

Careers in the Construction Trades



Carpentry **\$51,120**

Average National Wage with
8% Growth through 2026

Carpenters are needed in all areas of construction and are often employed through the entire construction process. Thus, it is one of the most secure jobs within the industry.



Masonry **\$54,430**

Average National Wage with
12% Growth through 2026

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.



Electrical **\$59,190**

Average National Wage with
9% Growth through 2026

Modern life would not be possible without electricians. If you like to know how electric currents make things work, then this is the trade for you. Qualified electricians are always in demand.



Painting **\$43,050**

Average National Wage with
6% Growth through 2026

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. Painting and maintaining painted surfaces improves the appearance and increases the value of a house.



HVACR **\$50,160**

Average National Wage with
15% Growth through 2026

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



Plumbing **\$58,150**

Average National Wage with
16% Growth through 2026

Nearly all areas of construction rely on plumbers. If you enjoy working with your hands and solving problems, then this is the trade for you. Plumbers install, repair, and maintain pipes in residential, commercial and/or industrial buildings.



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