



STUDENT ACTIVATION



Logistics Center Manager



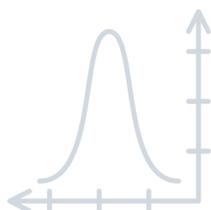
OVERVIEW

Logistics center managers are highly organized, multi-tasking, problem-solving, leadership-oriented professionals. They combine management skills with knowledge of how to analyze transportation and product storage data to make the movement of goods as efficient as possible. Logistics center managers work onsite at logistics centers. These are regional facilities owned by manufacturing companies that might include warehouses, repair depots, and transportation hubs. Logistics center managers ensure that manufactured goods, machines, engines, and parts, are transported to customers on time. They are responsible for overseeing product distribution processes. These include receiving and storing goods; assembling product kits; filling orders; packaging; inspection and quality control; counting inventory; and making warranty decisions on defective products. Logistics center managers are involved in managing operations at logistics centers, including hiring and training staff; purchasing equipment and vehicles; and ensuring the facility's safety. They prepare budgets, write reports, and evaluate operations for maximum efficiency.



EVALUATE YOUR INTEREST

- I love planning and organizing complicated projects and events.
- I am energetic and welcome the opportunity to thrive in a fast-paced, deadline-driven workplace.
- I am a strong communicator and work well with others. I am customer-service oriented and get satisfaction from helping others solve problems and get what they need.
- I enjoy bringing people together from different areas of expertise with different strengths.
- I am a problem-solver. I have a knack for asking smart questions that help others identify problems and issues. I work with others to formulate solutions to problems.



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- I am highly organized and can keep track of several projects at once, each with many moving parts. I am a stickler about maintaining records that are 100% accurate.
- I am reflective and learn from mistakes to make projects more efficient each time they are completed.

CAREER CONNECTION

How does this career affect me?	What are some other similar careers?	How does this career affect the world?
<p>All of the manufactured goods you enjoy every day—including foods you eat, devices you communicate with, and vehicles that drive you around—arrive at your doorstep as a result of highly complex transportation processes that begin at factories. These processes involve moving goods from place to place, storing them at logistics “centers,” assembling parts, and making repairs when needed. Widely available goods would not be affordable to most consumers unless they were produced and transported with a minimum of costs in dollars, time, and labor. Logistics center managers make sure goods are transported efficiently so business firms can offer them at affordable prices to their customers, including you.</p>	<p>Logistics center managers work in almost every industry that requires the transport of manufactured goods from factories to the marketplace.</p> <p>Cost estimators gather and analyze information to determine the resources required to produce goods and services. Resources include time, money, materials, and human capital.</p> <p>Industrial production managers plan and oversee operations in plants that mass produce just about any goods you can think of, ranging from food products and automobiles to digital devices and clothing.</p> <p>Industrial engineers design systems for integrating labor, machines, resources, and energy to manufacture goods and provide services.</p> <p>Management analysts figure out ways to improve a business organization's overall efficiency.</p> <p>Quality control inspectors inspect products to identify defects or departures from manufacturing specifications.</p>	<p>The world is an increasingly interconnected place. The goods and services people utilize on a daily basis, from automobiles to digital devices to the foods they eat, are often the product of resources that come from many different locations all over the globe. As a result of globalization, processes for delivering manufactured goods to consumers is becoming more and more complex. Skilled logistics center managers are needed to bring resources together to make sure products are transported efficiently from plant to customer. Efficient transportation means a higher quality of life as goods and services that were once unattainable become affordable to the average person.</p>



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TAKE ACTION

- Help to plan a family celebration, such as a holiday dinner, a vacation, or a family reunion. In doing so, ask yourself these questions: What smaller tasks need to be completed to ensure the celebration comes together successfully? In what order should these tasks be completed? Which family members are best for performing these tasks? Does anyone else need to be brought in to help? What goods and services need to be acquired? After the celebration, reflect on how the planning process might be improved next time.
- Select a good or service you utilize on a daily basis, such as your favorite snack, a digital device, or an article of clothing. Conduct research to address these questions: What parts and resources are involved in the assembly of the item? Where do they come from? Where is the good assembled? How do parts and resources for producing the good get from their origin to the factory? Once the good is manufactured, how does it end up at the retail facility where you can purchase it? Are there any characteristics of the item that present challenges for transporting it? How does the manufacturer address these challenges? Consider conducting an interview with a logistics manager who is involved in the industry you selected.
- Join a club at school that is involved with planning a major school event or product such as a dance, an important sporting event, the yearbook, or the school newspaper. Identify the tasks and various people required to plan the event or product. Collaborate with your peers to think about ways in which the process might be improved from previous years or next time.

