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.

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.

Achievement — Results oriented and allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

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
- Information Ordering
Basic Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Monitoring
- Speaking
- Active Learning
- Complex Problem Solving

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 to be connected with a staff person at your nearest Job Service office to help you get started.

Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

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*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
- Specialty Trade Contractors
- Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers
- Local Government
- Wood Product Manufacturing

South Dakota Employment & Wages

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