

Top 10 In Demand Trades

Three-year Employment Forecast (as of September 2025)



ELECTRICIANS (except industrial and power system)

Skills Required:

Communication skills, including reading, math, mechanical ability, physical strength and stamina, and the ability to distinguish colours for working with colour-coded wiring.

Average Salary:
\$81,919

Average Weekly Hours Worked:
41.2

Employment Rate:
94.5%



PLUMBERS

Skills Required:

Strength, stamina and agility; mechanical ability; and the capacity to work independently or as part of a team.

Average Salary:
\$83,219

Average Weekly Hours Worked:
40.8

Employment Rate:
85.8%



HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANICS

Skills Required:

Good vision, hearing and sense of smell to diagnose problems; strength and stamina for working with heavy equipment and in cramped or awkward positions; mechanical ability; the ability to work alone or as part of a team; logical thinking skills; and an interest in machinery, engines, electronics and precision equipment.

Average Salary:
\$87,539

Average Weekly Hours Worked:
40.7

Employment Rate:
96.3%



REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING MECHANICS

Skills Required:

Mechanical skill; coordination and manual dexterity; strength and stamina; the ability to work with others and interact with customers; and the ability to drive a service truck to worksites.

Average Salary:
\$87,260

Average Weekly Hours Worked:
40.6

Employment Rate:
98.6%



AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIANS

Skills Required:

Good hearing, eyesight and manual dexterity; mechanical ability; a working knowledge of electricity, electronics and computers; and strong customer service skills.

Average Salary:
\$77,840

Average Weekly Hours Worked:
40.6

Employment Rate:
93.1%

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INDUSTRIAL MECHANICS (MILLWRIGHT)

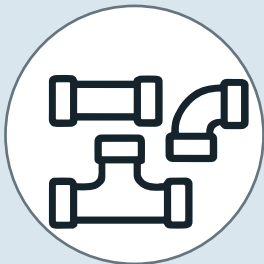
Skills Required:

Strength and stamina; coordination and manual dexterity; knowledge of proper lifting techniques; the ability to visualize layouts by interpreting plans and blueprints; the ability to troubleshoot mechanical systems; and the ability to work well with others.

Average Salary:
\$80,202

Average Weekly Hours Worked:
40.5

Employment Rate:
96.2%



STEAMFITTERS, PIPEFITTERS & SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLERS

Skills Required:

Strength and stamina; manual dexterity; precision; the ability to work at heights; the ability to communicate and coordinate with other trades; and the ability to work effectively as part of a team.

Average Salary:
\$91,951

Average Weekly Hours Worked:
41.1

Employment Rate:
85.5%



IRONWORKERS

Skills Required:

Comfort with heights; a safety-conscious attitude; precision; strength and stamina; coordination, agility and balance; and the ability to work effectively as part of a team.

Average Salary:
\$94,083

Average Weekly Hours Worked:
41.9

Employment Rate:
98.1%



WELDERS

Skills Required:

Manual dexterity; good vision, including the use of corrective lenses; eye-hand coordination; attention to detail; and patience.

Average Salary:
\$79,452

Average Weekly Hours Worked:
40.7

Employment Rate:
92.2%



CARPENTERS

Skills Required:

Manual dexterity; balance for working on scaffolding; math skills; the ability to follow and communicate written instructions; and the ability to work effectively as part of a team.

Average Salary:
\$76,478

Average Weekly Hours Worked:
42.1

Employment Rate:
88.3%

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