

Rail-Track Laying and Maintenance

Equipment Operators

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Description: Lay, repair, and maintain track for standard or narrow-gauge railroad equipment used in regular railroad service or in plant yards, quarries, sand and gravel pits, and mines.

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Sample of Reported Job Titles: Machine Operator, Rail Maintenance Worker, Track Equipment Operator (TEO)

Job Zone

Title: 2 - Some Preparation Needed

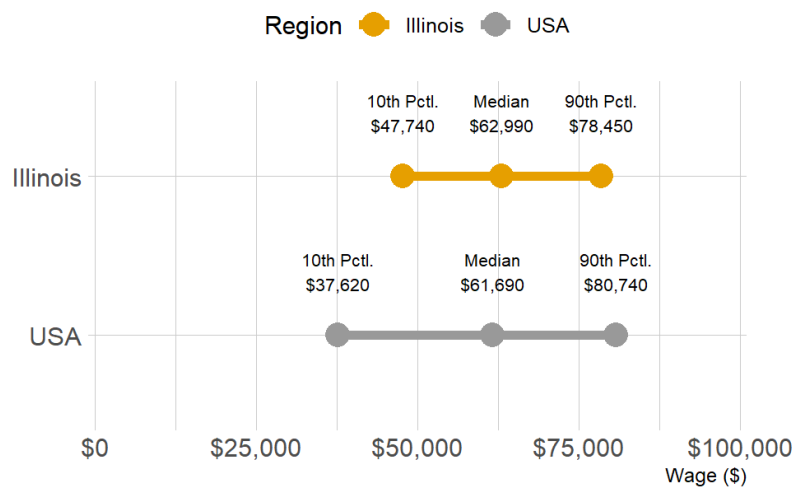
Education: Usually require a high school diploma.

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: Enterprise resource planning ERP software, Microsoft Office Suite

Region	Employment	Location Quotient	Median Wage
Illinois	950	1.13	\$62,990
USA	21,030	–	\$61,690



Top 5 Core Tasks According to Current Job Holders	Frequency	Importance (out of 100)
Patrol assigned track sections so that damaged or broken track can be located and reported.	More than weekly	90
Repair or adjust track switches, using wrenches and replacement parts.	More than monthly	86
Weld sections of track together, such as switch points and frogs.	More than yearly	83
Observe leveling indicator arms to verify levelness and alignment of tracks.	Daily	82
Operate single- or multiple-head spike driving machines to drive spikes into ties and secure rails.	Daily	82