

## Meter Readers, Utilities

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**Description:** Read meter and record consumption of electricity, gas, water, or steam.

### Other Resources:

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**Sample of Reported Job Titles:** Field Technician, Fieldman, Meter Reader

### Job Zone

**Title:** 2 - Some Preparation Needed

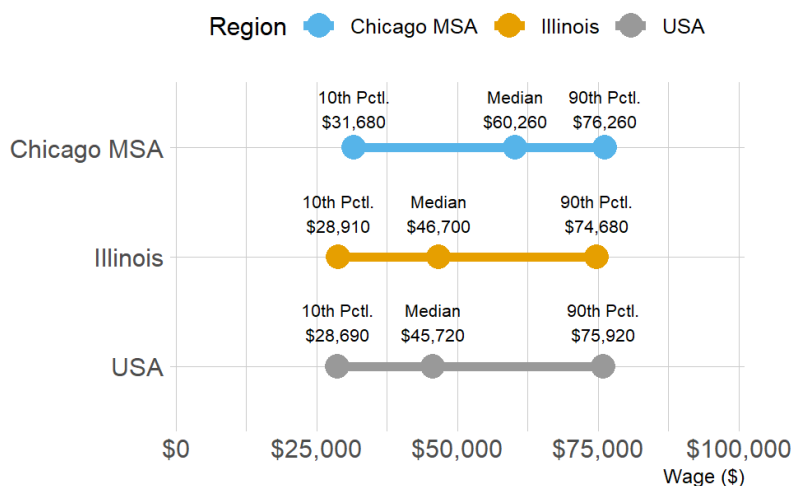
**Education:** Usually require a high school diploma.

**Experience:** Some previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed.

**Training:** A few months to one year of working with experienced employees needed. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

**Hot Technologies:** Microsoft Access, Microsoft Office Suite, Supervisory control and data acquisition SCADA software

Region	Employment	Location Quotient	Median Wage
Chicago MSA	870	1.21	\$60,260
Illinois	1,790	1.87	\$46,700
USA	24,000	—	\$45,720



### Top 5 Core Tasks According to Current Job Holders

**Importance**  
**Frequency (out of 100)**

Read electric, gas, water, or steam consumption meters and enter data in route books or hand-held computers.

Hourly or more

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Upload into office computers all information collected on hand-held computers during meter rounds, or return route books or hand-held computers to business offices so that data can be compiled.

Daily

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Walk or drive vehicles along established routes to take readings of meter dials.

Hourly or more

85

Verify readings in cases where consumption appears to be abnormal, and record possible reasons for fluctuations.

Daily

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Inspect meters for unauthorized connections, defects, and damage, such as broken seals.

Daily

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