

Occupations of Opportunity

BUILDING / SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE



KEY OCCUPATIONS IN BUILDING / SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Building / Systems Construction and Maintenance includes a number of sectors that focus on the physical infrastructure of communities. As the North Coast region has grown, so have the needs for housing, commercial structures and community systems, such as roadways and utilities. Need has also grown for a variety of services including janitorial, landscaping, and other maintenance services.

Strong Career Potential *Figures calculated between 1990 - 2004; firms through 2003.*

- **JOB GROWTH:** 22% (from 6122 to 7495 jobs)
- **FIRM GROWTH:** -4% (from 1883 to 1807 firms)
- **WAGE GROWTH:** 14% (from \$27,199 to \$31,061)

Employment Opportunities by Wage Level

Building / Systems Construction and Maintenance is most heavily comprised of mid-wage level occupations (49%).

20% of Jobs are in the Low Wage Level, including cashiers, retail salespersons, office clerks, order fillers

49% of Jobs are in the Mid Wage Level, including sales representatives, electricians, landscaping & groundskeeping workers, laborers and freight movers

31% of Jobs are in the Higher Wage Level, including general operations managers, operating engineers, construction equipment operators

Past & Future Drivers of Growth

Need to replace, repair, and upgrade aging infrastructure and housing stock

Growing public investment in infrastructure and changes in government regulations, such as seismic upgrades

Population growth from natural increases, influx of retirees, and affluent residents from other regions attracted to quality of life and able to build or upgrade homes

Private investment to meet new demand for office and retail space, casinos

Increases in property values and low interest rates increase ability to upgrade; increased interest in design spurs home remodels

Continued increases in population, especially in-migration

Continued need for new and improved infrastructure

New kinds of housing needs (e.g., elder housing options)

Growth in green construction practices and materials

Growth in demand for energy efficient buildings, alternative energy systems

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Percentage of Jobs Available for Individuals with Varying Levels of Education

