



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



**Career Cluster:  
Architecture & Construction**

# Painters, Construction and Maintenance

*Standard Occupational Code 47-2141*

## What They Do

Paint walls, equipment, buildings, bridges, and other structural surfaces, using brushes, rollers, and spray guns. May remove old paint to prepare surface prior to painting. May mix colors or oils to obtain desired color or consistency.

## 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** — Occupations that satisfy this work value offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

**Independence** — Allow employees to 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.

- Arm-Hand Steadiness
- Trunk Strength
- Extent Flexibility
- Gross Body Equilibrium
- Near Vision
- Visual Color Discrimination
- Manual Dexterity
- Oral Comprehension
- Control Precision

## Basic Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Social Perceptiveness
- Time Management

## Education & Training

A high school diploma or equivalent is the minimum educational level recommended for construction and maintenance painters. Most training is done on the job.

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

Applied Math	3
Workplace Documents	4
Graphic Literacy	4

\*Using the median skill level.

## Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of construction and maintenance painters are:

- Self Employment
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing

## Employment & Wages

2022 Employment	2032 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
1,050	1,156	106	10.1%	96	\$45,980	\$45,270

## 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

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