

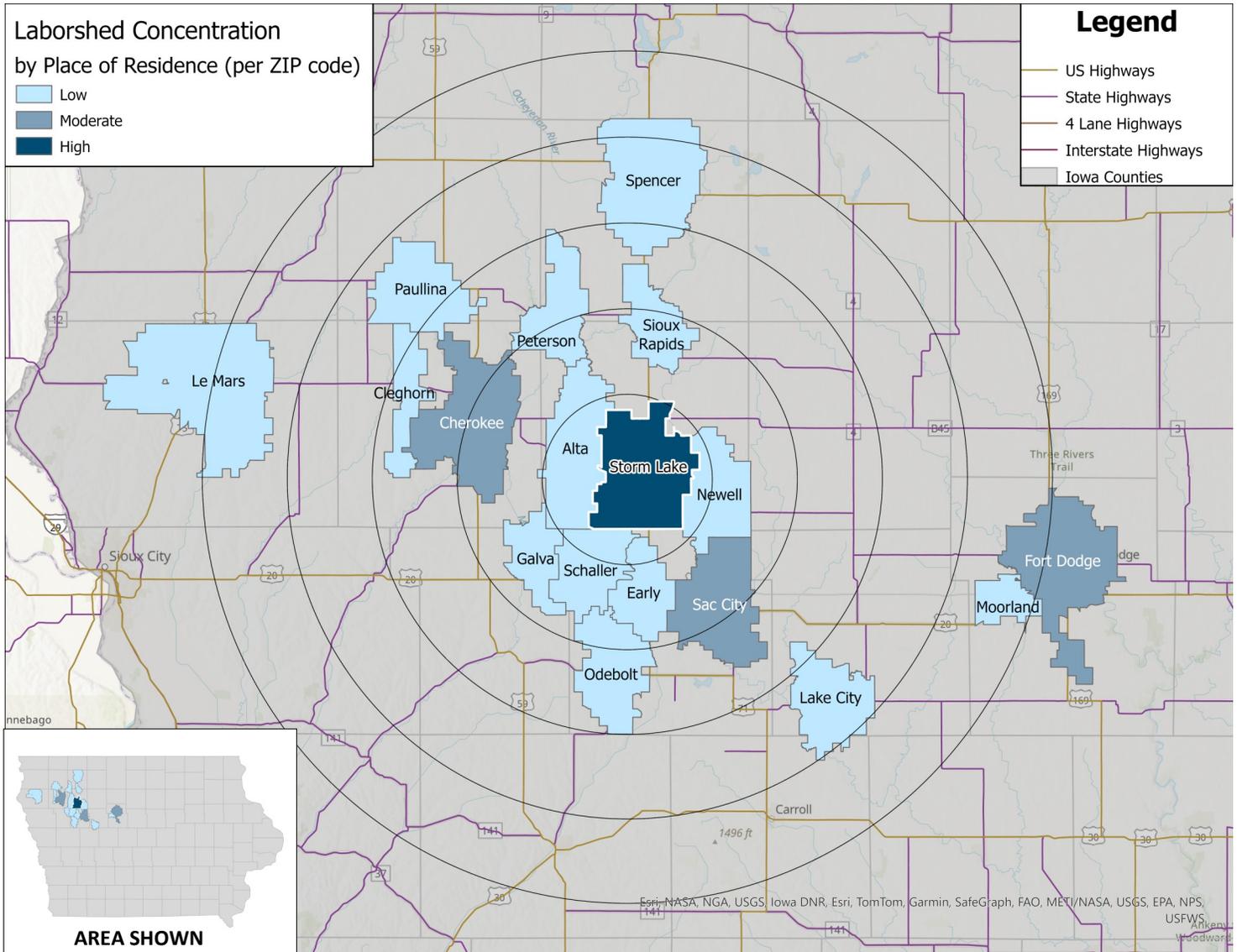
# LABOR CHARACTERISTICS



# ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

## STORM LAKE, IA LABORSHED AREA

CONCENTRATION OF RESPONDENTS WITHIN THE LABORSHED AREA  
WITH TRANSFERABLE EXPERIENCE/SKILLS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE



