

6641 Food Counter Attendants, Kitchen Helpers and Related

Workers in this unit group include counter attendants, food preparers, kitchen helpers, food service helpers and dishwashers. Counter attendants and food preparers prepare, heat and finish cooking simple food items and serve customers at food counters. Kitchen helpers, food service helpers and dishwashers clear tables, clean kitchen areas, wash dishes, and perform various other activities to assist workers who prepare or serve food and beverages. They are employed by restaurants, cafes, hotels, fast food outlets, cafeterias, hospitals and other establishments.

Example Titles

Bartender Helper
Bus boy/girl
Cook's Helper
Counter Attendant, Cafeteria
Dishwasher
Fast-Food Preparer
Food Counter Attendant
Food Preparer
Food Service Helper
Ice Cream Counter Attendant
Kitchen Helper
Salad Bar Attendant
Sandwich Maker

Main duties

Food service counter attendants and food preparers perform some or all of the following duties:

Take customers' orders

Clean, peel, slice and trim foodstuffs using manual and electric appliances

Prepare food such as sandwiches, hamburgers, salads, milkshakes and ice cream dishes

Portion and wrap food or place it directly on plates for service to patrons, and package takeout food

Serve customers at counters or buffet tables

Stock refrigerators and salad bars and keep records of the quantities of food used

May receive payment for food items purchased.

Kitchen helpers perform some or all of the following duties:

Wash and peel vegetables and fruit

Wash work tables, cupboards and appliances

Remove trash and clear kitchen garbage containers

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Unpack and store supplies in refrigerators, cupboards and other storage areas
Sweep and mop floors, and perform other duties to assist cook and kitchen staff.

Food service helpers perform some or all of the following duties:

Clear and clean tables and trays in eating establishments

Bring clean dishes, flatware and other items to serving areas and set tables

Replenish condiments and other supplies at tables and in serving areas

Remove dishes before and after courses

Perform other duties such as scraping and stacking dishes, carrying linen to and from laundry area and running errands.

Dishwashers perform some or all of the following duties:

Wash dishes, glassware, flatware, pots and pans using dishwasher or by hand

Place dishes in storage area

Scour pots and pans, and may clean and polish silverware.

Employment requirements

Some secondary school education is usually required.

On-the-job training is provided.

Additional information

There is considerable mobility among jobs in this unit group.

Movement into other occupations within food preparation and service, such as cook or waiter, is possible with further training and experience.

Classified elsewhere

Chefs (6241)

Cooks (6242)

Food and Beverage Servers (6453)

Street Food Vendors (in 6623 Other Elemental Sales Occupations)

Airline Food Assembler

Attendant, Cafeteria-Buffer

Attendant, Food Service Counter

Attendant, Take-Out - Fast Food

Bar Helper

Bartender Helper

Bus boy/girl

Cafeteria Counter Attendant

Cafeteria Helper

Cafeteria-Buffer Attendant

Camp Cook`s Helper

Camp Lunchroom Attendant

Caterer Helper

Cooke

Fast-food Preparer

Fast-food Service Attendant

Fish and Chips Preparer

Food and Beverage Service Runner

Assistant

Food Assembler - Fast Food

Food Counter Attendant

Food Preparer

Food Service Attendant

Food Service Counter Attendant

Food Service Helper

Fountain Attendant

Helper, Bar

Hospital Meal Attendant

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Cook`s Helper	Ice Cream Counter Attendant
Cook`s Helper, Camp	Kitchen Helper
Counter Attendant - Food Service	Logging Camp Cookee
Counter Attendant, Aafeteria	Lunchroom Counter Attendant
Counter Attendant, Lunchroom	Lunchroom Counterwoman/woman
Counter Attendant, Restaurant	Meal Attendant, Hospital
Dessert Maker	Pot Washer
Dessert Preparer	Restaurant Counter Attendant
Dietary Aide	Salad and Sandwich Maker
Dining Room Assistant	Salad Bar Attendant
Dining Room Attendant	Salad Maker
Dishwasher	Sandwich Maker
Dishwashing Machine Attendant	Sandwich, Salad and Dessert Maker
Donut Shop Attendant	Silverware Cleaner
Donut Shop Clerk	Snack Bar Attendant
Donut Shop Counter Clerk	Soda Fountain Attendant
Doughnut Shop Attendant	Steam Table Attendant - Food Services
Doughnut Shop Clerk	Take-Out Attendant - Fast Food
Doughnut Shop Counter Clerk	Tray Carrier Attendant, Hospital
Drive-in Food Service Attendant	Tray Carrier, Hospital

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