

## NWI Career Cluster Overview

### Construction Occupations



NWI Employment Locations	NWI Jobs Now (2017)	Projected NWI New Jobs through 2022	NWI Wage Range (excludes benefits)
1,714	13,462	-1,137	\$10-\$52/hr

**What would I be doing?** Construction occupations includes the builders, from private and commercial buildings to erecting infrastructure and keeping it in good working order. Responsibilities range from labor to highly skilled craftsmanship on the job site.

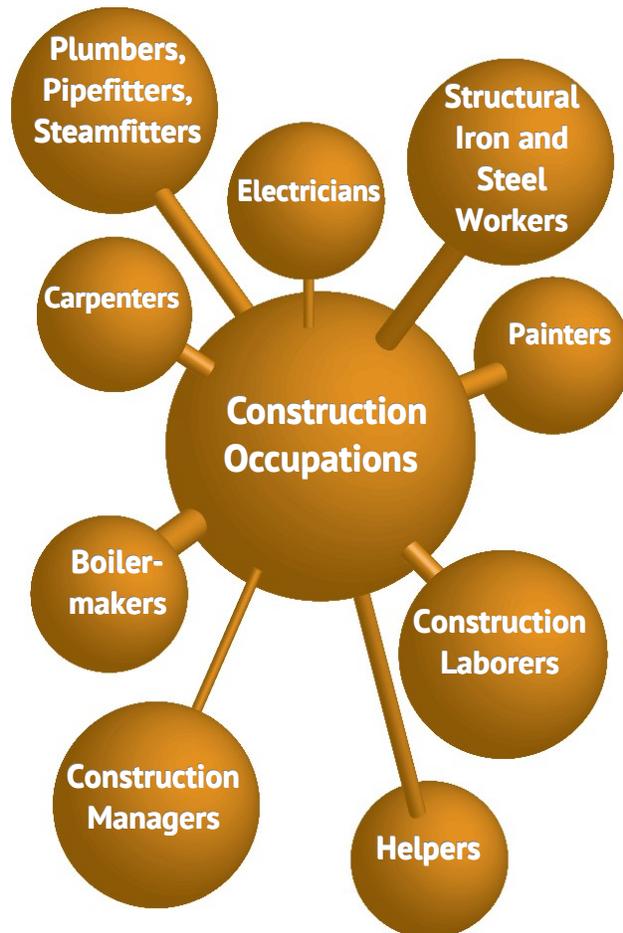
**How much money could I be earning?** Construction occupations tend to pay well once you're in, with skilled tradespeople starting at more than \$11 an hour and with time and experience earning over \$46 an hour. Educated managers can receive over \$52 an hour.

**Where would I be working?** Anywhere something is being built, whether it's renovating an existing structure or constructing infrastructure from scratch, construction workers are there.

**Is this a growing field?** Although jobs in this field aren't expected to grow through 2022, many openings will be created as current workers retire, creating need for new talent which must have experience before that time.

**What skills should I have?** Those who like doing physical work involving their hands are best suited for these occupations. Attention to detail, willingness to work outside in heat and cold, and ability to follow directions and work in a team as well as independently are all additional requirements to do well in this field.

**What education or training do I need?** Nearly all of these occupations are skilled and require education and training through apprenticeships. WorkOne can help get you connected with the proper program and scholarships so you can achieve your goal.



**Interested in a job you don't see listed? Just ask for more information.**

**WorkOne can also assist you with training and scholarships.**

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Job Title	NWI Earnings Range	Education and/or Training Required	NWI Jobs (2017)
Construction Managers	\$18-\$52/hr	Bachelor's degree, moderate on-the-job training	671
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	\$14-\$46/hr	High school diploma or HSE, apprenticeship	414
Electricians	\$22-\$46/hr	High school diploma or HSE, apprenticeship	3,689
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$20-\$50/hr	High school diploma or HSE, apprenticeship	1,617
Boilermakers	\$29-\$38/hr	High school diploma or HSE, apprenticeship	89
Carpenters	\$11-\$35/hr	High school diploma or HSE, apprenticeship	2,183
Construction Laborers	\$12-\$36/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short-term OJT	3,383
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	\$11-\$29/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT	827
Helpers (All Construction Trades Combined)	\$10-\$19/hr	High school diploma or HSE	588

**What else will my employer expect?** According to our survey of 100 area employers, the top ten traits that they expect of their employees are:

1. Have a positive attitude
2. Work well with others
3. Follow directions
4. Show up on time
5. Recognize problems and find solutions
6. Manage time effectively
7. Apply good listening skills
8. Be honest and dependable
9. Pass a drug or background test
10. Dress properly and practice good grooming

**Sounds great, so what's my next step?** WorkOne NWI is your one-stop resource to move forward in your job search and career development, offering the tools and support you need including:

- Skills assessment
- Resume and cover letter writing assistance
- High school equivalency (HSE) prep and testing
- Training programs and workshops
- Access to training scholarships and grants



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