

Hoist and Winch Operators

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Description: Operate or tend hoists or winches to lift and pull loads using power-operated cable equipment.

Other Resources:

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Sample of Reported Job Titles: Hoist Operator, Hoistman, Material Handler

Job Zone

Title: 2 - Some Preparation Needed

Education: Usually require a high school diploma.

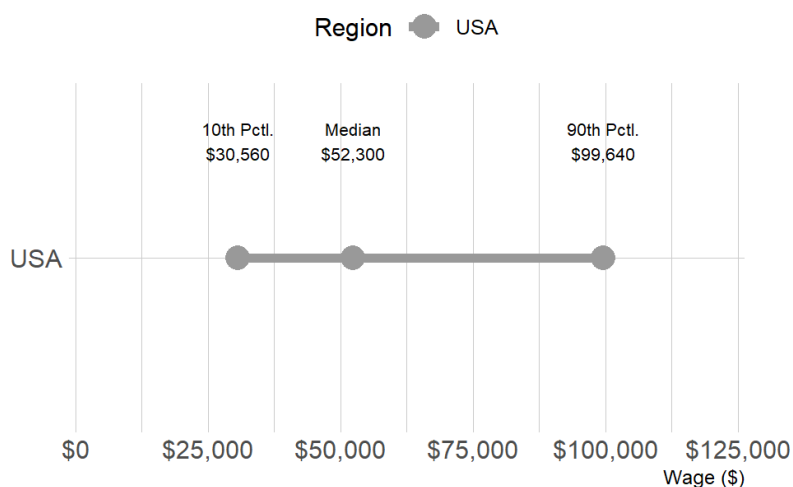
Experience: Some previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed.

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 Office Suite

Region	Employment	Location Quotient	Median Wage
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USA	2,610	–	\$52,300
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Top 5 Core Tasks According to Current Job Holders

Frequency	Importance (out of 100)
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Move levers, pedals, and throttles to stop, start, and regulate speeds of hoist or winch drums in response to hand, bell, buzzer, telephone, loud-speaker, or whistle signals, or by observing dial indicators or cable marks.

Hourly or more

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Start engines of hoists or winches and use levers and pedals to wind or unwind cable on drums.

Hourly or more

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Observe equipment gauges and indicators and hand signals of other workers to verify load positions or depths.

Hourly or more

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Operate compressed air, diesel, electric, gasoline, or steam-driven hoists or winches to control movement of cableways, cages, derricks, draglines, loaders, railcars, or skips.

Several times daily

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Move or reposition hoists, winches, loads and materials, manually or using equipment and machines such as trucks, cars, and hand trucks.

Daily

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