

Architecture & Construction Cluster



Careers in designing, planning, managing, building and maintaining the built environment.

Data Sources
Bureau of Labor
Statistics
CareerInfoNet
CareerClusters
The College
Board
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Carpenters

Carpenters enjoy working on a variety of projects. They cut, fit and put together wood and other materials for the construction of buildings, highways, bridges, docks, factories and many other structures.

If you are interested in constructing a new building or breathing life into an older home, a career as a **carpenter** may be for you.

Carpenters construct, install and repair structures made of wood, such as building frameworks, wood stairways, window and door frames and hardwood floors.

Are You Ready To...?

- Read blueprints
- Take measurements
- Make calculations
- Learn building codes
- Use hand and power tools to cut and shape materials
- Join materials with adhesives or hardware

It Helps To Be...

Physically strong and good with your hands. It also helps to be a good problem solver who is able to work well on your own and as part of a team.

A Day In The Life...

- Build or install cabinets or related interior wood fixtures
- Build or repair structures
- Determine dimensions of wooden furnishings or structures to be built
- Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff
- Estimate time or cost for projects

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$17.86

*That comes out to more than
\$37,159 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
2,185 Carpenters.
By 2026, we'll need 2,646.**

Could you be one of the 461?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many employers look for carpenters with a **certificate from a vocational school** or who have participated in a **formal apprenticeship program**. Additionally, many carpenters **learn informally on the job**.



Top 5 Industries for Carpenters

1. Residential and Nonresidential Building Construction
2. Building Finishing Contractors
3. Cabinet Making
4. Foundation, Structure and Building Exterior Contractors
5. Utility System Construction

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Related College Majors

- Building and Property Maintenance
- Carpentry
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Management
- Construction Technology
- Electrician
- Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology

Related Industry Certifications

- Carpenter Certificate
- Certified Kitchen & Bath Installer
- NCCER Carpentry
- Certified Bathroom Designer
- Certified Kitchen Designer
- Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler

Related Careers

- Construction Managers
- Construction and Building Inspectors
- Craft Artists
- Electricians
- Painters and Paperhangers
- Plumbers
- Roofers

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