this position; however, it would be beneficial to have experience in the laundry in order to discuss intelligently with patrons the different services and processes that the laundry has available. However, this is not usually a requirement for employment.

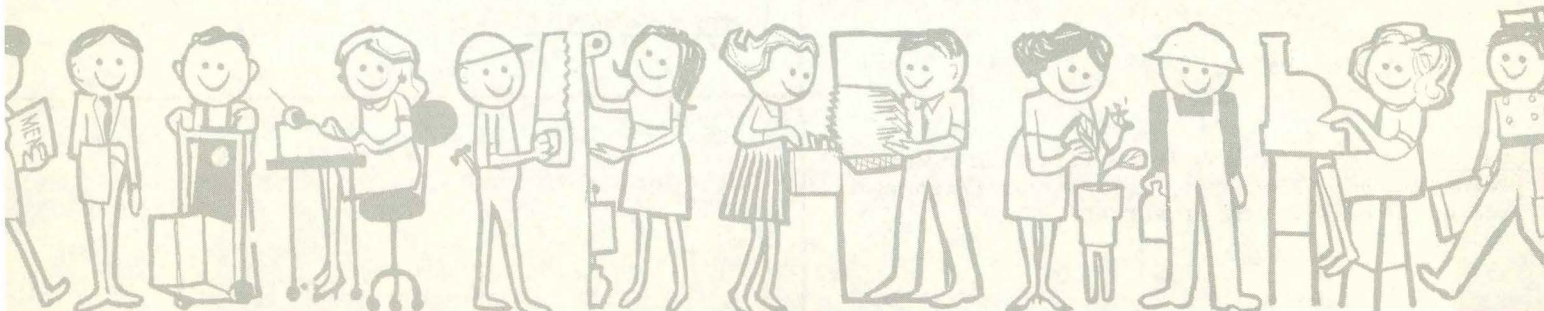
EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

As the public depends more and more on time and labor-saving services, the demand for RETAIL RECEIVING CLERKS in laundries and dry cleaning establishments will continue.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact the local Iowa State Employment Service office or the American Institute of Laundering, Joliet, Illinois.

FILE UNDER: RETAIL RECEIVING CLERK 227740



THE JOB AS IT APPEARS IN IOWA'S LARGER CITIES

CEDAR RAPIDS

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.30 per hour.
Hours of Work: Usually 8 hours a day for 5½ days a week.
No. Employed: 45
Location of Jobs: Laundry and dry cleaning establishments.
Promotion: None.
Fringe Benefits: May receive paid vacation, holidays, and insurance. Discount on personal laundry and dry cleaning.
Job Outlook Locally: Good demand due partially to the opening of branch stores.
Other Comments:

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.50 per hour.
Hours of Work: 44 to 50 hours per week.
No. Employed: 15
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning establishments and laundries.
Promotion: May move to job of CLASSIFIER but normally accepts wage increase in same job.
Fringe Benefits: Paid vacation and health insurance plans.
Job Outlook Locally: Turnover is quite high and openings are normally available.
Other Comments:

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: \$1.10 to \$1.15 per hour.
Hours of Work: 40 - 44 hours per week.
No. Employed: 20
Location of Jobs: Laundries and dry cleaners.
Promotion: Possible promotions would be to Bookkeeper or Supervisor.
Fringe Benefits: Insurance is available. Paid vacations.
Job Outlook Locally: Relatively good demand and demand is expected to continue.
Other Comments:

SIOUX CITY

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.60 per hour.
Hours of Work: 40 to 48 hours per week. Start 7:00 or 8:00 a.m.
No. Employed: Approximately 40.
Location of Jobs: Plants and branch stores of commercial laundry and dry cleaning establishments.
Promotion: May qualify for higher paying clerical work, learning bookkeeping on the job.
Fringe Benefits: Paid holidays and vacations. Sometimes company or union offers medical insurance and retirement plans.
Job Outlook Locally: Openings occur primarily for replacement of women who drop out of labor market or are promoted.
Other Comments: This work is frequently performed by Bookkeeper or other clerical personnel. May inspect, sort, or bundle finished articles.

DES MOINES

Wage Range: Union Scale: \$53 per week.
Hours of Work: Usually about 50 hours per week, 6 day week.
No. Employed: 80
Location of Jobs: Laundries and dry cleaning plants, including branch pick-up stations.
Promotion: No definite line of promotion.
Fringe Benefits: Hospitalization benefits paid by employer. Vacation: 1 week after 1 year; 2 weeks after 3 years. 6 paid holidays.
Job Outlook Locally: Moderately good.

