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Industrial Production Manager

Industrial Production Managers work in plants, factories, or warehouses. They oversee the daily manufacturing and related plants. Their main job is to coordinate, plan, and direct the activities used to create a wide range of goods. Without these guys the plants would not be as efficient as they are today. I'm interested in this career because it's basically my job in the military because I am in charge of supply and what comes in and what goes out. My expectations were about the same from before vs after I did research on this title.

The sources I have found during my research are through the Occupational Outlook Handbook, which I found that most of the information on there is very easy to find and brief. O*NET OnLine was another easy source but just not as brief as the Outlook Handbook but the information is still accessible. The scholarly journal was by V. Karacharovskii about the Innovation side of my career and what was listed on it was plenty of reading and data. My last source I found was an e-book called "Supply Chain & Logistics Management" by Paul Myerson, the information is all right there, each chapter has titles that are easy to understand and find what you need.

Salaries were pretty much similar and the only two sources I found were on the Outlook Handbook which the 2012 Median pay was \$89,190 per year, and \$42.88 per hour. On O*NET OnLine the Median wages of 2013 were \$90,790 per year, and \$43.65 per hour. The Outlook Handbook goes a little more in depth about the pay, it talks about the different titles within the career and what I found interesting was the salary varies. Both sites talked about that most Industrial Production Managers work 40 hours or more in an average week.

Education that I found was only listed on the same two websites I've been talking about and on O*NET it talked about how 42% of plants around America require a Bachelor's degree, 30% require some college or no college at all. Last only 15% require an Associate's degree. Outlook Handbook states that typically you need a Bachelor's degree and 1 to 5 years of related work experience. In the book by Paul Myerson, he discussed how there has been a trend in global outsourcing which started in the 1980's and continues today, and has made our supply chains more complex and challenging.

All the information I have found has made me more anxious and more motivated to get my schooling out of the way and to start my new career. Every detail I found (mostly the salaries) has wanted me to pursue this career even more now. With all the different sources I've found, the websites were the ones that I thought were easier and better at stating the information, unlike the book and journal because of all the chapters and reading. But all in all these were all great sources and listed very important details.

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