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Summary

Environmental and Water/Wastewater Engineers Career Video



Quick Facts: Environmental Engineers

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| 2024 Median Pay | \$104,170 per year \$50.08 per hour |
| Typical Entry-Level Education | Bachelor's degree |
| Work Experience in a Related Occupation | None |
| On-the-job Training | None |
| Number of Jobs, 2023 | 41,300 |
| Job Outlook, 2023-33 | 7% (Faster than average) |
| Employment Change, 2023-33 | 2,900 |

[What Environmental Engineers Do](#)

Environmental engineers use engineering disciplines in developing solutions to problems of planetary health.

[Work Environment](#)

Environmental engineers work both in an office setting and in the field. Most work full time, and some work more than 40 hours per week.

[How to Become an Environmental Engineer](#)

Environmental engineers typically need a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering or a related field, such as civil, chemical, or general engineering. Some employers prefer to hire candidates who have gained practical experience in an internship or a cooperative education program.

[Pay](#)

The median annual wage for environmental engineers was \$104,170 in May 2024.

[Job Outlook](#)

Employment of environmental engineers is projected to grow 7 percent from 2023 to 2033, faster than the average for all occupations.

About 3,000 openings for environmental engineers are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.

[State & Area Data](#)

Explore resources for employment and wages by state and area for environmental engineers.

[Similar Occupations](#)

Compare the job duties, education, job growth, and pay of environmental engineers with similar occupations.

[More Information, Including Links to O*NET](#)

Learn more about environmental engineers by visiting additional resources, including O*NET, a source on key characteristics of workers and occupations.

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