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## Lesson 4

## Working in the Natural Gas and Oil Industry

America's natural gas and oil industry supports 9 million U.S. jobs and adds more than \$1 trillion to the national economy each year. It is estimated that by investing in more domestic natural gas and oil production, a million new jobs could be created over the next decade.

Oklahoma's abundance of natural gas reserves gives our state a significant economic advantage by playing a vital role in creating quality jobs. Additionally, natural gas is an essential ingredient in many of our nation's industries such as the production of steel, chemicals, plastics and more. With companies using natural gas for manufacturing and production, billions of dollars are being spent on new investments, creating many new jobs along the way throughout the United States.

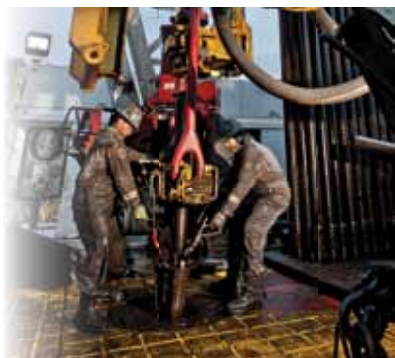
**The average income for workers in the natural gas and oil industry is \$107,000.**

Employees in the natural gas and oil industry come from a variety of backgrounds and work in a wide variety of jobs. In an industry this large, the employment possibilities are endless!

### Here is one employee's story:

*"As a student of history, I always understood the role that energy plays on the world stage. I also knew that the natural gas and oil industries would play an especially important role in my lifetime here in the United States as we seek to continue to decrease our dependence on foreign oil. This industry provides great opportunities for those willing to work hard alongside great people while serving our local economy in Oklahoma and meeting the challenges we face as a nation in regards to energy."*

**- Jordan Brandenburg, Landman**



### Activity:

Think about the type of job you would like to have when you grow up. Make a list of all of jobs you are interested in. Consider the type of work you would like to do and what type of training you will need to qualify for the job. Do you need to go to college or can you begin working out of high school?

Now, research the different jobs available within the natural gas and oil industry. Are any of these jobs similar to the ones you wrote down on your list? In doing your research, did you learn about a new job in the natural gas and oil industry that you would be interested in?

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