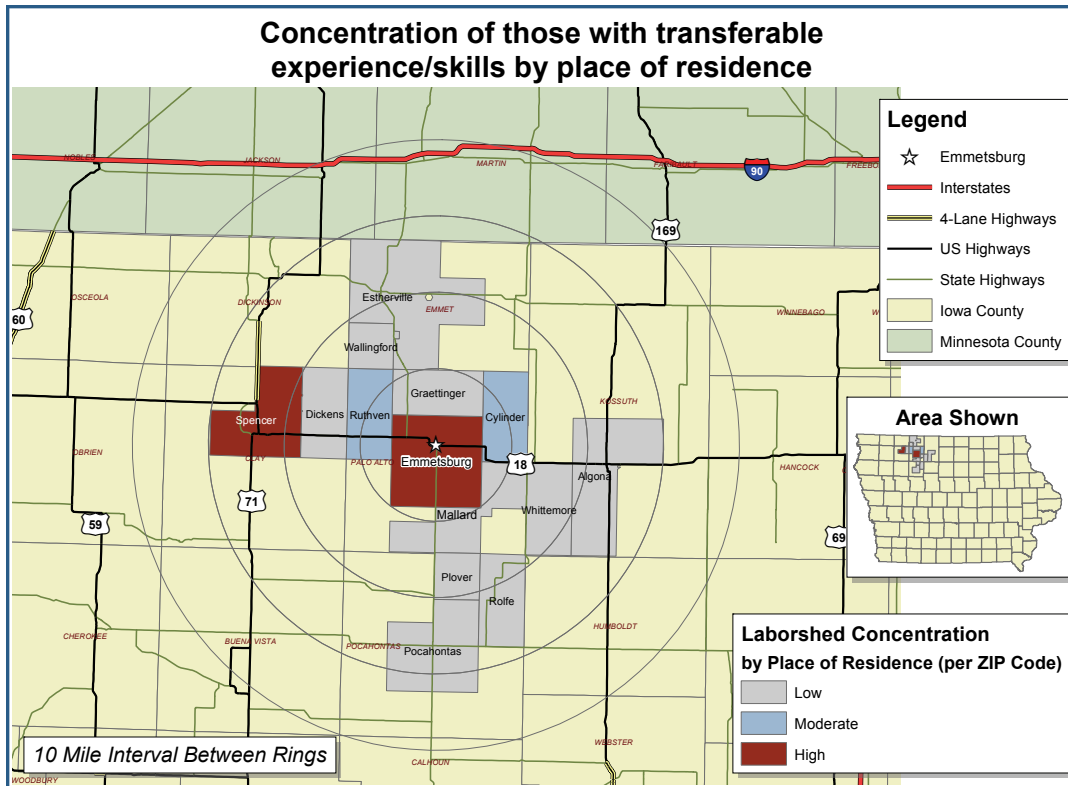
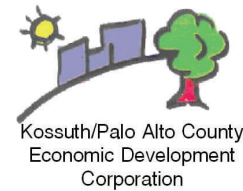


# Labor Characteristics

## Wholesale & Retail

### Palo Alto County, Iowa Laborshed



### Estimated Potential Available Labor Per Occupational Category:

#### Business Operations:

- Chief Executives - 75
- Managers - 502
- Supervisors - 216
- Clerks - 213
- Customer Service Reps - 70
- Secretaries - 143

#### Wholesale & Retail:

- Supervisors - 215
- Accountants & Auditors - 77
- Automotive Service Techs - 72
- Cashiers - 217
- Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers - 67
- Cooks - 141
- Farmworkers & Laborers - 74
- Hairdressers, & Cosmetologists - 68
- Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners - 71
- Maintenance & Repair workers - 76
- Opticians - 69
- Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers, & Applicators - 73
- Pharmacists - 144
- Production Workers - 78
- Salespersons - 142
- Sales Reps & Sales Related Workers - 214
- Waiters & Waitresses - 66

An estimated total of **3,083** people in the Laborshed area

Workers who have transferable experience/skills in the area are currently commuting an average of 8 miles one way for work. Those who are willing to change/accept employment are willing to commute an average of 10 miles one way for the right employment opportunity.

