

Landscapers/Groundskeepers



Occupational Profile

WHAT THEY DO

Landscapers and maintains gardens, lawns, and grounds of public or private property. Belongs to the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources cluster and Plant Systems pathway.



SKILLS YOU NEED

Basic Skills:

- Reading Comprehension
- Active Listening
- Speaking

Transferable Skills (applicable in other careers):

High level

- Growing and harvesting plants
- Operating agricultural machinery
- Using simple hand and power tools

Medium level

- Designing and arranging objects
- Following spoken instructions

Workplace Skills:

Medium level

- Operation and Control

Additional skills for this occupation may be found at <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/career/exploration-resources>

IS THIS FOR YOU?

Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model) by people who tend to succeed in this career:

- **Realistic** – You are a "doer". You like physical activities and projects. You like to find the answers to problems by doing hands-on work instead of talking about solutions.
- **Conventional**—You are an "organizer". Keeping things neat and organized is important to you. You like working with charts and report, and work well with power and authority.

Aptitudes reflect a person's ability to acquire skills and knowledge. The following aptitudes are important for success in the career:

- **General Learning Ability**
- **Spatial perception**
- **Manual Dexterity**

Source: <https://secure.ihaveaplaniowa.gov/>



ESTIMATED & PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT

Occupational Title	2012 Estimated Employment	2022 Projected Employment	2012-22 Employment Change	Annual Growth Rate (%)	Total Annual Openings
Total, All Occupations	1,758,205	1,955,480	197,275	1.1	61,665
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance Occupations	59,645	68,480	8,835	1.5	2,115
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	11,375	13,380	2,000	1.8	485

Source: <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections-0>

2015 WAGE & SALARY (\$)

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Average Salary	Entry Wage	Entry Salary	Experienced Wage	Experienced Salary
Total, All Occupations	19.77	41,122	9.55	19,858	24.88	51,755
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance Occupations	12.19	25,365	8.23	17,110	14.18	29,493
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	12.64	26,297	8.67	18,035	14.63	30,428

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Education	Work Experience	Job Training
< High School Diploma	None	Short-Term On-The-Job

There usually are no minimum educational requirements for entry-level positions in grounds maintenance. In 2006, most workers had a high school education or less. Short-term, on-the-job training generally is sufficient to teach new hires how to operate equipment such as mowers, trimmers, leaf blowers, and small tractors and to follow correct safety procedures. Approved apprenticeship programs/sponsors in Iowa can be found at

http://access.bridges.com/ext/cp/custom_state_data/iowa_apprenticeship/3730112.htm

Source: <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections-0> and <https://secure.ihaveaplaniowa.gov/>

NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC)

Skill	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	3
Locating Information	4
Reading for Information	3



This ACT-developed credential demonstrates achievement and a certain level of workplace employability skills. The greater the score, the greater the skill level (Bronze = 3, Silver = 4, Gold = 5, Platinum = 6).

Source: <http://www.act.org/workkeys/analysis/occup.html>

PRIMARY INDUSTRY SECTORS

(Where are Farm Crop Workers Employed?)

Self Employed
 Administrative and Support
 Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation
 Local Government
 Agriculture
 Educational Services
 Accommodation
 Civic and Professional Organizations
 Real Estate

ADDITIONAL SOURCES:

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