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NORTHWEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS

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Industry Brief: Building Trades

1. What occupations are included in the building trades? Which of these will be hiring in the next 3 – 5 years?

The Building Trades website has all the information needed, www.nwibt.org. All of the trades recruit throughout the year. The contractors determine who and how many they will hire. Trades occupations include: carpenters, laborers, pipe fitter, plumbers, painters, boilermakers, cement masons, operators, electricians, teamsters, iron workers, sheet metal workers, millwrights, roofers, and sprinkler fitters.

2. Do I have to be selected by an apprenticeship program to enter an occupation in the building trades? If yes, what do I have to do to be considered?

You will have to go through an interview before you are accepted into an apprenticeship.

3. What are the working conditions like for someone in the building trades?

Trades members work in all types of weather as well as indoors. It is very physical and some occupations require working at varying heights. There can be times when there is no work. Some travel a lot for work and many jobs are 10 to 12 hours a day. Overtime is paid after 8 hours. Other benefits include retirement and insurance. There is, however, no paid sick time or vacation time.

4. What training will I need to complete before I can work full time, and how long will it take?

After being accepted into an apprenticeship program you could start working full time immediately depending on the need from the contractor(s). Most new hires will do an apprenticeship for 3 to 5 years.

5. Why should I consider a career in the building trades?

It is very rewarding work that pays a solid living wage with benefits. If you like working with your hands, if you would to be paid while you are training, if you like getting an education without the debt then you should consider a career in the building trades.

6. How do I get started?

Get started by reaching out to area union contractors and Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATCs) of the trade you are looking to work in. Go to www.nwibt.org to research the different trades and get information on when application are accepted.

Building Trades/Construction in NCI Works/Local Workforce Area 4

NAICS	Industry	Current		3-Year Forecast		
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers
2382	Building Equipment Contractors	1,453	\$61,494	453	155	295
2389	Other Specialty Trade Contractors	833	\$36,097	251	91	163
2361	Residential Building Construction	829	\$37,220	224	87	142
2371	Utility System Construction	739	\$60,772	244	78	145
2381	Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors	642	\$42,932	189	66	125
2383	Building Finishing Contractors	641	\$29,252	165	67	109
2362	Nonresidential Building Construction	376	\$54,722	104	38	67
2373	Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	353	\$40,896	108	39	68
2379	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	174	\$47,297	50	18	33
2372	Land Subdivision	3	\$34,189	1	0	1
23	Construction	6,044	\$47,418	1,785	637	1,140
	Total - All Industries	128,162	\$43,691	37,955	17,675	23,671

Source: Jobseq, 2019 3rd quarter

For More Information:

Illinois Valley Labor Management
815-223-0561

Iron Workers Local 386
815-223-0152

Sheet Metal Workers Local #1
815-433-1047

Boilermakers Local #60
309-266-7144 or 7145

Laborers & Contractors
877-773-2741

Technical Engineers Local #130
312-421-1010

Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers
815-874-6820 (Wednesdays only)

Millwright Local #2158
319-332-3595 (Iowa)

Plumbers and Pipefitters
815-725-0278

Northwest IL and Eastern IA Carpenters
815-332-7006

Glaziers Local #1164
309-674-3870

Operating Engineers Local 150
815-436-4150

Cement Masons Local #11
815-363-6933

Painters & Allied Trades
630-966-1451

I.B.E.W. (Electricians)
815-741-2758

Pipefitters Local #597
312-842-1116

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www.nciworks.org

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