



# CONSTRUCTION

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AND NAILS*

Construction is the country's largest industry and our local market is booming. There is a big shortage of local workers, both in the skilled trades and on the administrative side. Employers are eager for practical, problem-solving people, and are offering some of the top-paying jobs in the market.



**77,147**

People Employed



**8,871**

Businesses



**8,709**

New Jobs by 2025

KNOWLEDGE

- Math & Measurement
- Leadership & Management
- Mechanical
- Building & Construction

ABILITIES

- Communication (verbal & written)
- Cooperative/Team Player
- Work Ethic/Hard Working
- Self Motivated/Work Independently
- Accountable/Dependable/Reliable

SKILLS

- Plumbing
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Painting
- Forklift
- Hand & Power Tools

## Top Occupations by Educational Attainment and Median Hourly Wage

No Formal Education		High School Diploma		HS Diploma + Apprenticeship	
• Painters, Construction	\$17	• Helpers—Electricians	\$17	• Carpenters	\$23
• Construction Laborers	\$20	• Septic Tank Servicers and	\$25	• Sheet Metal Workers	\$26
• Roofers	\$21	• Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	\$19	• Structural Iron & Steel Workers	\$34
• Cement Masons and	\$24	• Operating Engineers	\$30	• Electricians	\$35
• Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	\$27	• Construction and Building Inspectors	\$35	• Plumbers, Pipefitters and Steamfitters	\$36



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## Sample of Local Employers

COMPANY	WHAT THEY DO	EMPLOYEES
Faison Construction Portland, OR	Contractor specializing in concrete for sidewalks and building slabs.	1-50
Colas Construction Portland, OR	Specializes in mixed use, affordable housing, tenant improvements, education, and commercial retail.	51-200
General Sheet Metal Clackamas, OR	Specializes in heating, ventilation and general sheet metal work.	201-500
JH Kelly Longview, WA	Mechanical services to commercial facility owners and industrial general contractor at process plants.	501-1,000
Nutter Corporation Vancouver, WA	Residential building construction.	10,000+



*Learn more about these high demand job opportunities at [CareersNW.org](https://careersnw.org)*

Local WorkSource centers have more information on specific jobs and training programs available *right now* in these industries. WorkSource has special funding to help recruit, train, and place workers in these high-demand fields. Explore the website and then call or visit your nearest WorkSource center.



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