

Purchasing Manager

Nature of Work

A purchasing manager plans, directs, or coordinates the activities of buyers, purchasing officers, and related workers involved in purchasing materials, products, and services.

Education and Training

Most purchasing manager positions, especially with larger firms, require a bachelor's degree in business, accounting, economics, or a related field. Some employers may prefer candidates with advanced degrees, such as an MBA, or work experience, which can be obtained through summer employment or internships while pursuing a bachelor's degree.

Wages (Average, State of Oregon, 2013)

- **Hourly:** \$43.57
- **Annual:** \$90,629