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$1.10 to \$1.60 per hour.
Hours of Work: 40 hour week, may be split shift.
No. Employed:
Location of Jobs: Laundries and dry cleaning establishments.
Promotion: To office jobs.
Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.
Job Outlook Locally: Demand increasing.
Other Comments:

Other Comments: In many Des Moines laundries and dry cleaning establishments, this worker performs the duties of CLASSIFIER and of Marker.

SHIRT PRESSER

Worker Traits Group - MACHINE WORK; TENDING .885



Iowa job guide

IOWA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

NATURE OF WORK

Tends a number of presses specifically designed for pressing shirts. Moves shirts from one press to another in planned sequence. Arranges shirt on pressing machine according to shirt-part being pressed, such as collar, sleeves, cuff, or body. Operates a shirt-folding machine which folds shirts over a piece of cardboard or hangs shirt on a hanger, depending on the customer's specifications. Two experienced SHIRT PRESSERS working together can finish 100 shirts per hour.

WORKING CONDITIONS

It is a little warm working around the presses. However, the work space is usually well lighted and well ventilated. The worker stands for long periods of time.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no specific educational or training requirements, although most SHIRT PRESSERS usually have worked as a Press Operator, FLATWORK FINISHER, or elsewhere in the laundry before being promoted to operating the presses. The job requires a person who is fast, has good manual dexterity and coordination. Good form perception is also important, in self-inspecting shirts to insure they are wrinkle free.

INTEREST & TEMPERAMENT

The SHIRT PRESSER has to be able to adjust to doing routine, repetitive work and have the ability to concentrate on his job uninterrupted for sustained periods of time.

HOW TO PREPARE

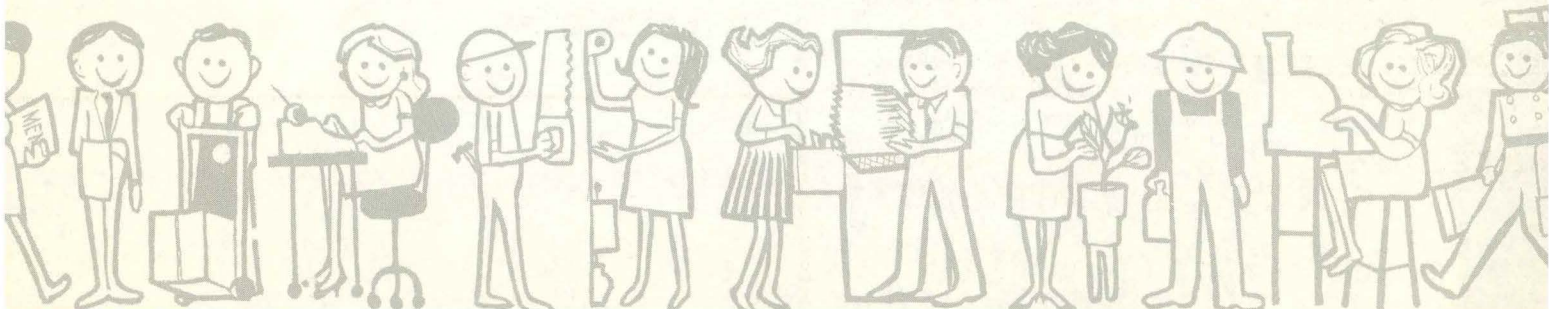
There are no hard-and-fast rules on how to prepare to be a SHIRT PRESSER. Most training is given on the job and there is no special knowledge or skills involved except speed and coordination. Most SHIRT PRESSERS work in other areas of laundries before being promoted to this job.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

As long as the current trend of high income levels, the desire for labor-saving services, and more spare time for housewives continue, good SHIRT PRESSERS will be in demand.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact the local Iowa State Employment Service office or the American Institute of Laundering, Joliet, Illinois.



