

## Architecture & Construction Cluster



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

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# Construction & Building Inspectors

*As a construction or building inspector, you'll carry a lot of responsibility inspecting the construction sites of homes, buildings and other structures to decide if the builders are following the building code and if the structure is safe. Home inspectors look closely at homes that people hope to buy. Their verdict on a home's safety can make or break a sale.*

If you can take on the responsibility of assessing the safeness of buildings, homes and other structures, a career as a **construction or building inspector** may be for you.

**Construction and building inspectors examine new and old structures to make sure that they are built soundly and follow building codes and other laws.**

### **Are You Ready To...?**

- Use survey instruments, metering devices and other equipment
- Inspect wiring, plumbing, electrical circuits, sewers, heating systems and foundations
- Review and interpret plans, blueprints and specifications
- Take measurements of structures and fixtures
- Keep detailed records

### **It Helps To Be...**

Attentive to detail, in good physical shape, honest and cool under pressure. Practice stopping problems before they even happen.

### **A Day In The Life...**

- Analyze technical data, designs or preliminary specifications
- Adhere to safety procedures
- Compile information on findings from investigation of accidents
- Conduct land surveys
- Evaluate construction quality

### **Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area**

**Median Hourly Wage: \$26.86**

*That comes out to more than  
\$55,862 a year.*

**In 2016, we had  
588 Construction & Building  
Inspectors.  
By 2026, we'll need 669.**

*Could you be one of the 81?*

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## After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many employers look for construction and building inspectors with **an associate's degree or bachelor's degree.**



## Top 5 Industries for Construction & Building Inspectors

1. Local Government, except Education and Hospitals
2. Architectural, Engineering and Related Services
3. Management, Scientific and Technical Consulting Services
4. Federal Government, except Postal Services
5. Nonresidential Building Construction

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## Related College Majors

- Architecture
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Technology
- Drafting and Design Technology
- Engineering Technology
- Surveying

## Related Industry Certifications

- Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner
- Accredited Marine Surveyor
- Building Code Official
- Certified Building Inspector
- Certified Building Plans Examiner
- Certified Commercial Building Inspector
- Certified Environmental Specialist

## Related Careers

- Carpenters
- Construction Managers
- Drafters
- Electricians
- Ironworkers
- Plumbers
- Real Estates Appraisers

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