

# Quality food systems jobs are critical to improving Michigan's communities and the economy.

Almost 400,000 people are employed across five sectors in Michigan's food system.



More than a quarter of a million people are employed in food retail with median earnings less than \$10/hour.

## Through 2023, the jobs with the highest projected growth include:



1. Meat, poultry and fish cutters and trimmers (avg. earnings \$12.78/hour)
2. Laborers and freight, stock and material movers (avg. earnings \$13.41/hour)
3. Industrial truck and tractor operations (avg. earnings \$16.03/hour)
4. Cooks, Institutions and cafeteria (avg. earnings \$13.06/hour)
5. Heavy and tractor trailer truck drivers (avg. earnings \$18.89/hour)



Michigan **food systems salaries are increasing** faster than other industry salaries in the state.



A single adult needs to earn \$21,036/year or \$10.52/hour and a family of four needs to earn \$61,272/year or \$30.64/hour to make ends meet.

Source: Michigan Association of United Ways. (2019). ALICE in Michigan: A Financial hardship study. 2019 Michigan Report.

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*A scan of jobs in Michigan's food systems: employment, wages, the future, and more*

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