

CONSTRUCTION TRADES

OCCUPATION OUTLOOK IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN, FALL 2019

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

Construction Trades occupations are commonly associated with skilled trades, engineering, management, and planning. Construction employers are slowly adopting on-line job search methods, so on-line job postings may not capture the complete picture of demand for workers. Occupations grouped in construction trades include Cost Estimators, Carpenters, and Electricians.

**35,514
WORKERS
EMPLOYED**

HOW MUCH COULD I EARN?

	ENTRY	MEDIAN	EXPERIENCED
Electricians	\$14.76	\$30.86	\$43.31
Carpenters	\$9.06	\$21.06	\$37.35
Cost Estimators	\$16.20	\$29.89	\$50.37

WHERE WOULD I WORK?

TOP INDUSTRIES

- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Retail Trade

2019 TOP POSTING EMPLOYERS

- Tradesmen International, Inc
- Homeadvisor, Inc.
- Page Michael International Inc
- Allied Building Svc.
- Cybercoders, Inc.
- Interstate Companies, Inc.
- Express Services Inc
- G&W Electric USA Inc
- Growing People and Companies
- Contractor

WHAT EDUCATION & SKILLS WILL I NEED?

The three occupations analyzed here all typically require a bachelor's degree for entry. About half of online job postings Construction trades occupations typically require a high school diploma or equivalent coupled with an apprenticeship for entry. Other occupation requirements include a bachelor's degree and moderate-term on-the-job training. Comparatively, 21.8% of postings require a high school education, and a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) is a highly demanded qualification.

WHAT AREAS OF STUDY SHOULD I CONSIDER?

In 2017, construction trades educational programs had 6,958 completions, with the Business Administration and Management, General program having the highest completion number. The Mechanical Engineering program and Business/Commerce, General program also had high completion numbers.

WHAT SKILLS SHOULD I DEVELOP?

- Estimators
- Carpentry
- Electrical Wirings
- Blueprinting
- Electrical Systems
- Management
- Construction
- Valid Driver's License
- Operations
- Troubleshooting

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS SHOULD I PURSUE?

- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- National Apprenticeship Certificate
- Project Management Professional Certification
- Master Of Business Administration (MBA)
- Certified Forklift Operator

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Top entry level jobs require a high school diploma or equivalent with an apprenticeship. You may start your career as an Electrician, or possibly as a Carpenter. Salary approximations for construction trades occupations can range from \$18,000 to over \$100,000.

IS THIS FIELD EXPECTED TO GROW?



HOW DO I GET STARTED?

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