Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters

What Will I Be Doing?
- Cut, thread, or hammer pipes to specifications, using tools such as saws, cutting torches, pipe threaders, or pipe benders.
- Lay out full scale drawings of pipe systems, supports, or related equipment, according to blueprints.
- Assemble or secure pipes, tubes, fittings, or related equipment, according to specifications, by welding, brazing, cementing, soldering, or threading joints.

National, State and Local Wage Information

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What Job Titles Should I Search for?
- Pipefitter, Steamfitter
- Apprentice or Journeyman Plumber

Where Could I Work?
- Building Equipment Contractors
- Nonresidential Building Construction
- Utility System Construction

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 by obtaining a high school diploma or equivalent and receiving on-the-job training through an apprenticeship.

Will I Need a Special License or Certification?
The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (TSBPE) develops and administers the plumbing license exam that applicants must pass to receive a license.
For more information, access the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners’ website: https://tsbpe.texas.gov/license-types/

Primary Data Sources: Texas Workforce Commission at texaslmi.com, JobsEQ at jobseq.eqsuite.com, Bureau of Labor Statistics at bls.gov, and CareerOneStop at careerinfonet.org, 2018, Nationwide data is for 2019
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Capital Area Career Ladder

* Also Included on Targeted Occupation List (PY 2021)

*Plumber, Pipefitter, & Steamfitter

Hourly Wages
• Entry Level: $16.71
• Median Level: $25.99

Typical Education & Experience
• High School Diploma or Equivalent
• Apprenticeship & Licenses

678 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

Plumber—Master

Master Plumber License

Plumber—Journeyman

Journeyman Plumber License

Plumber—Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship Registration

Helper—Plumber

Hourly Wages
• Entry Level: $11.01
• Median Level: $14.06

Typical Education & Experience
• High School Diploma or Equivalent
• Short-term on-the-job training

200 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

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