

CAREER FACT SHEET

Food and Drink Factory Workers

Snapshot

Food and Drink Factory Workers perform routine tasks in manufacturing food and beverages.

How many are employed in this occupation?	33,900
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,310
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	Medium
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Very Strong Growth

Main employing industries

Manufacturing; Wholesale Trade; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Accommodation and Food Services

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- weighing, measuring, mixing, dissolving and boiling ingredients
- adding materials, such as spices and preservatives, to food and beverages
- operating heating, chilling, freezing, pasteurising, carbonating, sulphuring and desulphuring plant
- monitoring product quality before packaging by inspecting, taking samples and adjusting treatment conditions when necessary
- operating machines to peel, core, slice, dice, pit and juice fruit and vegetables
- cleaning equipment, pumps, hoses, storage tanks, vessels and floors, and maintaining infestation control programs
- regulating speed of conveyors and crusher rollers, and adjusting tension of rollers to ensure total extraction of juice from sugar cane
- moving products from production lines into storage and shipping areas
- packaging and bottling products.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Manufacturing

If you're a hands on sort of person who likes getting stuck into tasks involving the use of tools and machinery to create new items, or you like to work on projects that bring technical concept drawings to life, then a career in the Manufacturing industry could be right up your alley. Careers in Manufacturing are available in a variety of industries such as: aerospace, furnishing, laboratory operations, metal fitting, engineering and boating, process manufacturing, mineral products, plastics, rubber, recreational vehicles and textiles, clothing and footwear. Structural Steel and Welding Trades workers, and Metal Fitters and Machinists are the trades most in demand in Manufacturing at present. There are thousands of Manufacturing businesses in Australia, employing almost one million people. New developments in sustainable Manufacturing aim to produce goods in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way while at the same time maintaining, if not improving productivity. This makes it a very interesting time to join this sector.



Manufacturing

Possible job pathways

- Glaziers
- Graphic Pre-press Trades Workers
- Industrial Spraypainters
- Metal Fitters and Machinists
- Precision Metal Trades Workers
- Sheetmetal Trades Workers
- Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers
- Wood Machinists and Other Wood Trades Workers
- Chemical, Gas, Petroleum & Power Plant Operators
- Electrical Engineering Draftspersons, Technicians
- Electricians
- Electronics Engineers
- Metal Casting, Forging & Finishing Trades
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineers
- Engineering Production Systems Workers
- Engineers (Chemical and Material)
- Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers
- Mechanical Engineering Draftspersons, Technicians
- Food and Drink Factory Workers
- Production Managers
- Printers
- Printing Assistants and Table Workers
- Signwriters
- Jewellers
- Product Assemblers

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