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South Dakota
High Demand & High Wage Career

Career Cluster:
Architecture & Construction



Carpenters

What They Do

Build, repair and install building frameworks and structures made from wood and other materials. They follow blueprints and building plans to meet the needs of clients. They measure and cut wood, plastic and other materials. They also install structures and fixtures like windows and molding.

Is This For You?

Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

Realistic (Doers) — Prefer to work with objects, things, machines, tools, plants or animals. They have mechanical ability, enjoy being outdoors and working with their hands.

Conventional (Organizers) — Detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They can be counted on to be accurate and enjoy structure and closure.

Standard Occupational Code 47-2031

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

Support — Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

Independence — Work on their own and make decisions.

Working Conditions — Offer job security and good working conditions.

Abilities reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career.

- Manual Dexterity
- Problem Sensitivity
- Trunk Strength
- Visualization
- Near Vision
- Arm-Hand Steadiness
- Oral Comprehension
- Multilimb Coordination

Basic Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Monitoring
- Speaking
- Coordination
- Critical Thinking
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Reading Comprehension
- Time Management

Education & Training

Carpenter positions require the minimum of a high school diploma, with demonstrated skill being the most important for individuals to obtain employment. Realistically, some level of postsecondary education in some type of building trades program makes job seekers more competitive.

A registered apprenticeship is another option for preparing for this occupation. To learn more, visit StartTodaySD.com or contact your local Job Service office to get started.

Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

Applied Math	4
Workplace Documents	4
Graphic Literacy	4

*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of carpenters are:

- Construction of Buildings
- Self Employment

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2020 Workers	2030 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
5,652	6,126	474	8.4%	586	\$38,730	\$42,060

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetonline.org

mySkills myFuture

<https://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

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