

Supply Chain Analyst

Figure out how products get from a factory to a shelf, and how to do it cheaper and faster.

TYPICAL PAY

\$61,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$45k to \$93k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

2 to 4 years

after high school

DEMAND

Limited

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

**Manufacturers, retailers,
distribution centres, hospitals, co...**

How you get there

- 1 High school diploma** Grade 12
 Math and business courses matter most. Get comfortable with spreadsheets early.
- 2 College diploma or university degree** 2 to 4 years
 A 2-year business or supply chain diploma is enough for many coordinator jobs. A 4-year business, commerce or engineering degree opens analyst roles at bigger companies.
- 3 Co-op or first job** During or right after school
 Start as a logistics coordinator, inventory clerk or purchasing assistant. Co-op terms during school are the easiest way in.
- 4 Analyst role** 1 to 3 years
 After 1 to 3 years you move into forecasting, inventory analysis or planning.
- 5 Designation (optional)** 2 to 4 years, part time
 The SCMP (Supply Chain Management Professional) from Supply Chain Canada needs 8 modules, 6 workshops and at least 3 years of work experience.

Pros and cons

- + Short, affordable education
- + Every industry needs it: food, cars, hospitals, retail
- + Clear ladder into planning and management
- Job Bank rates the outlook limited in Ontario, Quebec and BC right now
- Lots of spreadsheet time and repetitive data cleanup
- When shipments fail, the stress lands on you

Optional boosts

SCMP (Supply Chain Management Professional). CPIM (Certified in Planning and Inventory Management) or CSCP (Certified Supply Chain Professional). Data skills. ERP (enterprise resource planning) software.

Good to know

Canada is a trading country

Most of what Canada sells abroad goes by truck, rail or ship to the US, and most of it crosses at a handful of border points. A small delay at one bridge can back up factories across Ontario within a day.

The designation needs a residency

The SCMP (Supply Chain Management Professional) program ends with a Leadership Residency and a final exam built on a case study. You need an overall grade of 60% to earn the letters.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Supply chain coordinators (production), wages (updated Nov 2025)

Job Bank: Supply chain coordinators, employment requirements

Supply Chain Canada: SCMP designation

Conestoga College: Supply Chain Management, Global (graduate certificate)

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in Canadian dollars, based on Government of Canada Job Bank wage data and published salary grids. They vary by province, employer and experience. Tuition is for domestic students. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/ca/careers/supply-chain-analyst>



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