#### Employment Status:

##### 81.4% Employed

- 34.3% of the employed are willing to change employment

##### 7.0% Unemployed

- 66.7% of the unemployed are willing to accept employment

##### 7.0% Homemakers, Not Employed

##### 4.5% Retired

#### Education Levels:

- 62.8% Education beyond high school
- 4.7% Trade certified
- 4.7% Vocational training
- 11.6% Associate degree
- 11.6% Undergraduate degree
- 4.7% Postgraduate degree

#### Flexibility in the Workplace:

(by percent of interest)

- Cross-training - 73.3%
- Varied shifts (2nd, 3rd, & split) - 40.0%
- Job sharing - 33.3%
- Job teams - 53.3%
- Seasonal work - 53.3%
- Temporary work - 60.0%

#### Other Facts:

- 72.1% paid an hourly wage
- 69.8% are/were employed full-time
- 23.3% are/were employed part-time
- 2.3% are/were self-employed
- 4.7% are/were seasonally employed
- 5.7% hold two or more jobs
- Currently working an average of 39 hrs/week

#### Current Benefits:

- Health/medical insurance - 80.0%
- Pension/retirement/401K - 66.7%
- Paid vacation - 43.3%
- Dental coverage - 30.0%
- Disability insurance - 20.0%
- Paid sick leave - 16.7%
- Paid holidays - 16.7%
- Paid Time Off (PTO) - 16.7%
- Vision coverage - 6.7%
- Life insurance - 6.7%

#### Desired Benefits:

(by percent of interest)

- Health/medical insurance - 78.6%
- Pension/retirement/401K - 35.7%
- Paid vacation - 35.7%
- Dental coverage - 21.4%
- Paid Time Off (PTO) - 14.3%
- Flextime - 14.3%
- Vision coverage - 7.1%
- Paid holidays - 7.1%
- Paid sick leave - 7.1%

#### Top Advertising Media:

(for those seeking employment opportunities)

- Local/Regional Newspapers
  - Emmetsburg Reporter/Democrat
  - Spencer Daily Reporter
- The Internet
  - [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)
  - [www.iowaworkforce.org](http://www.iowaworkforce.org)
- Iowa Workforce Development Centers
- Networking

