



# 7 Top Construction Jobs to Fill the Skilled Labor Shortage

## Construction Manager

**Average Salary:** \$74,530  
**Career Outlook:** 11% Growth  
**Education and License Requirements:** Previous experience as a construction worker or within the field, bachelor's degree in construction management or a related field  
**Necessary Skills:** Leadership, budgeting, interpersonal communication

## Millwright

**Average Salary:** \$61,054  
**Career Outlook:** 7% Growth  
**Education and License Requirements:** Formal study, apprenticeship, and/or journeyman status  
**Necessary Skills:** Math, blueprint reading, equipment installation, power tool operation

## Electrician

**Average Salary:** \$56,650  
**Career Outlook:** 9% Growth  
**Education and License Requirements:** Apprenticeship, technical school, state license  
**Necessary Skills:** Installation, wiring, troubleshooting, attention to detail, sound judgement, flexibility with regards to work hours

## Plumber

**Average Salary:** \$50,149  
**Career Outlook:** 9% Growth  
**Education and License Requirements:** Apprenticeship, technical school, state license  
**Necessary Skills:** Measuring/cutting/bending pipe, assembly/installation, flexibility with regards to work hours

## HVAC Mechanic

**Average Salary:** \$48,392  
**Career Outlook:** 15% Growth  
**Education and License Requirements:** 1 to 3 years of experience, apprenticeship, state license, and/or EPA certification to handle refrigerants  
**Necessary Skills:** Installation, repair, troubleshooting, flexibility with regards to work hours

## Carpenter

**Average Salary:** \$44,482  
**Career Outlook:** 8% Growth  
**Education and License Requirements:** High school diploma, apprenticeship  
**Necessary Skills:** Shop drawing/blueprint reading, use of hand tools, installation

## Welder

**Average Salary:** \$43,903  
**Career Outlook:** 6% Growth  
**Education and License Requirements:** High school diploma, welding-related school program  
**Necessary Skills:** Blueprint reading, machine setup/operation