THE JOB AS IT APPEARS IN IOWA'S LARGER CITIES

CEDAR RAPIDS

Wage Range: \$0.90 to \$1.45 per hour.
Hours of Work: Depends on amount of work to do.
 Usually 8 hours a day.
No. Employed: 35
Location of Jobs: Laundry establishments.
Promotion: Usually none.
Fringe Benefits: May receive uniforms and discount on personal laundry. Paid vacations and holidays usually included.
Job Outlook Locally: usually included.
 Good demand due to tight labor market.
Other Comments:

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$1.25 to \$1.70 and up on incentive.
Hours of Work: 40 to 50 hours per week.
No. Employed: 10
Location of Jobs: Laundry and dry cleaning establishments.
Promotion: May advance to DRY CLEANER or SPOTTER but most often settle for increase in pay.
Fringe Benefits: Paid vacation and insurance plans.
Job Outlook Locally: Constant demand due to high turnover.
Other Comments:

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: \$1.50 to \$1.75 to start. Paid by shirt.
Hours of Work: 40 per week.
No. Employed: 30
Location of Jobs: Laundries.
Promotion: Monetary only.
Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations, group insurance, reduction on personal laundry.
Job Outlook Locally: Good demand and demand is expected to continue.
Other Comments:

SIOUX CITY

\$1.00-\$1.40 per hour. Some establishments also have incentive plan that increases earnings 15 to 25 cents per hour.
Hours of Work: 40 hour week. May vary more or less depending on volume of business.
No. Employed: About 50.
Location of Jobs: Laundries, dry cleaners, industrial uniform services, and hospitals.
Promotion: May qualify for PRESSER, MACHINE or RETAIL RECEIVING CLERK.
Fringe Benefits: 1 week vacation after 1 year, 5-6 holidays. May have medical and life insurance, and retirement plan.
Job Outlook Locally:
Other Comments: Most establishments have similar automatic equipment. Business is highly competitive and emphasis is placed on speed of operation.

DES MOINES

Wage Range: Union Scale: Start, \$1.30; top, \$1.40.
Hours of Work: 7:00 - 3:30, Monday through Friday. 40 hours per week except in rush seasons.
No. Employed: 70
Location of Jobs: Laundries and dry cleaners. Shirt laundry is done by several dry cleaners who do no other laundry work.
Promotion: For some SHIRT PRESSERS, entry into other higher-paying laundry jobs may be possible, such as SPOTTER or Silk Finisher.
Fringe Benefits: Hospitalization benefits paid by employer. Vacation: 1 week after 1 year; 2 weeks after 3 years. 6 paid holidays.
Job Outlook Locally: Fair; job openings mostly result from turnover. Continued development of wash-and-wear fabrics is holding down growth in total number employed.
Other Comments:

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$1.10 to \$1.50 per hour.
Hours of Work: 44 hour week, 5 day week.
No. Employed:
Location of Jobs: Laundries.
Promotion: To Supervisor.
Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.
Job Outlook Locally: Demand expected to increase.
Other Comments:

SHOE REPAIRMAN

Worker Traits Group - CRAFTSMANSHIP & RELATED .381



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NATURE OF WORK

Repairs and refinishes shoes according to the customer's specifications or according to the nature of the damage or type of shoes. Cuts off heels and soles with knife and pincers. Shapes the soles and roughens surfaces to allow glue to adhere better, using sandpaper and sanding machines. Repairs seams, using special sewing machine. Attaches new heels or soles with cement and secures by sewing or nailing. The SHOE REPAIRMAN also collects payments, quotes charges, and sells other shoe care equipment and materials, such as shoe laces and shoe polishing equipment. May specialize in such products as built-up shoes or orthopedic shoes.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The shoe shops or department store sections are usually well lighted and well ventilated. Working with shoes and shoe polish makes it nearly impossible to keep clean.

INTEREST & TEMPERAMENT

A person wishing to enter this occupation should like to work with his hands and receive satisfaction from tangible results from a job well done. He should also enjoy a little public contact.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no general educational, age, or experience requirements to become a SHOE REPAIRMAN—although individual employers may establish hiring specifications setting out specific requirements.

HOW TO PREPARE

Usually all the training is done on the job as a helper or possibly by starting out as a Bootblack in a shoe repair shop. There are a few technical schools with courses in shoe repair lasting from three months to one year, which would at least shorten the time required to become proficient.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

There is no expansion in this industry, but there are many jobs available due to normal attrition. Many of the SHOE REPAIRMEN have reached, or are reaching, retirement age and many of these will be replaced.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information contact the Iowa State Employment Service, or shoe repair shops in your area.

