

Chefs & Head Cooks



Hospitality and
Tourism

Also called: Banquet Chef, Certified Executive Chef, Cook, Executive Chef, Head Cook, Line Cook

What they do:

Direct and may participate in the preparation, seasoning, and cooking of salads, soups, fish, meats, vegetables, desserts, or other foods. May plan and price menu items, order supplies, and keep records and accounts.

On the job, you would:

- Check the quality of raw or cooked food products to ensure that standards are met
- Instruct cooks or other workers in the preparation, cooking, garnishing, or presentation of food.
- Supervise or coordinate activities of cooks or workers engaged in food preparation
- Monitor sanitation practices to ensure that employees follow standards and regulations

Knowledge

Manufactured or Agricultural Goods

- food production
- manufacture and distribution of products

Business

- customer service
- management

Education and Training

- teaching and course design

Personality

People interested in this work like activities that include **leading, making decisions, and business.**

They do well at jobs that need:

- **Dependability**
- **Attention to Detail**
- **Adaptability/Flexibility**
- **Stress Tolerance**
- **Integrity**
- **Initiative**

Wages

\$ 22.52
Per Hour
46,845
Per Year

Skills

Basic Skills

- keeping track of how well people and/or groups are doing in order to make improvements
- talking to others

Social

- changing what is done based on other people's actions
- understanding people's reactions

Resource Management

- managing your time and the time of other people
- selecting and managing the best workers for a job

Technology

You might use software like this on the job:

Database use interface and query software

- Barrington Software CookenPro Commercial
- CostGuard software

Analytical or Scientific Software

- Food Software.com IPro Restaurant Inventory, Recipe & Menu Software
- GNOME Gnutrition

Spreadsheet Software

- Microsoft Excel

Abilities

Verbal Communication

- ability to listen and understand
- ability to communicate by speaking

Ideas & Logic

- notice when problems happen
- use rules to solve problems

Math

- add, subtract, multiply, or divide
- choose the right type of math to solve a problem

Hand & Finger Use

- hold or move items with your hands

Education



High school diploma or equivalent + 5 or more years work experience

Job Outlook

13 Annual Openings
H² High Wage, Demand Occupation