

# What types of jobs are available?

## The fuel and petrochemical industries have job opportunities for everyone

Whether you have a high school diploma or a Ph.D., the fuel and petrochemical industries are hiring for a range of opportunities including: skilled craft professionals like electricians and heavy equipment operators; technical professionals like chemists, physicists and mechanical, electrical, civil and chemical engineers; administrative personnel; IT and cyber security experts; and nearly anything else you can think of – drivers, security professionals, sales and marketing, etc.

## Jobs in these industries offer competitive salaries and benefits

More than jobs, these are well paying careers with great benefits, and lots of opportunities for professional growth and advancement. The average annual salary in the refinery industry is \$111,542<sup>1</sup> and the average annual salary in the chemical industry is nearly \$93,000.<sup>2</sup> This is more than twice the national average.<sup>3</sup>

## Employment opportunities are all over the country

In the U.S., the fuel and petrochemical industries have job opportunities across the country. The top industry states include Texas, California, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, and Illinois.

## There are a range of programs to help jump start your career

While not required for every job, a two-year associate degree or four-year bachelor's degree is a great way to get started and there are a number of scholarships for people interested in the industry. There are also certificate programs for skilled professionals like welders and electricians. And, because we highly value the experiences and skills veterans bring to the job, many companies in our industry partner with veteran hiring programs to match skills and identify qualified candidates.

## Did you know?

America's fuel and petrochemical industries directly and indirectly support more than 5.5 million people.

<sup>1</sup> American Petroleum Institute State of American Energy Report 2014

<sup>2</sup> [https://chemistrymatters.com/chemistrymatters/2015\\_Business\\_of\\_Chemistry\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_final.pdf](https://chemistrymatters.com/chemistrymatters/2015_Business_of_Chemistry_Fact_Sheet_final.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> IMPLAN and Bureau of Economic Analysis; employment and economic data for 2013