



## Careers in Construction Trades

Construction Trades work to invent, design, and build things to solve problems and achieve practical goals. If you enjoy working with your hands, a career in the construction trades could be for you!

If you like Construction Trades you may see yourself in a CAREER like...

- Carpenters
- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers (HVAC)

Occupation	Massachusetts					
	Employment	Average Wage			Projected Growth 2016-2026	
		Median	Entry	Experienced	Annual Openings	Percent Change
Carpenters	18,300	\$57,210	\$40,500	\$71,200	2,680	8.2%
Electricians	16,440	\$64,530	\$40,370	\$81,870	2,055	9.6%
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	13,250	\$64,300	\$42,390	\$84,290	1,736	16.0%
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	7,530	\$58,800	\$42,280	\$68,690	***	***

**How do I get there? Potential Career Pathways:**

### Carpenters

HSD/HiSET → Apprenticeship → Carpenters (Journeymen & Master) → First-Line Supervisors → Construction Managers

### Electricians

HSD/HiSET → Apprenticeship → Electricians (Journeymen & Master) → First-Line Supervisors → Construction Managers

### Plumbers

HSD/HiSET → Apprenticeship → Plumbers (Journeymen & Master) → First-Line Supervisors → Construction Managers

### Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers (HVAC)

Vocational Degree/Post-Secondary Award → HVAC Technician → Bachelor's Degree → Mechanical Engineer

[Learn more about these exciting career opportunities:](#)

**Occupational Outlook Hand Book** - can help you find career information on duties, education and training, pay, and outlook for hundreds of occupations. <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/home.htm>

**MassHire:** [masshire-nscareers.org](http://masshire-nscareers.org)

**Youth Career Center** – We assist young adults with job applications, resume writing, interviewing, and other work readiness skills, and can help you find gainful employment opportunities. We're located at 117 Franklin St., Lynn, MA. Come visit us today! Our walk in hours are from 12pm to 5pm or call us @ 781-691-7430.

**Career Center** (Adult services) Walk in to our office at North Shore Community College on Broad Street in Lynn or 70 Washington Street in Salem! Call us at (978) 825-7200.