FILE UNDER: SHOE REPAIRMAN 303.0301



THE JOB AS IT APPEARS IN IOWA'S LARGER CITIES

CEDAR RAPIDS

Wage Range: \$85 to \$115 per week.
Hours of Work: 44 to 60 hours a week.
No. Employed: 10
Location of Jobs: Shoe shops and department stores.
Promotion: None.
Fringe Benefits: May receive uniforms, paid vacations, and paid health insurance.
Job Outlook Locally: Little demand due to lack of expansion.
Other Comments: Most shoe shops are family owned and operated.

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$75 per week plus commission.
Hours of Work: 40 to 48 hours per week.
No. Employed: 20 (16 of which are self-employed)
Location of Jobs: Shoe repair shops.
Promotion: Open own shop and become self-employed.
Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.
Job Outlook Locally: Number is expected to increase as younger more energetic people move into industry and hire more people.
Other Comments:

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: \$1.00 to \$1.25 per hour.
Hours of Work: 48 hours per week.
No. Employed: 10
Location of Jobs: Shoe repair shops and retail shoe stores and department stores.
Promotion: Financial or go into business for self.
Fringe Benefits: Some have vacations, insurance, discounts on products, and pensions.
Job Outlook Locally: Demand present, but small due to number of positions.
Other Comments:

SIOUX CITY

Apprentices start at \$45 a week.
Wage Range: Skilled workers can earn \$100-\$125 per w
Hours of Work: 48 to 60 hours per week.
No. Employed: About 5 skilled, 10 apprentice re-
Location of Jobs: pairmen.
 Independently owned repair shops. May be located in large department stores.
Promotion: It takes two or three years to learn job well. Skilled workers may advance by setting up own business.
Fringe Benefits: Usually very limited. A few shops allow 1 week's vacation and holidays.
Job Outlook Locally: Long hours and low pay during apprenticeship discourage beginners. Capital requirements to establish new business also discouraging.
Other Comments:

DES MOINES

Wage Range: Starting: \$300 per month up depending on qualifications.
Hours of Work: Variable.
No. Employed: 20
Location of Jobs: Shoe repair shops, including one in Younkers Department Store.
Promotion: Possibility of establishing own business.
Fringe Benefits: Few.
Job Outlook Locally: Fair; job opportunities due to replacement only.
Other Comments:

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$125 - \$150 per week.
Hours of Work: 42 to 50 hours per week.
No. Employed:
Location of Jobs: Shoe repair shops.
Promotion: Open own shop.
Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.
Job Outlook Locally: Poor.
Other Comments:

S P O T T E R

Worker Traits Group - CRAFTSMANSHIP & RELATED WORK .381



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IOWA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

NATURE OF WORK

This is one of the more skilled occupations in a dry-cleaning establishment, because the SPOTTER must be able to identify different materials and different stains to determine what chemicals may be applied without danger to the material and yet remove the stain. After making the determination, applies the chemical solution using rags or small brushes, working the material until spot is removed. Applies chemicals to neutralize cleaning solution and sprays steam over the spot to flush out chemicals and dry garment.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The working conditions of the SPOTTER vary considerably depending on where he is employed. In the more modern cleaning establishments, the area is clean, well lighted, and well ventilated.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no specific entry requirements. Most of the training is done on the job.

INTEREST & TEMPERAMENT

A person wishing to enter this field should enjoy doing routine, repetitive work; even though each article and each spot is different, the same procedures are followed over and over.

HOW TO PREPARE

Even though there are no educational requirements, courses in textiles and a little chemistry are advisable to understand what cleansing agents can be applied to different fabrics. Before being promoted to SPOTTER, a person usually works elsewhere in the dry-cleaning establishment where he can acquire some of the knowledge required for the position, such as being able to identify the different fabrics.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The demand for SPOTTERS is low because there is little turnover and little expansion in the industry. When an opening does occur, it is usually filled by a DRY CLEANER, PRESS OPERATOR, or someone else already employed in the dry-cleaning establishment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact the local Iowa State Employment Service office; the National Institute of Dry Cleaning, Silver Springs, Maryland; or other Job Guides.

File Under: SPOTTER 362.381



THE JOB AS IT APPEARS IN IOWA'S LARGER CITIES

CEDAR RAPIDS

Wage Range: \$1.50 to \$2.25 per hour.
Hours of Work: Depends on amount of work - usually 8 hours a day.
No. Employed: 20
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning establishments.

Promotion: Plant Supervisor.

