



Clifford Stephens - 56

“ Believe it or not, I first had the idea that I might be good at this back when my high school football team volunteered to pack food donation boxes. I kept repacking boxes so everything fit well and checking each one to make sure it had the correct assortment of items for each family.

Our coach joked that I was “Mr. Quality Control.” He praised my attention to detail. A few months before graduation, I saw an ad for a job at a bottling plant in quality control and I was so happy to get it. My coach was right. I love putting my natural talent to work making sure that our products don’t have defects or deviations that are outside of what’s in our specification’s standard. The company gives us on-the-job training, so we know exactly what to do. With so many manufacturing plants in South Carolina, there are a lot of opportunities for people interested in this field. ”

Occupation:

Quality Control Inspector

Salary:

\$71,200

Education:

High School Diploma or Equivalent

Job Description:

Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers inspect, test, sort, sample, or weigh processed, machined, fabricated, or assembled parts or products or nonagricultural raw materials for defects, wear, and deviations from specifications. May use precision measuring instruments and complex test equipment.*



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Job Description:

SOC Code: 51-9061

Top Job Skills:

- Customer service
- Root cause analysis
- Record keeping
- Regulatory compliance
- Stand for extended periods of time

General Work Activities:

- Interacting With Others
 - Advise others on ways to improve processes or products
- Information Input
 - Mark products, workpieces, or equipment with identifying information
 - Measure dimensions of completed products or workpieces to verify conformance to specifications
 - Monitor equipment operation to ensure proper functioning
 - Read work orders or other instructions to determine product specifications or materials requirements
 - Test chemical or physical characteristics of materials or products
 - Monitor equipment operation to ensure that products are not flawed
- Work Output
 - Record operational or production data
 - Clean production equipment

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.onet.org).

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JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range

\$36,290 - \$52,820



Projected Growth

1,864/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

14,650



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
- Trident
- Upstate
- Greenville
- Worklink
- Catawba

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

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- Food Lion
- Schneider Electric
- TRIGO Group
- American Business Solutions, Inc.
- Vertiv Group Corporation

RELATED OCCUPATIONS:

- Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers
- Industrial Machinery Mechanics
- Calibration Technologists and Technicians
- Machine Feeders and Offbearers

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2024.