

Table 2: Chemical Equipment Operators - Statewide Employment Statistics

| BLS Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Title | Estimated 2002 Employment | Projected Average Annual Openings: 2002-2012 | Projected Average Annual Growth: 2002-2012 | Average Hourly Wage: 2005 |
|---|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders | 1,334 | 43 | -1.7% | \$22.79 |
| Separating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitating, and Still Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 172 | 6 | -0.8% | \$21.22 |

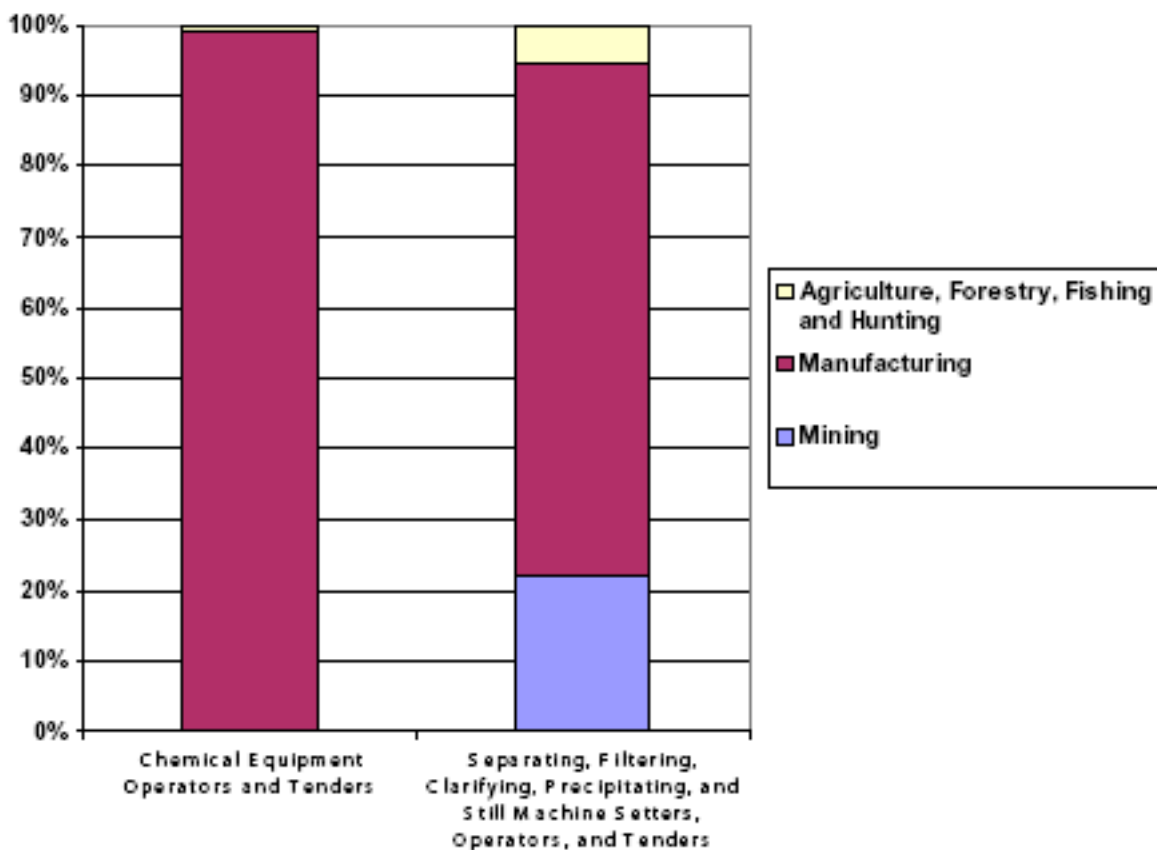


Figure 2: Chemical Equipment Operators - Employment by Industry



Figure 3: Chemical Equipment Operators - 2002-2012 Average Annual Openings by WIA