Fringe Benefits: Usually receive uniforms, paid vacations, insurance, and discount on personal dry cleaning.

Job Outlook Locally: Little demand due to low turnover.

Other Comments:

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$90 to \$125 per week.
Hours of Work: 40 to 50 hours per week.

No. Employed: 5
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning establishments.

Promotion: Normally increase in pay.

Fringe Benefits: Normally paid vacations and health insurance plans.

Job Outlook Locally: Although number of openings is small due to total number employed, experienced

Other Comments: SPOTTER can find work.

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: \$2.00 to \$2.50 per hour.
Hours of Work: 40 hours per week.

No. Employed: 10
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaners.

Promotion: None.

Fringe Benefits: Group insurance, paid vacations, reduction on personal laundry.

Job Outlook Locally: Limited demand.

Other Comments:

SIOUX CITY

Wage Range: \$80 to \$110 per week.
Hours of Work: 40 to 48 hours per week.

No. Employed: Approximately 15.
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning and laundry establishments.

Promotion: Usually not promoted, but may earn extra wage benefits.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations and national holidays. Medical and life insurance and retirement plan often partially paid by employer. Usually paid by

Job Outlook Locally: week plus overtime. Few job opportunities. Usually spend several years in laundry work before promotion to SPOTTER.

Other Comments: SPOTTER may operate automatic dry cleaning machines. Main problem in spotting is identification of stains.

DES MOINES

Wage Range: Union Scale: Start, \$1.56; top, \$2.01
Hours of Work: 7:00 - 3:30 Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week except during rush seasons.

No. Employed: 35
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning establishments.

Union contract provides for 2 grades of Promotion: SPOTTERS, the higher pay scale is from \$1.61 to \$2.01, the lower, from \$1.56 to \$1.74. Promotion to higher grade from lower is possible.

Fringe Benefits: Hospitalization benefits paid by employer. Vacation: 1 week after 1 year; 2 weeks after 3 years. Six paid holidays.

Job Outlook Locally: Fair.

Other Comments:

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$1.25 to \$1.40 per hour.
Hours of Work: 44 hours per week.

No. Employed:
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning plants.

Promotion: May be promoted to higher paying job.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacation.

Job Outlook Locally: Demand expected to increase.

Other Comments:

RUG CLEANER, HAND

Worker Traits Group - CRAFTS; MANIPULATING .884



Iowa job guide

IOWA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

NATURE OF WORK

Cleans rugs or carpets either on the customers' premises or in the rug cleaner's shop, using hand brushes or portable scrubbing machines. Must determine whether dry or wet cleaning is preferable, and what cleaning agents to use, depending on fiber and dye of rug. If wet cleaning is used, tacks rug to floor to eliminate the danger of shrinkage. Guides scrubbing machine over rug surface, to apply cleaning solution and agitate rug fiber. Removes persistent stains with hand brush. After rug has been thoroughly scrubbed, removes excess cleaning fluid with vacuum cleaner and allows rug to dry.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The working conditions vary widely depending on where the RUG CLEANER is employed and whether most of the work is done in the shop, or at the customers' homes. However, the surroundings are usually clean, well lighted, and well ventilated. Some public contact is involved, especially when cleaning rugs in customers' homes.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no educational or experience requirements; however, the RUG CLEANER must have the mental capacity to make decisions about what processes to use in cleaning the different types of rugs. He should also be strong enough to carry carpets if they are to be cleaned in the shop rather than on the customers' premises.

INTEREST & TEMPERAMENT

A RUG CLEANER should enjoy some public contact and should be able to adjust to routine, repetitive work. Should be willing to work alone, without supervision.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

More homes have carpeting due to the high level of wages that has persisted over the last few years. People can now afford to have their carpets cleaned. As long as the high income level is maintained, there will be a good demand for RUG CLEANERS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact the local Iowa State Employment Service office, other Job Guides, or rug-cleaning establishments in your area.

FILE UNDER: RUG CLEANER, HAND 0075004



THE JOB AS IT APPEARS IN IOWA'S LARGER CITIES

CEDAR RAPIDS

Wage Range: \$1.75 to \$3.00 per hour.
Hours of Work: Usually 40 hours per week.
No. Employed: 15
Location of Jobs: Carpet and rug cleaning companies and furniture stores.
Promotion: None.
Fringe Benefits: Usually include paid vacations and holidays.
Job Outlook Locally: Demand is good due to business expansion.
Other Comments: Many carpet and rug cleaning firms are family owned and operated on a part-time basis.

