



South Dakota
High Demand
&
High Wage
Career

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

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
- Near Vision
- Manual Dexterity
- Trunk Strength
- Deductive Reasoning
- Extent Flexibility
- Gross Body Coordination
- Gross Body Equilibrium
- Multi-limb Coordination
- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Speech Clarity
- Visual Color Discrimination
- Written Comprehension

Work Activities

- Performing General Physical Activities
- Organizing, Planning, and Prioritizing Work
- Making Decisions and Solving Problems

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 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:

- Specialty Trade Contractors
- Self Employment
- Construction of Buildings

Employment & Wages

2024 Employment	2034 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
1,042	1,125	83	8.0%	92	\$48,160	\$47,710

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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