

Management - Production and Inventory

Production and inventory management play a critical role in the success of the food and beverage, consumer goods, and industrial manufacturing sectors. As these industries continue to grow, they offer a range of opportunities for both new and experienced operations specialists to apply their expertise. Production involves transforming raw materials (inputs) into finished goods or services (outputs) by adding economic value. This process includes the procurement, allocation, and efficient use of resources to deliver products in the most cost-effective and timely manner.



Production management involves the effective planning and control of production processes to create value for customers. Inventory, which includes raw materials, work-in-process items, and finished goods, is one of the most critical assets for many businesses. Inventory management focuses on overseeing the ordering, storage, and use of materials for production, as well as managing finished product quantities available for sale.

Average Salary & Trajectory*

Source: Job Search Tech

Entry-Level

\$69,000 annually

- Materials Planner
- Production Scheduler
- Buyer/Planner
- Manufacturing Associate
- Operations Coordinator

Mid-Level

\$87,000 annually

- Materials Manager
- Inventory Analyst
- Production Supervisor
- Logistics Analyst
- Supply Chain Analyst

Senior-Level

\$153,000 annually

- Director of Manufacturing
- Production Manager
- Supply Chain Manager
- Director of Operations

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Visit O*Net Online to explore the sample roles in production and inventory. The database provides career exploration tools to the public at no cost and is continually updated by surveying a broad range of workers from each occupation. Learn about the knowledge, skills, tasks, and activities required for each occupation, as well as median wages and employment trends reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and other federal agencies.

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Refer to the sample job titles listed in the
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O*Net Keywords:

- Production
- Supply
- Logistics
- Manufacturing

Roles:

- General and Operations Manager
- Industrial Production Manager
- Transportation Manager

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Skills/Experience Suggested:

- Effective communication
- Interpersonal and relationship-building skills
- Excellent planning, organizational and time management
- Analytical and problem solving with logical and systemic approach to issues
- Strong critical thinking and teamwork

Advanced Degrees:

- Master Operations Management
- Master Supply Chain Management
- MBA Supply Chain Management
- PhD in Supply Chain Management

Professional Associations:

- APICS Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM)
- APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)
- APICS Certified Fellow in Production and Inventory Management (CFPIM)

Professional Associations:

- American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS)
- Institute for Supply Management (ISM)
- Production and Operations Management Society (POMS)
- Warehousing Education and Research Council (WERC)
- Association for Operations and Supply Chain Management (AOSM)

Industry Research & Tools:

- [Bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov)
- [Zippia.com/production-and-inventory-control-manager-jobs/](https://zippia.com/production-and-inventory-control-manager-jobs/)
- [What Can I Do with this Major](#)— accessible through Career Services website

Job & Internship Search Sites:

- [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com)
- [LinkedIn.com](https://www.linkedin.com)
- [Fullerton.joinhandshake.com](https://fullerton.joinhandshake.com)
- [Titan Connection](https://www.titanconnection.com)
- [Fullerton.Vault.com](https://fullerton.vault.com)
- [Zippia.com](https://zippia.com)

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