Careers in the Construction Trades

National Mean Salary and Hourly Wages



Carpentry \$59,890 salary | \$28.75 hourly

Carpenters are needed in all areas of construction and are often employed through the entire construction process.



Electrical \$61,420 salary | \$31.08 hourly

Modern life is not be possible without electricians. If you like to know how electric currents make things work, this is the trade for you.



HVACR \$59,810 salary | \$28.75 hourly

Install or repair heating, ventilation, and central air conditioning or refrigeration (HVACR) systems, including oil burners, hot-air furnaces and heating stoves.



Welding \$55,100 salary | \$26.49 hourly

Welders working in residential construction enjoy more variety of projects within a year. They typically focus on joining steel beams for building support and pipes for carrying water or natural gas.



Dry Wall/Ceiling Installation \$58,300 salary | \$28.03 hourly

Drywall installers and ceiling tile installers hang wallboard and install ceiling tile of interior rooms in buildings.



Masonry \$61,030 salary | \$29.34 hourly

Laying brick is one of the oldest and most respected trades in the construction industry. Masonry construction uses brick, stone, marble, granite, travertine, limestone, cast stone, concrete block, glass block, stucco, and tile.



Painting \$48,660 salary | \$23.40 hourly

When a home is built, nearly all the interior and some of the exterior surfaces need to be painted to protect them from damage by water, mold and corrosion.



Plumbing \$62,820 salary | \$32.22 hourly

Plumbers install, repair, and maintain pipes in residential, commercial and/or industrial buildings. If you enjoy working with your hands and solving problems, then this is the trade for you.



Building Maintenance Technician \$52,430 salary | \$25.21 hourly

Perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep the structure of a building in good condition. Duties may involve pipe fitting; HVAC maintenance; insulating; carpentry; electrical.



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