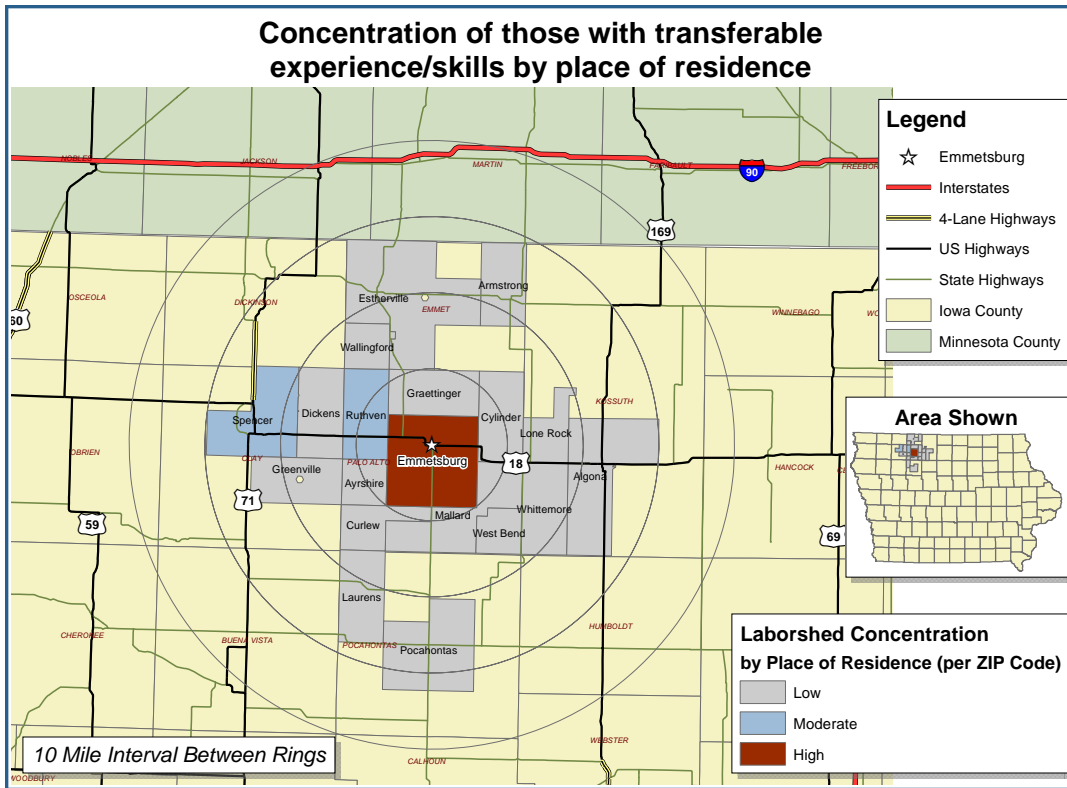


# Labor Characteristics

## Biofuels

### Palo Alto County, Iowa Laborshed



#### Estimated Potential Available Labor Per Occupational Category:

##### Business Operations:

- Sales Managers - 59
- Supervisors - 593
- Billing Clerks - 119
- Office Clerks - 356
- Secretaries & Administrative Assistants - 949

##### Production:

- Engineering Managers - 61
- Supervisors - 653
- Maintenance & Repair Workers - 118
- Production Workers - 475
- Water & Liquid Waste Treatment Plant & System Operators - 58
- Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, & Samplers - 60

##### Material Moving:

- Forklift Operators - 120
- Heavy Truck Drivers - 355

An estimated total of **3,976** people in the Laborshed area

Workers who have transferable experience/skills in the area are currently commuting an average of 11 miles one way for work. Those who are willing to change/accept employment are willing to commute an average of 15 miles one way for the right employment opportunity.

#### Employment Status:

##### 77.6% Employed

- 25.0% of the employed are willing to change employment

##### 11.9% Unemployed

- 87.5% of the unemployed are willing to accept employment

##### 4.5% Homemakers, Not Employed

##### 6.0% Retired

#### Education Levels:

- 67.2% Education beyond high school
- 7.5% Trade certified
- 10.4% Vocational training
- 14.9% Associate degree
- 10.4% Undergraduate degree

#### Flexibility in the Workplace:

(by percent of interest)

- Cross-training - 77.3%
- Varied shifts (2nd, 3rd, & split) - 40.9%
- Job sharing - 31.8%
- Job teams - 90.9%
- Seasonal work - 31.8%
- Temporary work - 22.7%

