

EARNINGS:

2001 National Wage Estimates

Percentile	10%	25%	50% Median	75%	90%
Hourly Wage	\$8.84	\$11.29	\$15.57	\$21.56	27.89
Annual Wage	\$18,390	\$23,490	\$32,390	\$44,850	\$58,010

GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT:

There are job opportunities available throughout the United States in the construction industry. Most high paying jobs will be found in metropolitan areas.



Sources:

http://jobprofiles.monster.com/Content/job_content/JC_ConstructionMiningandTrades/JSC_Construction/JOB_ConstructionWorker/jobzilla_html?jobprofiles=1

<http://www.bls.gov/oes/2001/oes470000.htm>

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/print/ocos255.htm>

IS THIS A POSSIBLE CAREER FOR YOU?

Construction Equipment Worker



NATURE OF WORK:

There are three segments involved within the construction industry: operating engineers and other construction equipment operators; paving, surfacing, and tamping equipment operators; and pile driver operators.

- Operating engineers and other construction equipment operators
 - Operate excavation and loading machines
 - Operate trench excavators, road graders, and similar equipment
 - Paving, surfacing, and tamping equipment operators
 - Controls the spread, leveling, and smoothing of asphalt and concrete for highways or other structures
 - Pile driver operators
 - Operate large machines that hammer piles into the ground, in which they provide support for various reasons
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QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED/ TRAINING/ EDUCATION:

- Majority of employers prefer a High School Degree
- Training is not necessary since many learn from on-the-job experience, however, it is very beneficial to work in an apprenticeship program which will provide the most thorough training needed:
 - Usually last 3 to 5 years
 - Consist of on-the-job training and 144 hours or more of related classroom instruction
- This job requires physical strength and conditioning
- Good eye and hand coordination is necessary
- Must be comfortable working with a variety of tools
- Teamwork is essential when working with others in construction

JOB OUTLOOK:

The employment rate within the construction industry is anticipated to remain stable, compared to other jobs. Overall, it is expected to grow about 9% through the year 2008.

