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“My day begins with safety checks, reviewing work orders, and finalizing blueprints. It then moves on to calibrating machines and mechanisms, monitoring the drilling process, and moving materials, all while ensuring the team's safety.

The work we do is cerebral just as much as it is physical because it requires many compliance checkpoints and constant communication with the team. It's the people I work with that make it a rewarding job just as much as the product we produce.”

Occupation:

Drill Setup
Operator

Salary:

\$58,408

Education:

High School Diploma
or Equivalent

Job Description:

Drilling and Boring Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic set up, operate, or tend drilling machines to drill, bore, ream, mill, or countersink metal or plastic work pieces.*



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Job Description:

SOC Code: 51-4032

Top Job Skills:

- Record keeping
- Review blueprints
- Detect malfunctions
- Mount materials
- Assemble/align parts/workpieces

General Work Activities:

- Interacting With Others
 - Signal others to coordinate work activities
- Information Input
 - Measure dimensions of completed products or workpieces to verify conformance to specifications
 - Read work orders or other instructions to determine product specifications or materials requirements
 - Study blueprints or other instructions to determine equipment setup requirements
 - Watch operating equipment to detect malfunctions
- Work Output
 - Draw guide lines or markings on materials or workpieces using patterns or other references
 - Replace worn equipment components
 - Set equipment controls to meet cutting specifications
 - Adjust equipment controls to regulate coolant flow

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.o*net.org).

JOB STATISTICS*



Typical Wage Range

\$35,480 - \$62,820



Projected Growth

2/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

60



Required Education

High School Diploma
or Equivalent



Work Experience

Typically
Requires None



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.

- Greenville
- Upstate
- Upper Savannah
- Pee Dee
- Lower Savannah
- Santee-Lynches

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: O*NET and SCWOS. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Berry Global, Inc.
- BAE Systems

RELATED OCCUPATIONS*:

- Tool Grinders, Filers, and Sharpeners
- Lathe and Turning Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic
- Milling and Planing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic
- Grinding and Polishing Workers, Hand

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. **Last Updated:** 2026.