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Before the bell rings for school, my day is well on its way. Hours before teachers and students arrive, I make sure classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms are cleaned and welcoming for the day. During the day, while students are in class, I handle whatever comes up. A spill in the cafeteria, moving chairs for an assembly, or fixing something that breaks—I am the person the principal, staff, and kids call on.

My favorite part of the day is finding at least one opportunity to give a word of encouragement, make someone laugh, or cheer someone on. Even though I'm busy from sunup to sundown, I do what I do because it keeps the school safe and running smoothly, and the kids and teachers comfortable learning and teaching.

Occupation:

Custodian

Salary:

\$24,982

Education:

Typically Requires None

Job Description:

Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners keep buildings in clean peeand orderly condition. Perform heavy cleaning duties, such as cleaning floors, shampooing rugs, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Duties may include tending furnace and boiler, performing routine maintenance activities, notifying management of need for repairs, and cleaning snow or debris from sidewalk.*



Job Description:

SOC Code: 37-2011

Top Job Skills:

- · Empty Trash
- Mops Floors
- · Vacuum Floors
- Dusting
- · Customer Service

General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
 - Monitor building premises to ensure occupant or visitor safety
 - Select equipment, materials, or supplies for cleaning or maintenance activities
- · Interacting With Others
 - Confer with coworkers to coordinate maintenance or cleaning activities
- · Work Output
 - Clean facilities or sites
 - Dispose of trash or waste materials
 - Clean building walls or flooring
 - Prepare chemicals for work application
 - Drive trucks or other vehicles to or at work sites
 - Maintain equipment or systems to ensure proper functioning
 - Treat facilities to eliminate pests

Source: This information is based on O*NET™ data.

JOB STATISTICS':



Typical Wage Range \$24,510 - \$35,110



Projected Growth 4,888/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State 30,100



Required Education

Typically Requires None



Work Experience

Typically Requires None



On-the-Job Training

Short-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
- Trident
- Upstate

- · Waccamaw
- Greenville
- · Pee Dee

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

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

- The Budd Group
- ServiceMaster Clean
- SEJ Services

- Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc.
- Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS*:

- Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment
- Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
- Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers
- Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners

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

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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**.