



## South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career

**Career Cluster:**  
**Construction**



# Maintenance and Repair Workers, General

*Standard Occupational Code 49-9071*

## What They Do

Fix and keep machines, mechanical equipment and buildings in proper working order. They paint, repair flooring and work on plumbing, electrical and air-conditioning and heating systems, among other tasks.

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

**Attention to Detail** — A tendency to be detail-oriented, organized, and thorough in completing work.

**Dependability** — A tendency to be reliable, responsible, and consistent in meeting work-related obligations.

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

- Arm-Hand Steadiness
- Information Ordering
- Manual Dexterity
- Near Vision
- Problem Sensitivity
- Control Precision
- Oral Expression
- Visualization
- Deductive Reasoning

## Work Activities

- Making Decisions and Solving Problems
- Inspecting Equipment, Structures, or Materials
- Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates
- Repairing and Maintaining Mechanical Equipment
- Getting Information

## Education & Training

A high school diploma or equivalent is the minimum education level recommended for general maintenance and repair workers. However, postsecondary education in a related technical field is very helpful when competing for jobs.

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

## Recommended Levels\* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

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|---------------------|---|
| 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 first line supervisors of production and operating workers are:

- Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals
- Real Estate
- Educational Services
- Accommodation, including Hotels and Motels
- Hospitals
- Nursing and Residential Care Facilities

## South Dakota Employment & Wages

| 2024 Employment | 2034 Employment | Numeric Change | Percent Change | Average Annual Openings | Annual Median Wage | Annual Average Wage |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 3,625           | 3,928           | 303            | 8.4%           | 379                     | \$48,100           | \$49,790            |

## Additional References

### Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic](http://www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic)

### Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

### O\*Net Online

[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

### mySkills myFuture

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

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