

Construction

Do you like to work
with your hands?

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS build and repair houses and other buildings. Do you like to work with your hands? Do you like active work and making things? Then construction work may be for you. You can choose from many jobs. A few construction jobs are listed below.

CARPENTERS are on site from start to finish. They do “rough” carpentry like putting up the framework. They also do the “finish” work. They put in moldings, paneling, cabinets, and door frames. The average income in 2000 was \$670 per week.

PAINTERS paint buildings inside and out. They do all the tasks from scraping off the old paint to applying the last coat of new paint. The average income in 2000 was \$589 per week.

MASONS include bricklayers, stonemasons, and cement masons. They build walls, floors, fireplaces, and other structures. They could work on dams and highways too. The average income in 2000 was \$643 per week.

PLUMBERS build and maintain water, waste disposal, and gas systems. They could put in bathtubs, toilets, and

sinks. The average income in 2000 was \$736 per week.

ELECTRICIANS draw and read wiring plans. They convert electrical power to provide light, heat, or mechanical power. The average income in 2000 was \$806 per week.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

You should finish high school for all construction jobs. Some of the jobs you can learn as a helper. You can get complete training in some trades as an apprentice. You do need vocational school for certain construction trades.

JOB OUTLOOK

The outlook for construction jobs is very good through 2010. Some jobs are seasonal. You could be without work for part of the year. Some jobs are dangerous. Most jobs pay well. ■



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