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Print press operating is a lot of work. There is a lot of responsibility for the machinery, and it requires a keen eye for detail. Since starting this trade, I always made sure that I went into each project with a fresh lens. I'm a stickler for precisely following job orders and closely monitoring the quality of each press run.

The job can even be a little bit like a gaming app. I can run multiple machines at one time, race to box one order while monitoring two other orders coming off the press, and then try to time the set-up of the next job before another job ends on a different machine. Sometimes, we get projects as large as 50,000 copies and some as small as a few hundred, but I enjoy keeping up with the machines and operating the press. The hustle and bustle of it is worth it because I want the quality and visuals to match up with our client's expectations.

Occupation:

Printing Press
Operator

Salary:

\$44,028

Education:

High School Diploma
or Equivalent

Job Description:

Printing Press Operators set up and operate digital, letterpress, lithographic, flexographic, gravure, or other printing machines. Includes short-run offset printing presses.*

*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: 51-5112

Top Job Skills:

- Bookkeeping
- Inventory control
- Performance appraisals
- Stand for long periods of time
- Able to work in a team environment

General Work Activities:

- Information Input
 - Inspected printed materials or other images to verify quality
 - Read work orders or other instructions to determine product specifications or materials requirements
 - Review blueprints or other instructions in order to determine operational methods or sequences
 - Monitor equipment operation to ensure proper functioning
- Work Output
 - Adjust equipment controls to regulate flow of production materials or products
 - Collect samples of materials or products for testing
 - Feed materials or products into or through equipment
 - Mount materials or workpieces onto production equipment
 - Clean production equipment
 - Install mechanical components in production equipment
 - Mix ingredients to create specific finishes

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

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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](https://www.o*net.org).

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JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range
\$29,820 - \$47,630



Projected Growth
208/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State
1,910



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.

- Worklink
- Greenville
- Midlands
- Upstate
- Upper Savannah
- 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.

- Bob Jones University
- First Quality Enterprises, Inc.
- Sealed Air
- Richland County School District One

RELATED OCCUPATIONS*:

- Adhesive Bonding Machine Operators and Tenders
- Prepress Technicians and Workers
- Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic

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