

## Transportation Technician Careers –

Not just a career, but a lifestyle

A career as a transportation technician is a great choice. Skilled trades of all kinds are in more demand than they have ever been, and transportation technicians are one of the most highly sought after. They earn a good, solid income and it is a job than can never be outsourced to another country, and will not be replaced by computers or other types of automation.

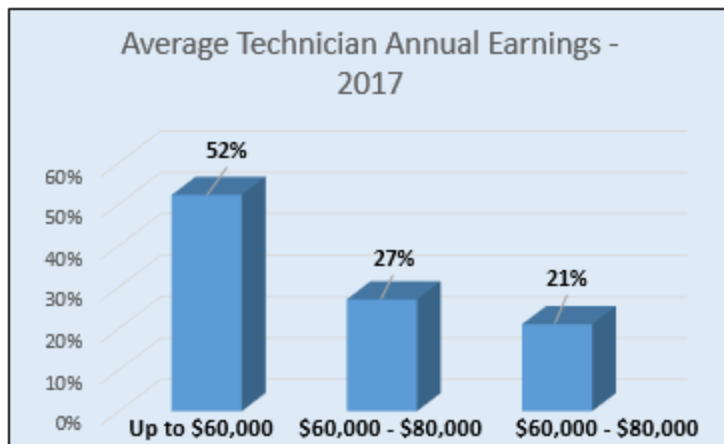
### HARDEST JOBS TO FILL IN 2016

1. Skilled Trades
2. Drivers
3. Sales Representatives
4. Teachers
5. Restaurant & Hotel Staff
6. Accounting & Finance Staff
7. Nurses
8. Laborers
9. Engineers
10. Technicians

**Source:** 2016 Talent Shortage Survey  
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But beyond that, a career as a transportation technician quite often evolves into an entire lifestyle. Just walk through any shop in the country and stop to ask the techs what they do in their free time for fun. More than likely, their eyes will light up and they will start telling you about the dune buggy they are building, or the fishing boat they just bought. Maybe it's quads for the entire family that they tow out to the desert every weekend with their motor home. It could be a motorcycle or a speedboat or any number of things.

You might ask what the reason is for the popularity of these hobbies, and this lifestyle for techs. Well, it turns out that for many techs, the satisfaction and sense of accomplishment that comes from working with their hands, analyzing, repairing and building things carries over from their job to their recreational interests. Those same skills that they employ day in and day out at work come into play whether it's restoring that antique motorcycle or building a new deck and entertainment area on the back of the house. It is the innate satisfaction of learning with and through your hands that comes so naturally to them. The juices of creativity begin flowing, and nothing provides a greater sense of fulfillment.



The other reason that this kind of active, outdoor lifestyle is so popular with techs is that they are likely able to support it financially. Why is that? It is because transportation technicians earn a good, respectable middle-class income. According to a recent industry survey conducted by the ASE Training Managers Council, the average annual technician salary in the industry was right at \$60,000. Additionally, almost 21% of those surveyed made over \$80,000.

So when you think of a technician career and the many benefits it carries with it, don't forget about the whole package. It may just come along with the active, outdoor recreational lifestyle that can be so enjoyable and fulfilling!