

# 2026

# Construction Craft Salary Survey Results

Craft	Salary
Boilermaker	\$80,811
Carpenter	\$65,894
Concrete Finisher	\$66,329
Construction Site Safety Technician	\$74,843
Drywall Installer	\$53,387
Commercial Electrician	\$72,880
Industrial Electrician	\$77,672
Electronic Systems Technician	\$78,347
Heavy Equipment Operator	\$68,044
HVAC Technician	\$80,848
Hydroblaster	\$52,000
Industrial Coatings Applicator	\$59,093
Industrial Maintenance Mechanic	\$72,193
Instrumentation Fitter	\$71,600
Instrumentation Technician	\$84,745
Insulation Mechanic	\$72,314
Ironworker	\$68,358
Mason	\$63,787
Millwright	\$75,079

Craft	Salary
Mobile Crane Operator	\$84,847
Painter	\$54,637
Pipefitter	\$75,597
Pipeline Technician	\$71,760
Plumber	\$76,133
Rigger	\$71,158
Roofer	\$59,280
Scaffold Builder	\$66,978
Sheet Metal Worker	\$63,616
Signal Person	\$53,189
Surveyor	\$75,258
Tower Crane Operator	\$86,320
Combo Welder	\$79,221
Pipe Welder	\$78,446
Structural/Fabricator Welder	\$69,333
Craft Foreman	\$85,680
General Foreman	\$92,530
Project Manager	\$116,938
Project Superintendent	\$115,618

Survey data for the 2026 wage study were provided by 153 voluntary organizations representing approximately 225,000 employees from the industrial, commercial, and residential construction industries across the United States. Crafts for which the number of responses received was insufficient to calculate a valid average are not included in the survey results.

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Figures above represent average annual salaries for individual craft areas, not including overtime, per diem or other incentives.

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