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“As a highway maintenance worker, I keep roads safe, functional, and ready for travel. Repairing pavement, removing debris, and installing signs are part of the job now. But I'm learning, and eventually I can work my way up to managing a crew.

There are a lot of opportunities for promotions and upward movement in this career. People often see the heavy machinery and our crews working in all-weather conditions, but many forget the physical stamina it takes each day. Every mile we travel supports our communities, so I take pride in knowing our hard work allows people to stay connected through travel and keeps people moving where they need to go.

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Occupation:

Highway
Maintenance Worker

Salary:

\$42,608

Education:

High School Diploma
or Equivalent

Job Description:

Highway Maintenance Workers maintain highways, municipal and rural roads, airport runways, and rights-of-way. Duties include patching broken or eroded pavement and repairing guard rails, highway markers, and snow fences. May also mow or clear brush from along road, or plow snow from roadway.*



*Source: This information is based on O*NET™ data. O*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Job Description:

SOC Code: 47-4051

Top Job Skills:

- Preventative maintenance
- Laying pipes
- Pouring concrete
- Lawn maintenance
- Job hazard analysis

General Work Activities:

- Information Input
 - Inspect industrial or commercial equipment to ensure proper operation
- Work Output
 - Direct vehicle traffic
 - Drive trucks or truck-mounted equipment
 - Install fencing or other barriers
 - Remove debris or vegetation from work sites
 - Move construction or extraction materials to locations where they are needed
 - Spread sand, dirt or other loose materials onto surfaces
 - Operate equipment or vehicles to clear construction sites or move materials
 - Maintain plumbing structures or fixtures
 - Compact materials to create level bases
 - Pour materials into or on designated areas
 - Spread concrete or other aggregate mixtures

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).

JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range

\$32,860 - \$42,830



Projected Growth

287/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

2,430



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.

- Midlands
- Upper Savannah
- Pee Dee
- Catawba
- Greenville
- Lower Savannah

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

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

- South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT)
- Application Partners, LLC
- Express Employment Professionals
- Williamsburg County Govt.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS:

- Construction Laborers
- Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators
- Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators
- Rail-Track Laying and Maintenance Equipment

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