

# CAREERS in the CONSTRUCTION TRADES

 **8 MILLION**  
Estimated New Job Openings by 2018

 **2.7 MILLION**  
Estimated New Jobs Requiring  
Post-Secondary Education by 2018

 **2+ MILLION**  
Craft Professionals Needed by 2017

 **25%**  
Estimated Growth

 **321,000**  
Construction Jobs Added in 2014

## WHAT THE EXPERTS ARE SAYING:

■ **Harvard Graduate School of Education** “By 2018, fields like construction and manufacturing will provide nearly 8 million job openings, 2.7 million of which will require a post-secondary credential.”

■ **Construction Labor Market Analyzer** “...one-sixth of the workforce will leave the industry over the next decade... more than 2 million new craft professionals will be needed in our industry by 2017.”

■ **Bureau of Labor Statistics** “Employment of construction laborers and helpers is projected to grow 25 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Laborers and helpers work in all fields of construction, and demand for these workers will mirror the level of overall construction activity.”

■ **Associated General Contractors of America** “Construction employers added 29,000 jobs in February 2015 and 321,000 jobs over the past year, reaching the highest employment total in six years, as the sector’s unemployment rate fell to an eight year low of 10.6 percent.”



**CARPENTRY 24%** Est. Growth  
**\$45,590** Avg. National Wage



**ELECTRICAL 20%** Est. Growth  
**\$54,520** Avg. National Wage



**MASONRY 34%** Est. Growth  
**\$42,130** Avg. National Wage



**PLUMBING 21%** Est. Growth  
**\$54,620** Avg. National Wage



**PAINTING 20%** Est. Growth  
**\$39,760** Avg. National Wage



**HVACR 21%** Est. Growth  
**\$46,880** Avg. National Wage



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