

In Demand Construction Careers

CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS

SKILLED CONSTRUCTION LABORER

EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree in Construction Management

Construction laborers can enter the field with less than a high school diploma. Construction experience is preferred. There are also apprenticeship opportunities with the Laborers' International Union of North America that allow individuals to start as an apprentice and progress to a journeyman level.

IMPORTANT QUALITIES

- Communication Skills
- Organizational Skills
- Critical-thinking Skills
- Time Management
- Negotiation Skills
- Problem Solving Skills
- Decision Making Skills
- Money Management

- Manual Dexterity
- Physical Strength
- Multi-limb Coordination
- Physical Stamina
- Communication Skills

WHAT THEY DO

Construction Managers oversee the work of people building and maintaining structures. They manage scheduling, budgeting, and organization of the work. Managers create estimates on labor requirements, negotiate project specifications, and communicate with customers.

Construction Laborers perform tasks involving physical labor at construction sites. May operate hand and power tools, clean and prepare sites, dig trenches, set braces to support the sides of excavations, erect scaffolding, clean up debris, as well as assist other craft workers.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES \$31.80 TO \$54.83

Employment of Construction Managers is projected to grow 4.7% from 2018 to 2028, about as fast as average for all occupations.

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES \$17.11 TO \$32.30

Employment of Construction Laborers is projected to grow 10.6% from 2018 to 2028, about as fast as average for all occupations.

These jobs are in demand in Southwest and South Central Minnesota and these are SW/SC Minnesota Median wages. Data collected from Department of Employment and Economic Development.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Construction Managers typically work in office settings at the construction site. Many managers frequently travel to several sites when managing multiple projects.

Construction laborers work in a variety of settings including building, highway & heavy, mainline pipelines, distribution, landscaping and commercial cleaning. Construction laborers travel to where the project is located.

Most work full-time hours and overtime is common during construction season.