#### Underemployment:

Total Underemployment - 4.7%

- Low hours - 2.3%
- Mismatch of skills - 4.7%
- 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
Accountants and Auditors	13-2011	\$ 23.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 27.08	\$ 21.59
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	49-3021	\$ 15.58	\$ 10.14	\$ 18.30	\$ 15.23
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	49-3023	\$ 18.19	\$ 12.19	\$ 21.19	\$ 17.99
Bakers	51-3011	\$ 9.97	\$ 8.45	\$ 10.73	\$ 9.47
Bartenders	35-3011	\$ 8.31	\$ 7.75	\$ 8.59	\$ 7.99
Billing and Posting Clerks and Machine Operators	43-3021	\$ 13.77	\$ 11.15	\$ 15.08	\$ 13.73
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	43-3031	\$ 13.78	\$ 9.74	\$ 15.81	\$ 13.24
Butchers and Meat Cutters	51-3021	\$ 11.57	\$ 8.95	\$ 12.88	\$ 10.75
Cashiers	41-2011	\$ 8.12	\$ 7.37	\$ 8.50	\$ 7.62
Chief Executives	11-1011	\$ 48.32	\$ 16.49	\$ 64.23	\$ 46.20
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	35-3021	\$ 8.54	\$ 7.70	\$ 8.96	\$ 7.93
Cooks, Fast Food	35-2011	\$ 8.48	\$ 7.71	\$ 8.87	\$ 7.96
Cooks, Restaurant	35-2014	\$ 9.91	\$ 7.85	\$ 10.94	\$ 9.20
Cooks, Short Order	35-2015	\$ 8.85	\$ 8.10	\$ 9.22	\$ 8.80
Counter and Rental Clerks	41-2021	\$ 10.84	\$ 7.58	\$ 12.47	\$ 9.37
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	35-3022	\$ 8.86	\$ 7.73	\$ 9.42	\$ 8.69
Customer Service Representatives	43-4051	\$ 12.81	\$ 9.65	\$ 14.39	\$ 12.00
Driver/Sales Workers	53-3031	\$ 14.95	\$ 8.57	\$ 18.13	\$ 14.64
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	43-6011	\$ 15.30	\$ 11.12	\$ 17.39	\$ 14.69
Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	45-2092	\$ 12.31	\$ 8.89	\$ 14.02	\$ 10.48
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	35-1012	\$ 13.25	\$ 9.06	\$ 15.34	\$ 11.79
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	49-1011	\$ 23.56	\$ 17.29	\$ 26.69	\$ 21.56
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Non-Retail Sales Workers	41-1012	\$ 25.96	\$ 15.46	\$ 31.20	\$ 26.42
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	43-1011	\$ 19.69	\$ 13.53	\$ 22.77	\$ 19.56
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	51-1011	\$ 23.92	\$ 16.12	\$ 27.82	\$ 22.20
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	41-1011	\$ 16.62	\$ 11.06	\$ 19.40	\$ 14.92
Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other	35-9099	\$ 9.89	\$ 8.44	\$ 10.62	\$ 9.65
Food Preparation Workers	35-2021	\$ 8.55	\$ 7.62	\$ 9.02	\$ 7.77
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	39-5012	\$ 9.84	\$ 7.62	\$ 10.95	\$ 7.69
Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	35-9031	\$ 8.58	\$ 7.61	\$ 9.07	\$ 7.81
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	37-3011	\$ 10.57	\$ 8.71	\$ 11.50	\$ 9.81
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	37-2012	\$ 9.51	\$ 8.41	\$ 10.06	\$ 9.21
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	49-9042	\$ 16.73	\$ 11.79	\$ 19.21	\$ 16.50
Managers, All Other	11-9199	\$ 26.03	\$ 10.51	\$ 33.78	\$ 22.62
Marketing Managers	11-2021	\$ 40.10	\$ 15.43	\$ 52.44	\$ 32.14
Motorboat Mechanics	49-3051	\$ 14.44	\$ 10.35	\$ 16.49	\$ 14.34
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	43-9199	\$ 10.91	\$ 8.87	\$ 11.92	\$ 9.87
Office Clerks, General	43-9061	\$ 12.29	\$ 8.99	\$ 13.94	\$ 11.44
Parts Salespersons	41-2022	\$ 13.99	\$ 9.79	\$ 16.08	\$ 12.19
Pharmacists	29-1051	\$ 48.91	\$ 42.67	\$ 52.02	\$ 49.80
Production Workers, All Other	51-9199	\$ 12.95	\$ 10.40	\$ 14.23	\$ 12.54
Retail Salespersons	41-2031	\$ 11.59	\$ 8.02	\$ 13.37	\$ 9.88
Sales Managers	11-2022	\$ 36.80	\$ 16.45	\$ 46.97	\$ 31.16
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	41-3099	\$ 21.63	\$ 12.52	\$ 26.18	\$ 23.12
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	41-4012	\$ 22.81	\$ 12.87	\$ 27.77	\$ 21.50
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	43-5071	\$ 11.23	\$ 8.57	\$ 12.57	\$ 10.72
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	43-5081	\$ 9.64	\$ 7.64	\$ 10.63	\$ 8.41
Tire Repairers and Changers	49-3093	\$ 15.60	\$ 10.84	\$ 17.97	\$ 13.87
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	53-3033	\$ 11.41	\$ 8.11	\$ 13.06	\$ 9.71
Waiters and Waitresses	35-3031	\$ 8.43	\$ 7.66	\$ 8.82	\$ 7.78

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