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$2.50 to \$3.00 per hour.
Hours of Work: 20 to 40 hours per week.
No. Employed: 5
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaners, floor covering establishments, and upholstery shops.
Promotion: Move into self-employment as a RUG CLEANER.
Fringe Benefits: Normally paid vacation and health insurance plan.
Job Outlook Locally: Increase in total expected increase as more carpeting is being laid.
Other Comments: At present only two people do this full time and other three work on this in combination with other work.

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: \$1.50 to \$2.00 per hour.
Hours of Work: 40 hours per week.
No. Employed: 20
Location of Jobs: Rug cleaning establishments, retail carpet stores, department stores.
Promotion: Monetary.
Fringe Benefits: Group insurance and paid vacations.
Job Outlook Locally: Good demand and demand is expected to continue.
Other Comments:

SIOUX CITY

Wage Range: \$85 per week or commission.
Hours of Work: 40 to 48 hours per week. Sometimes works evenings. Peak in summer, slack winters.
No. Employed: About 10
Location of Jobs: Dry cleaning establishments, carpet stores, independent or franchised services.
Promotion: Start as helper, learn on the job.
Fringe Benefits: Established retail and service firms grant paid vacations and holidays.
Job Outlook Locally: Highly seasonal business. May be switched to sales or other work during winter. Some operate own business from their homes.
Other Comments: Trend is toward more work on location. Few Cleaners use hand brushes. Some danger of getting rug too wet. Cleaners usually move furnit

DES MOINES

Wage Range: Starting approx. \$1.75; top, \$2.75/hour.
Hours of Work: Variable, usually 40 hour week.
No. Employed: 35
Location of Jobs: At any of the approximately 10 specialized rug and carpet cleaning firms.
Promotion: Possibility of establishing own business, since relatively little capital is required.
Fringe Benefits: Very few.
Job Outlook Locally: Substantial increase in number employed is expected.
Other Comments: An increasing share of this work is done in customers' homes, because of trend toward wall-to-wall carpeting.

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$1.25 to \$1.35 per hour.
Hours of Work: 8 hour day; 5½ day week.
No. Employed:
Location of Jobs: Rug cleaning plants.
Promotion: Open own business.
Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.
Job Outlook Locally: Increased demand expected.
Other Comments:



W A S H E R, M A C H I N E

Washing Machine Operator

Laundry Washman

Worker Traits Group - MACHINE WORK; TENDING .885

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NATURE OF WORK

Tends several machines that wash commercial, industrial, household articles, or wearing apparel. Loads machines with articles requiring identical treatment; starts machines and adds water, soap, detergent, bluing and bleach, starch, or whatever the particular articles require. After a machine has completed the washing, removes articles from machine and places into extractors. In the more modern laundries, this step is eliminated because the washing machine also does the extracting. After the extracting is completed, removes semi-dry articles from machine and places them in push carts ready for FLAT-WORK FINISHER, SHIRT PRESSER, or PRESS OPERATOR, depending on what the load includes. May spot-clean articles. May hand-wash delicate fabrics. May sterilize certain items in hospitals or industrial plants.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The work area of the Washing Machine Operator is usually well lighted and well ventilated. There is much lifting, although usually not heavy (up to 50 lbs.). The Operator stands for extended periods of time.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This is mainly a laboring position and nearly anyone who is willing to work, is physically coordinated and alert, could handle the job duties. There are no specific educational, experience, or age requirements for this particular position; however, if two people were applying, such qualifications would be taken into consideration. The training is given on the job, usually starting as a helper. Should be able to read and understand labels on solvents and detergents.

INTEREST & TEMPERAMENT

A person wishing to enter this type of work must be able to adjust to routine, repetitive work plus have an inclination toward working with machinery.