Workers who have transferable experience/skills in the industry are currently commuting an average of 10 miles one way for work. Those who are likely to change/accept employment are willing to commute an average of 29 miles one way for the right employment opportunity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE STORM LAKE, IA LABORSHED, CONTACT:



Iowa Workforce  
Development

Economic Development

Storm Lake Proud  
620 Erie Street, P.O. Box 1086  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
Phone: 712-723-4114  
Email: [dutfield@stormlake.org](mailto:dutfield@stormlake.org)  
[www.stormlake.org](http://www.stormlake.org)

# LABOR CHARACTERISTICS



# ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

## ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR PER OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY:

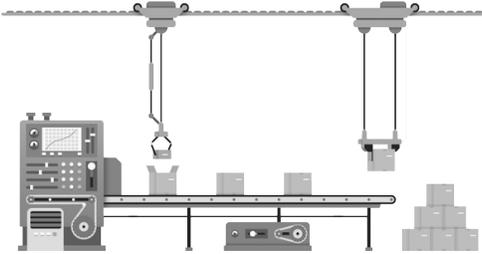
- Cooling and Freezing Equipment Operators and Tenders - 183
- Crushing, Grinding, & Polishing Machine Operators, & Tenders - 181
- Electricians - 180
- Engineering Technicians, Except Drafters, All Other - 179
- Engineers, All Other - 178
- First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers - 1,078
- First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 360
- Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers - 2,518
- Industrial Engineers - 176
- Industrial Production Managers - 359
- Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators - 541
- Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers - 182
- Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other - 1,619
- Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 1,079
- Mechanical Engineers - 177
- Multiple Machine Tool Operators, & Tenders, Metal & Plastic - 719
- Production Workers, All Other - 720
- Tank Car, Truck, and Ship Loaders - 184
- Team Assemblers - 539
- Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers - 361

AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF **11,513** PEOPLE IN THE LABORSHED AREA

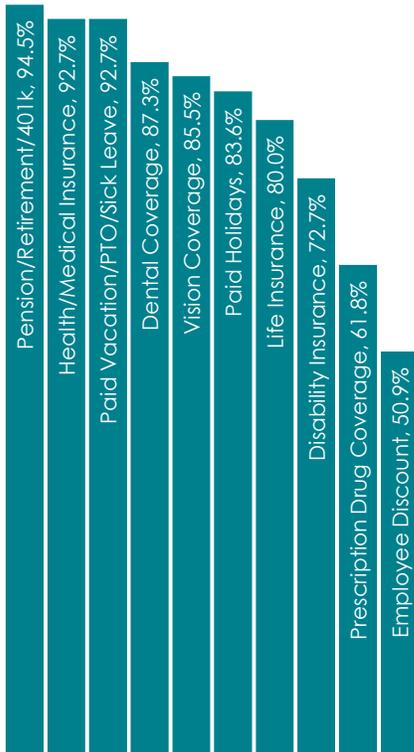
## UNDEREMPLOYMENT (ESTIMATED):

- Low hours - 0.0%
- Low income - 0.0%
- Mismatch of skills - 12.5% (237)
- Total - 12.5% (237)

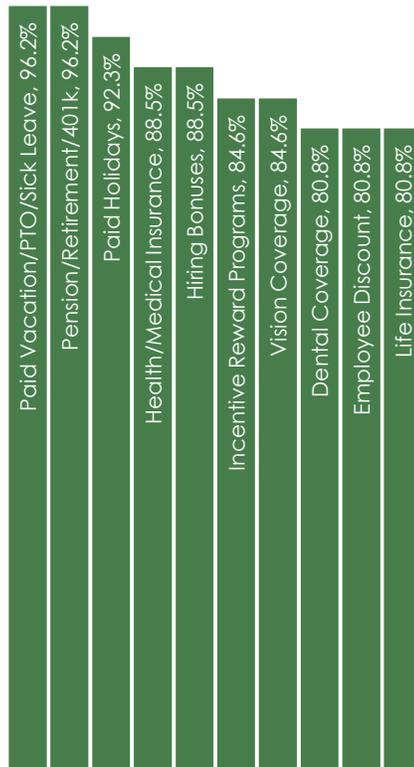
(Individuals counted only once when estimating Total Underemployment.)



