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Labor Department Publication Assists Jobseekers By Providing Insight into Middle-Skills Jobs

WETHERSFIELD, July 19, 2017 – A Connecticut Department of Labor publication detailing job titles, job descriptions, employment and job openings, wage data, educational and on-the-job training requirements is now available to those seeking employment in middle-skills career fields.

Produced by the agency's Office of Research, *Connecticut's Manufacturing and Other Middle-skills Jobs* provides the opportunity to explore more than 30 jobs and potential careers, including carpenters, dental hygienists, industrial engineering technicians, mechanical drafters, paralegals, legal assistants, tool and die makers and web developers.

Carpenters, for example, can earn a starting wage of \$18.63, an average wage of \$26.21, and should expect a wage range of \$16.92 to \$37.13. Data for mechanical drafters show wages start at \$24.05 an hour, average \$30.64, and individuals are likely to earn a hourly wage between \$22.14 and \$44.02.

"Our goal is to give jobseekers an idea of the skills needs, wages they can expect to receive, and the related jobs within that occupational title," explains Office of Research Director Andy Condon. "For anyone considering a career in any of these occupations, this publication will serve as a very useful tool."

Connecticut areas and industries with the most job postings and related jobs for each occupation are also included in the publication. The guide can now be accessed online at:
<https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/CTManufacturingJobs.asp>.

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