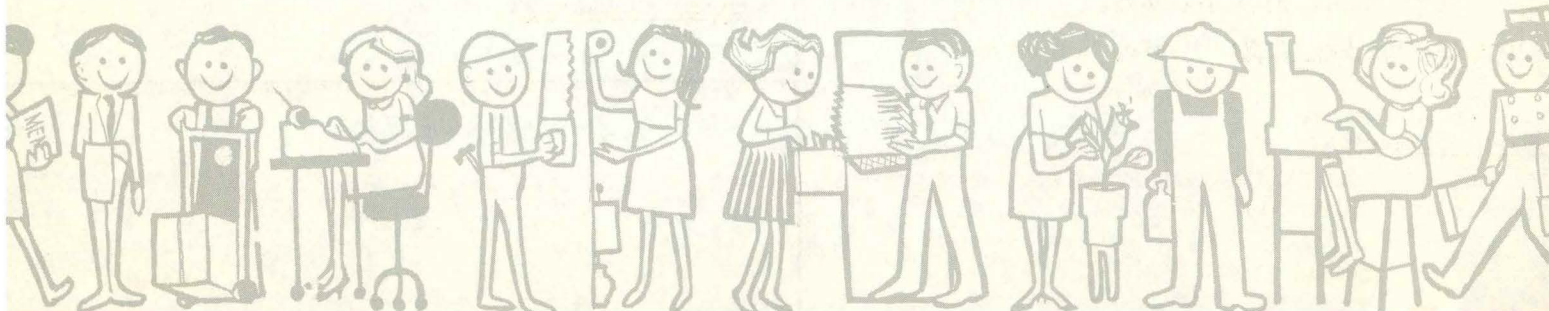
EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Generally, there are few openings for Washing Machine Operators because there are relatively few positions and small turnover. However, with the expansion of the industry, more and more will be required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact the local Iowa State Employment Service office or the American Institute of Laundering, Joliet, Illinois.

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CEDAR RAPIDS

Wage Range: \$1.25 to \$2.25 per hour.
Hours of Work: 8 hour day, 5½ day week.

No. Employed: 35
Location of Jobs: Laundry establishments, hospitals, and hotels.

Promotion: None.

Fringe Benefits: May receive paid vacations, holidays, and uniforms.

Job Outlook Locally: Demand exists for qualified, experienced Washing Machine Operators.

Other Comments:

DUBUQUE

Wage Range: \$60 to \$120 per week.
Hours of Work: 40 to 55 hours per week.

No. Employed: 20
Location of Jobs: Laundries.

Promotion: Possible to advance to DRY CLEANER or SPOTTER or to LAUNDRY ROUTEMAN.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacation and health insurance plan.

Job Outlook Locally: Laundries are normally looking for employees for this occupation.

Other Comments:

DAVENPORT

Wage Range: \$1.40 to \$2.00 per hour.
Hours of Work: 40

No. Employed: 10
Location of Jobs: Laundries, hospitals, hotels, and industrial plants.

Promotion: Monetary.

Fringe Benefits: Group insurance, paid vacations, reduction on personal laundry.

Job Outlook Locally: Limited demand due to limited number of positions.

Other Comments:

SIOUX CITY

Wage Range: \$50 to \$110 per week.
Hours of Work: 40 to 48 hours per week. May be less than 40 during slack season.

No. Employed: 10 to 15
Location of Jobs: Family and commercial laundries and hospitals.

Promotion: Little advancement opportunity, but may change to SPOTTER or be promoted to supervisory job.

Fringe Benefits: Usually receives time off for all national holidays and a 1-4 week vacation each year. Medical, life, and retirement insurance plans may be partially paid by employer.

Job Outlook Locally: Very few openings because of slight turnover. Learns job by working as Helper or Extractor Operator.

Other Comments: Key job in big laundry plants. May adjust controls and cleaning agents for up to 100 different processes. May direct assistants in work.

DES MOINES

Wage Range: Union Scale: Start, \$1.68, top \$1.80.
Hours of Work: 7:00 - 3:30, Monday through Friday, usually 40 hours per week except during rush seasons.

No. Employed: 50
Location of Jobs: Laundries and combination laundry and dry cleaners, also hospitals.

Promotion: Little chance for promotion, since this is highest paid job in laundries, is exceeded in dry cleaning only by SPOTTER and Dyer.

Fringe Benefits: Hospitalization benefits paid by employer. Vacation: 1 week after 1 year; 2 weeks after 3 years. 6 paid holidays.

Job Outlook Locally: Fair.

Other Comments:

WATERLOO

Wage Range: \$80 to \$90 per week.
Hours of Work: 9 hour day, 5½ day week.

No. Employed:
Location of Jobs: Laundries.

Promotion: May be promoted to Supervisor.

Fringe Benefits: Paid vacations.

Job Outlook Locally: Demand light.

Other Comments:

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