



Tandy Lockett - 43

“ Making jewelry started as a hobby. I could visit my local Goodwill for old jewelry and craft stores for supplies to make some really cool pieces. I got so many compliments in high school that I started selling my work. I was like a walking mannequin. I would walk into school with a pair of earrings on and walk out with cash in my pocket. I started working part-time for a local jeweler my senior year and learned how to engrave names and initials onto rings. Later, I learned how to restring pearls, which was exciting to know I was restoring antique family heirlooms that had so much history. Working under an experienced jeweler over the next several years, I gained experience listening carefully to clients and sketching their ideas. In time, I discovered how to create these one-of-a-kind pieces of art. It's easier now with computer software, but I still primarily use traditional sketching. Today, I still produce my own pieces and sell them at local galleries. It's an amazing job, and I am very fortunate to be in this creative field. ”

Occupation:

Jeweler

Salary:

\$46,972

Education:

High School Diploma
or Equivalent

Job Description:

Jewelers and Precious Stone and Metal Workers design, fabricate, adjust, repair, or appraise jewelry, gold, silver, other precious metals, or gems.*



Job Description:

SOC Code: 51-9071

Top Job Skills:

- Customer service
- Jewelry repair
- Performing channel and platinum rebuilds
- Re-tipping prongs
- Stone setting

General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
 - Select production input materials
 - Estimate costs of products, services, or materials
- Information Input
 - Measure dimensions of completed products or workpieces to verify conformance to specifications
 - Measure ingredients or substances to be used in production processes
- Work Output
 - Align parts or workpieces to ensure proper assembly
 - Polish materials, workpieces, or finished products
 - Smooth metal surfaces or edges
 - Repair precision devices or workpieces
 - Solder parts or workpieces
 - Cut industrial materials in preparation for fabrication or processing
 - Build production molds

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

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JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range

\$31,850 - \$52,880



Projected Growth

50/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

160



Required Education

High School Diploma or Equivalent



Work Experience

Typically Requires None



On-the-Job Training

Long-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
- Greenville
- Midlands

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

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- Signet Jewelers
- ZF Friedrichshafen AG

RELATED OCCUPATIONS:

- Etchers and Engravers
- Gem and Diamond Workers
- Grinding and Polishing Workers, Hand
- Molders, Shapers, and Casters, Except Metal and Plastic
- Stone Cutters and Carvers, Manufacturing

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