



**South Dakota
High Demand
&
High Wage
Career**

**Career Cluster:
Construction**



Construction Managers

Standard Occupational Code 11-9021

What They Do

Plan, direct, or coordinate, sometimes through subordinate supervisory personnel, activities concerned with the construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems. They help plan the conceptual development of a construction project and oversee its organization, scheduling, budgeting, and implementation.

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:

Enterprising (Persuaders) — Like to influence, persuade or lead people and manage others. They enjoy working on a team toward goals, competition and business-like activities.

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 Styles (personality tendencies) of people who perform well in this occupation have:

Initiative — A tendency to be proactive and take on extra responsibilities and tasks that may fall outside of one's required work role.

Self-Confidence — A tendency to believe in one's work-related capabilities and ability to control one's work-related outcomes.

Leadership Orientation — A tendency to lead, take charge, offer opinions, and provide direction at work.

Abilities (a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge) important for success in the career.

- Problem Sensitivity
- Deductive Reasoning
- Information Ordering
- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Written Comprehension
- Inductive Reasoning

Work Activities

- Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates
- Evaluating Information to Determine Compliance with Standards
- Inspecting Equipment, Structures, or Materials
- Monitoring Processes, Materials, or Surroundings
- Organizing, Planning, and Prioritizing Work
- Scheduling Work and Activities

Education & Training

Most positions in this occupation require an associate degree in construction trades or a related field. Work experience in the construction positions being supervised is especially important.

Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

Applied Math	5
Workplace Documents	6
Graphic Literacy	5

*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

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

- Self Employment
- Construction of Buildings
- Specialty Trade Contractors
- Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction
- Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2024 Employment	2034 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
1,523	1,723	200	13.1%	139	\$118,380	\$123,320

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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