

EARNINGS:

HOURLYEARNINGSFOR2000

Median	\$15.55
Highest 10%	More than \$22.63
Middle 50%	\$12.33 - \$19.30
Lowest 10%	Less than \$9.88

Sources

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/print/ocos030.htm>

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/print/ocos027.htm>

Diesel Service Technicians & Mechanics



IS THIS A POSSIBLE CAREER FOR
YOU?

NATURE OF WORK:

A diesel service technician or mechanic's primary job is to ensure the safe repair and upkeep of diesel engines. They work for companies that operate heavy trucks, buses, locomotives, as well as other transportation venues. A standard 40-hour week is what many technicians and mechanics work, but some may work longer hours if they are self-employed or work for a business that provides around the clock service.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED/ TRAINING/ EDUCATION:

- High School Diploma
- Completion of a formal diesel engine training program at a community/junior college, or a trade/vocational school
- Must be flexible in order to adapt to customer needs
- Willing to learn about new technology that comes about in the industry



JOB OUTLOOK:

Employment within this industry provides many opportunities for people wanting to have a career as a diesel service technician or mechanic. As freight transportation by trucks increases, jobs are expected to as well.



GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Throughout the country employment can be found, however many positions are located in metropolitan areas and some smaller towns mainly where trucking companies, bus lines, and other fleet owners have their larger repair shops.

