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It takes concentration, training, and teamwork to operate a mechanical boom safely. It's a lot of responsibility, and you have to have nerves of steel to do the job well. When you are moving thousands of pounds of materials, you have to know what you're doing and you have to trust your team.

I handle pressure well, and I can keep up with changing instructions. When you swing loads with only inches to spare, you have to pay attention, but it creates a strong sense of community.

Occupation:

Crane Operator

Salary:

\$76,385

Education:

High School Diploma
or Equivalent

Job Description:

Crane and Tower Operators operate mechanical boom and cable or tower and cable equipment to lift and move materials, machines, or products in many directions.*



Job Description:

SOC Code: 53-7021

Top Job Skills:

- Work in team environment
- Maintain equipment
- Preventative maintenance
- Welding
- Customer Service

General Work Activities:

- Interacting With Others
 - Direct material handling or moving activities
- Information Input
 - Weigh materials to ensure compliance with specifications
 - Inspect material-moving equipment to detect problems
 - Inspect work to ensure standards are met
 - Review work orders or schedules to determine operations or procedures
- Work Output
 - Operate cranes, hoists, or other moving or lifting equipment
 - Maintain material moving equipment and keep in good working condition
 - Install parts, assemblies, or attachments in transportation or material handling equipment
 - Clean machinery or equipment
 - Load shipments, belongings, or materials
 - Record operational or production data

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

SC Works Online Services (SCWOS) is the state's largest job database and provides all of South Carolina's job postings from all major sites, including Monster and Career Builder, in one resource. SCWOS has thousands of positions listed by employers all over the state. To access SCWOS, visit jobs.scworks.org.

Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O*NET.org](https://www.onet.org).

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JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range
\$43,180 - \$71,750



Projected Growth
89/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State
800



Required Education
High School Diploma
or Equivalent



Work Experience
Typically Requires
Less Than Five Years



On-the-Job Training
Moderate-Term
On-the-job Training

*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Trident
- Midlands
- Waccamaw
- Greenville
- Pee Dee
- Worklink

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- CMC
- Detyens Shipyards, Inc.
- Phillips & Jordan
- The Heico Companies' Construction Solutions Group
- Valmont Industries, Inc.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS*:

- Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators, Surface Mining
- Hoist and Winch Operators
- Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators
- Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2025.