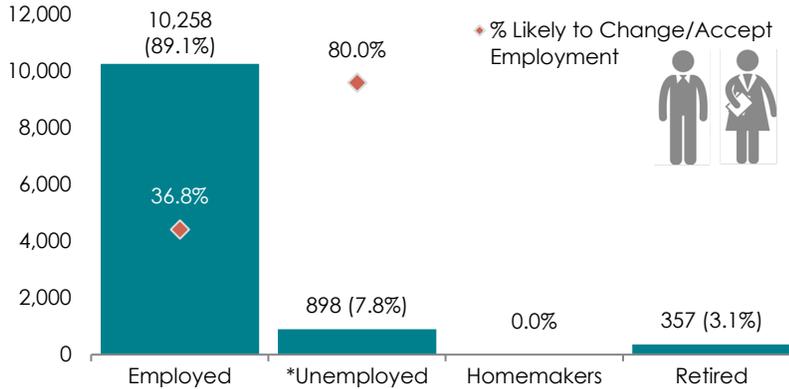
## CURRENT BENEFITS:



## DESIRED BENEFITS:



## ESTIMATED TOTAL BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (PERCENTAGE):



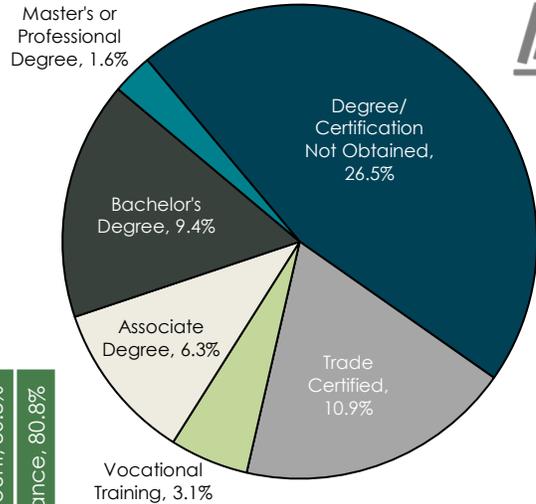
\*Employment status is self-identified by the survey respondent. The unemployment percentage does not reflect the unemployment rate published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which applies a stricter definition.

## EMPLOYMENT STATS:

- 73.0% paid an hourly wage
- 95.3% are/were employed full-time
- 4.7% are/were employed part-time
- 10.5% are/were self-employed
- 8.8% hold two or more jobs
- Currently working an average of 48 hours/week

## EDUCATIONAL LEVEL:

(57.8% HAVE AN EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL)



## TOP JOB SEARCH RESOURCES:

(For those seeking employment opportunities, by use.)

- Internet - 72.1%
  - [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)
  - [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)
  - [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)
  - [www.iowaworks.gov](http://www.iowaworks.gov)
- Networking through friends, family or acquaintances - 55.7%
- IowaWORKS Centers - 41.0%
- Private Employment Services - 18.0%