#### Other Facts:

- 78.8% paid an hourly wage
- 83.6% are/were employed full-time
- 11.9% are/were employed part-time
- 3.0% are/were seasonally employed
- 1.5% are/were self-employed
- 9.6% hold two or more jobs
- Currently working an average of 44 hrs/week

#### Current Benefits:

- Health/medical insurance - 89.3%
- Pension/retirement/401K - 75.0%
- Dental coverage - 37.5%
- Paid vacation - 30.4%
- Vision coverage - 25.0%
- Paid sick leave - 21.4%
- Disability insurance - 17.9%
- Paid holidays - 14.3%
- Life insurance - 12.5%
- Prescription drug coverage - 7.1%
- Paid Time Off (PTO) - 7.1%

#### Desired Benefits:

(by percent of interest)

- Health/medical insurance - 83.3%
- Pension/retirement/401K - 33.3%
- Dental coverage - 27.8%
- Paid vacation - 16.7%
- Vision coverage - 11.1%
- Paid sick leave - 5.6%
- Paid Time Off (PTO) - 5.6%

#### Top Advertising Media:

(for those seeking employment opportunities)

- The Internet
  - [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)
  - [www.iowaworkforce.org](http://www.iowaworkforce.org)
- Local/Regional Newspapers
  - *Emmetsburg Reporter/Democrat*
  - *The Des Moines Register*
  - *The Messenger* - Fort Dodge
- Iowa Workforce Development Centers
- Networking

#### Underemployment:

Total Underemployment - 3.0%

- Low hours - 1.5%
- Mismatch of skills - 1.5%
- Low income - 0.0%

IWD only counts individuals once when estimating Total Underemployment.

The Iowa Workforce Development Region 3/4 service area aggregated wage data was also extracted from the Iowa Wage Survey and is provided in the table on page 2 which reflects mean, entry, experienced, and median wages.

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Information was compiled by Iowa Workforce Development using 2010 data.

Occupation	Occupational Code	Mean Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage	Median Wage
Agricultural Workers, All Other	45-2099	\$ 9.30	\$ 7.56	\$ 10.17	\$ 8.93
Bakers	51-3011	\$ 9.97	\$ 8.45	\$ 10.73	\$ 9.47
Compliance Officers, Except Agriculture, Construction, Health and Safety, and Transportation	13-1041	\$ 24.53	\$ 20.34	\$ 26.63	\$ 23.39
Computer and Information Systems Managers	11-3021	\$ 31.81	\$ 24.22	\$ 35.61	\$ 33.01
Dietitians and Nutritionists	29-1031	\$ 26.68	\$ 19.76	\$ 30.14	\$ 25.71
Engineering Managers	11-9041	\$ 47.24	\$ 30.89	\$ 55.40	\$ 44.57
Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health	19-4091	\$ 22.59	\$ 14.14	\$ 26.82	\$ 22.08
Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	45-2092	\$ 12.31	\$ 8.89	\$ 14.02	\$ 10.48
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	51-1011	\$ 23.92	\$ 16.12	\$ 27.82	\$ 22.20
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	31-9099	\$ 11.46	\$ 8.88	\$ 12.75	\$ 11.29
Industrial Engineering Technicians	17-3026	\$ 21.93	\$ 17.59	\$ 24.11	\$ 22.01
Industrial Engineers	17-2112	\$ 27.63	\$ 22.80	\$ 30.04	\$ 28.24
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	51-9061	\$ 13.63	\$ 9.21	\$ 15.84	\$ 13.33
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	49-9099	\$ 17.43	\$ 12.90	\$ 19.70	\$ 16.91
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	53-7062	\$ 12.07	\$ 8.99	\$ 13.61	\$ 11.27
Legal Support Workers, All Other	23-2099	\$ 21.68	\$ 17.40	\$ 23.81	\$ 20.00
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	29-2061	\$ 16.34	\$ 13.98	\$ 17.52	\$ 16.58
Market Research Analysts	19-3021	\$ 27.02	\$ 15.15	\$ 32.94	\$ 22.35
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	51-3022	\$ 11.79	\$ 10.08	\$ 12.64	\$ 11.83
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	29-2012	\$ 17.48	\$ 12.67	\$ 19.88	\$ 17.58
Pharmacy Technicians	29-2052	\$ 12.94	\$ 11.01	\$ 13.91	\$ 12.83
Production Workers, All Other	51-9199	\$ 12.95	\$ 10.40	\$ 14.23	\$ 12.54
Water and Liquid Waste Treatment Plant and System Operators	51-8031	\$ 16.86	\$ 12.08	\$ 19.25	\$ 17.24

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