

# CARPENTER

## WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Follow established safety rules and regulations and maintain a safe and clean environment.
- Study specifications in blueprints, sketches, or building plans to prepare project layout and determine dimensions and materials required.
- Measure and mark cutting lines on materials, using a ruler, pencil, chalk, and marking gauge.
- Shape or cut materials to specified measurements, using hand tools, machines, or power saws.

## NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL WAGE INFORMATION

	2018 Entry Level Hourly Wage	2016 Employment	Projected 2026 Employment
<b>Capital Area</b>	<b>\$14.50</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>2,646</b>
Texas	\$14.78	54,205	63,770
United States	\$14.51	1,025,600	1,109,400

## WHAT JOB TITLES SHOULD I SEARCH FOR?

- Carpenter

## WHERE COULD I WORK?

- Nonresidential Building Construction
- Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors
- Residential Building Construction
- Building Finishing Contractors

## KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED

## WHAT TYPE OF EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING WILL I NEED?

Workers in occupations at this level can develop the skills needed for average job performance after obtaining a high school diploma/GED and completing an apprenticeship.

## WILL I NEED A SPECIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION?

Many occupations prefer or require at least one certification for entry or advancement. Associate Kitchen & Bath Designer , Certified Remodeler, NCCER Carpentry, etc.

Primary Data Sources: Texas Workforce Commission at [texaslmi.com](http://texaslmi.com), JobsEQ at [jobseq.eqsuite.com](http://jobseq.eqsuite.com), Bureau of Labor Statistics at [bls.gov](http://bls.gov), and CareerOneStop at [careerinfonet.org](http://careerinfonet.org); National data 2019

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## CAPITAL AREA CAREER LADDER

\* Also Included on Targeted Occupation List (PY 2021)

### Supervisor of Production and Operating Workers

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$20.27
- Median Level: \$30.02

**228 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026**

### Carpenter

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$14.50
- Median Level: \$17.99

**461 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026**

### Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$12.26
- Median Level: \$16.75

**32 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026**

### Helper, Carpenter

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$10.10
- Median Level: \$15.69

#### Typical Education & Experience

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- Less than 5 years experience

#### Typical Education & Experience

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- Apprenticeship

#### Typical Education & Experience

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- Moderate on-the-job training

#### Typical Education & Experience

- Short-term on-the-job training



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