# LABOR CHARACTERISTICS



# ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

OCCUPATION	OCCUPATIONAL CODE	MEAN WAGE	ENTRY WAGE	EXPERIENCED WAGE	MEDIAN WAGE	MEAN ANNUAL SALARY
Architectural and Engineering Managers	11-9041	\$70.63	\$50.71	\$80.60	\$62.56	\$146,919
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	49-3031	\$25.99	\$19.10	\$29.44	\$23.76	\$54,069
Conveyor Operators and Tenders	53-7011	\$19.47	\$15.33	\$21.53	\$18.41	\$40,488
Cooling and Freezing Equipment Operators and Tenders	51-9193	\$22.78	\$19.63	\$24.35	\$20.49	\$47,382
Crane and Tower Operators	53-7021	\$26.37	\$22.11	\$28.49	\$25.14	\$54,840
Crushing, Grinding, and Polishing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9021	\$23.52	\$19.55	\$25.50	\$22.30	\$48,916
Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9032	\$25.38	\$21.44	\$27.35	\$27.41	\$52,793
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	51-4031	\$21.18	\$17.92	\$22.81	\$20.93	\$44,054
Drilling and Boring Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	51-4032	\$19.98	\$17.97	\$20.99	\$19.07	\$41,565
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians	17-3023	\$40.48	\$24.77	\$48.33	\$39.96	\$84,201
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	49-2094	\$37.25	\$31.59	\$40.08	\$36.44	\$77,476
Electrical Engineers	17-2071	\$57.89	\$39.64	\$67.02	\$50.53	\$120,410
Electricians	47-2111	\$29.22	\$19.18	\$34.24	\$28.16	\$60,778
Engineering Technicians, Except Drafters, All Other	17-3029	\$28.54	\$20.37	\$32.63	\$27.32	\$59,372
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	49-1011	\$36.47	\$24.13	\$42.64	\$35.35	\$75,853
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	51-1011	\$32.47	\$24.16	\$36.63	\$31.20	\$67,543
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing, and Buffing Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	51-4033	\$18.62	\$16.50	\$19.68	\$17.98	\$38,737
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	53-3032	\$26.47	\$18.15	\$30.62	\$24.15	\$55,050
Helpers--Production Workers	51-9198	\$21.93	\$18.37	\$23.70	\$21.96	\$45,606
Industrial Engineering Technicians	17-3026	\$34.93	\$26.57	\$39.11	\$30.76	\$72,656
Industrial Engineers	17-2112	\$45.83	\$30.72	\$53.38	\$44.98	\$95,325
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	49-9041	\$30.01	\$24.99	\$32.52	\$30.60	\$62,419
Industrial Production Managers	11-3051	\$54.79	\$37.45	\$63.46	\$51.54	\$113,963
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	53-7051	\$22.70	\$17.91	\$25.09	\$22.26	\$47,218
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	51-9061	\$23.31	\$19.93	\$25.00	\$21.92	\$48,490
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	49-9099	\$23.42	\$17.61	\$26.33	\$22.25	\$48,718
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	53-7062	\$20.13	\$15.75	\$22.31	\$20.65	\$41,863
Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	53-3033	\$21.29	\$12.94	\$25.46	\$18.44	\$44,275
Machine Feeders and Offbearers	53-7063	\$20.54	\$18.92	\$21.34	\$20.15	\$42,715
Machinists	51-4041	\$24.51	\$18.76	\$27.39	\$22.78	\$50,984
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	49-9071	\$23.14	\$16.53	\$26.45	\$23.12	\$48,133
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	49-9043	\$33.97	\$27.71	\$37.10	\$36.14	\$70,662
Mechanical Drafters	17-3013	\$27.29	\$22.43	\$29.72	\$28.08	\$56,760
Mechanical Engineering Technicians	17-3027	\$29.44	\$20.93	\$33.69	\$27.89	\$61,231
Mechanical Engineers	17-2141	\$40.01	\$29.86	\$45.09	\$37.33	\$83,224
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9023	\$22.49	\$18.16	\$24.66	\$21.48	\$46,788
Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	51-4072	\$19.25	\$16.08	\$20.84	\$17.93	\$40,045
Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	51-4081	\$19.56	\$16.23	\$21.23	\$18.21	\$40,691
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	51-9111	\$20.07	\$17.09	\$21.56	\$20.29	\$41,751
Packers and Packagers, Hand	53-7064	\$18.42	\$15.30	\$19.98	\$17.57	\$38,311
Production Workers, All Other	51-9199	\$22.72	\$17.56	\$25.30	\$22.84	\$47,247
Separating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitating, and Still Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9012	\$24.36	\$20.61	\$26.23	\$24.52	\$50,665
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	51-8031	\$24.31	\$17.93	\$27.50	\$27.25	\$50,561
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	51-4121	\$23.44	\$19.06	\$25.62	\$22.63	\$48,745
Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-4122	\$21.33	\$17.52	\$23.23	\$22.51	\$44,363

The 2024 Iowa Wage data for the Storm Lake Laborshed area was produced by the Labor Force & Occupational Analysis Bureau to provide communities local information on wages by occupation. Additional occupational wage and employment data for the Storm Lake Laborshed area can be found at [workforce.iowa.gov/laborshed/data](https://workforce.iowa.gov/laborshed/data).

Balance of data compiled by Iowa Workforce Development using Laborshed data released in 2025.