

Logistics Coordinator

Keep freight, trucks and warehouses moving, and fix it when they stop.

TYPICAL PAY

\$107,230

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$65k to \$195k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

up to 4 years

after high school

DEMAND

Very high

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

**Warehouses, distribution centers,
ports, trucking offices**

How you get there

- 1 High school diploma** Grade 12
Math and computer classes. Get genuinely good at spreadsheets, which is not a joke in this field.
- 2 Pick your entry** Right after school
Either take a warehouse, dispatch or customer service job now and learn the operation from inside, or go to college for a supply chain or business degree first.
- 3 Get the degree if you are going that way** 2 to 4 years
A two-year associate degree in logistics or a four-year bachelor's in supply chain management. Internships during it matter more than your grades.
- 4 First coordinator role** 1 to 3 years
Scheduling trucks, booking freight, chasing shipments, entering orders. Learn one operation properly before you try to run one.
- 5 Certify and move up** 3 to 8 years in
Add a supply chain credential, take on a bigger site, then a manager title.

Pros and cons

- + You can enter without a degree and still reach six figures
- + Every industry in the country needs this skill
- + Visible results: things arrive or they do not, and you know which
- The starting pay is far below the survey median for the group
- Constant interruption and other people's emergencies
- Early starts, and peak season before the holidays is brutal

Optional boosts

Certified in Planning and Inventory Management. Certified Supply Chain Professional. Certified in Logistics, Transportation and Distribution. Six Sigma training.

Good to know

A steel box changed the world

Standard shipping containers arrived in the 1950s and collapsed the cost of moving goods between countries. Nearly everything in your room travelled inside one. The whole modern logistics job exists bec...

2021 made this job famous

When dozens of container ships queued off Los Angeles and Long Beach waiting to unload, supply chain became a phrase on the evening news. Pay and hiring in the field jumped, and university suppl...

Where these numbers come from

My Next Move: Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers (11-3071.00)
Association for Supply Chain Management: certifications and credentials
Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals
Federal Student Aid

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in United States dollars, based on Bureau of Labor Statistics wage data and published pay scales. They vary by state, employer and experience. Tuition is for in-state students at public schools unless the card says otherwise. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/us/careers/logistics-coordinator>



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