



South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career



Career Cluster: Architecture & Construction

Carpenters

Standard Occupational Code 47-2031

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.

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.

- Problem Sensitivity
- Visualization
- Finger Dexterity
- Manual Dexterity
- Near Vision
- Arm-Hand Steadiness
- Deductive Reasoning
- Information Ordering

Basic Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Coordination
- Quality Control Analysis
- Reading Comprehension
- Speaking

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:

- Residential Building Construction
- Self Employment
- Nonresidential Building Construction
- Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2022 Employment	2032 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
6,116	6,784	668	10.9%	595	\$42,480	\$44,550

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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