



CAREER PATH Industrial & Engineering Technology

CAREER CLUSTER
Architecture and Construction

CAREER PATHWAY
Construction



CONSTRUCTION LABORER

Perform tasks involving physical labor at building, highway, and heavy construction projects. May operate hand and power tools of all types and a variety of other equipment and instruments. May clean and prepare sites, dig trenches, set braces to support the sides of excavations, erect scaffolding, clean up rubble and debris, and remove asbestos, lead, and other hazardous waste materials.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a construction laborer are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Construction laborers	78.5%	16.8%	4.7%
Construction trades workers	77.6%	19.8%	2.6%
Construction managers	39.5%	31.1%	29.4%

Most Common Educational Level: Moderate-term on-the-job training

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oe.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$10.30	\$13.13	\$17.87
	Yearly	\$21,400	\$27,300	\$37,200
Missouri	Hourly	\$12.01	\$16.48	\$24.59
	Yearly	\$25,000	\$34,300	\$51,100

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Construction Laborer	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	1,232,000	1,366,500	+ 11 %	22,720
Missouri	20,320	21,260	+ 5 %	370

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Columbia Area Career Center

Columbia, MO
(573) 214-3800
www.career-center.org

East Central College

Union, MO
(636) 583-5193
www.eastcentral.edu

Eldon Career Center

Eldon, MO
(573) 392-8060
www.eldoncareercenter.org

Kirkville Area Technical Center

Kirkville, MO
(660) 665-2865
www.kirkville.k12.mo.us

Moberly Area Technical Center

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