

Architecture & Construction Cluster



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

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Construction Laborers

Men and women in this job work at all kinds of construction and demolition sites. They use a variety of hand and power tools, such as air hammers, nail guns, cement mixers, small mechanical hoists, and surveying and measuring equipment. They work alongside other craft workers to construct useful, complex, and often beautiful buildings and structures.

If you like making things and working with your hands, a career as a **construction laborer** may be for you.

Construction laborers use a variety of equipment and tools to do physical work at building, highway, and other construction sites.

Are You Ready To...?

- Work outdoors in all types of weather
- Follow safety procedures
- Maintain and repair machinery, equipment, and tools
- Load and unload trucks and haul materials
- Dig holes, trenches, and ditches
- Mix concrete and other materials
- Paint, plaster, and install drywall

It Helps To Be...

Physically fit, coordinated, and able to work well independently and as part of a team.

A Day In The Life...

- Control traffic passing near, in, or around work zones.
- Clean or prepare construction sites to eliminate possible hazards.
- Signal equipment operators to facilitate alignment, movement, or adjustment of machinery, equipment, or materials.
- Read plans, instructions, or specifications to determine work activities.
- Operate jackhammers or drills to break up concrete or pavement.

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$14.51

*That comes out to more than
\$29,064 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
7,526 Construction Laborers.
By 2026, we'll need 9,249.**

Could you be one of the 1,723?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many construction laborers **learn informally on the job**, although becoming an apprentice can provide opportunities for advancement.



Top 5 Industries for Construction Laborers

1. Utility System Construction
2. Nonresidential Building Construction
3. Foundation, Structure and Building Exterior Contractors
4. Highway, Street and Bridge Construction
5. Local Government,

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Postsecondary Education/ Training

- Apprenticeship
- Informal on-the-job training

Related Industry Certifications

- Associate Concrete Transportation Construction Inspector
- Associate Constructor
- Certified Construction Professional
- Field Aggregate Testing Technician
- Operator Certification

Related Careers

- Bricklayers & Stonemasons
- Carpenters
- Construction Equipment Operators
- Drafters
- Electricians
- Roofers

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