

Cuyahoga County: How Does PIAAC Compare to Occupations

The International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08) breaks down occupations by Skill Level. Although it is **defining tasks and not people**, there are **similarities in the tasks required** for the jobs and the **tasks defined in PIAAC levels**.

Task Definitions

PIAAC 1 – “read brief texts, locate single piece of info, counting and sorting”
ISCO-08 – “simple and routine tasks, sorting or assembling goods, basic numeracy”

PIAAC 2 – “application of 2 or more steps or processes, interpretation of simple data and stats”
ISCO-08 – “ability to read info (e.g., safety instructions), make written records, perform simple calculations.”

PIAAC 3 – “identify, interpret, evaluate one or more pieces of info, search and integrate info across dense text”
ISCO-08 – “perform complex technical tasks, ability to understand material and prepare factual reports”

Occupational Skills Category ISCO-08

Elementary occupations:

Tasks compare to PIAAC Level 1

- Cleaners
- Helpers
- Laborers
- Assistants

Semi-Skilled White Collar:

Tasks compare to PIAAC Level 2

- Clerical Support Workers
- Services and Sales Workers

Semi-Skilled Blue Collar:

Tasks compare to PIAAC Level 2

- Skilled Agricultural Workers
- Craft and Related Trade Workers
- Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers

Skilled Occupations:

Tasks compare to PIAAC Level 3+

- Managers
- Professionals
- Technicians and Associate Professionals