

Local Occupational Report

We would like to introduce you to Local Occupational Reports, a dynamic online career product. These reports show what employers are currently saying about occupations in their business. Information was obtained from surveys and includes applicant qualifications, prerequisites, job outlook, benefits offered, shift availability, and more. There is also a Career Options page which helps you map out possible career paths for selected occupations. Use the three easy steps below to select an occupation for a specific area or choose statewide information in both summary and detailed formats. You may also navigate through the reports by using the links at the top of the page.

1. *Select occupation from drop down box*

Occupations are listed in alphabetical order

2. *Select area from drop down box or from map*

View area statewide or by county

3. *View selected information format*

Summary Report

OR

Detailed Report

Click on the map to enlarge and then select a county.



JOB DESCRIPTION

WAGES

BENEFITS

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CAREER OPTIONS

Carpenters

Alternate Titles: Carpenter Assembler and Repairer, Finish Carpenter, Installer, Rough Carpenter, Trim Carpenter

Los Angeles County

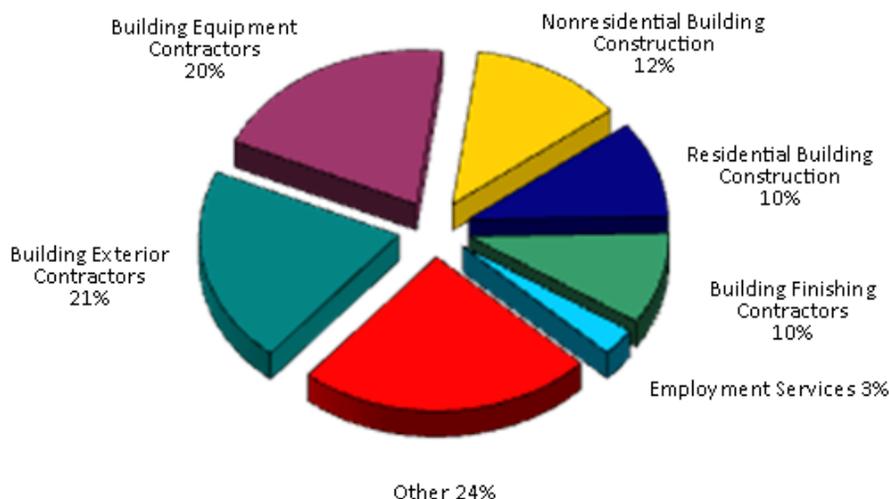
WHAT DO CARPENTERS DO?

Carpenters construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood, such as concrete form s; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; wood stairways, window and door frames, and hardwood floors. May also install cabinets, siding, drywall and batt or roll insulation. Includes brattice builders who build doors or brattices (ventilation walls or partitions) in underground passageways to control the proper circulation of air through the passageways and to the working places.

(Source: [SOC 47-2031](#))

WHERE DO CARPENTERS WORK?

Many Carpenters in Los Angeles County work for Building Exterior and Building Equipment Contractors .

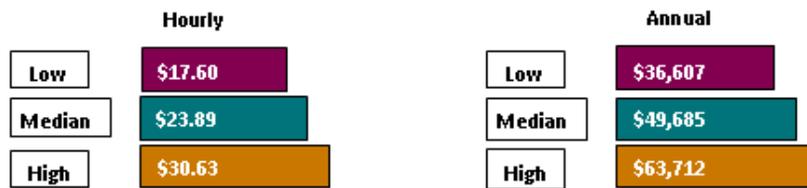


(Source: [LMID Occupational Staffing Patterns](#))

HOW MUCH CAN I EXPECT TO EARN?

This occupation pays about average when compared to other occupations in Los Angeles County that require similar levels of education. The median hourly wage for Carpenters statewide is \$21.99.

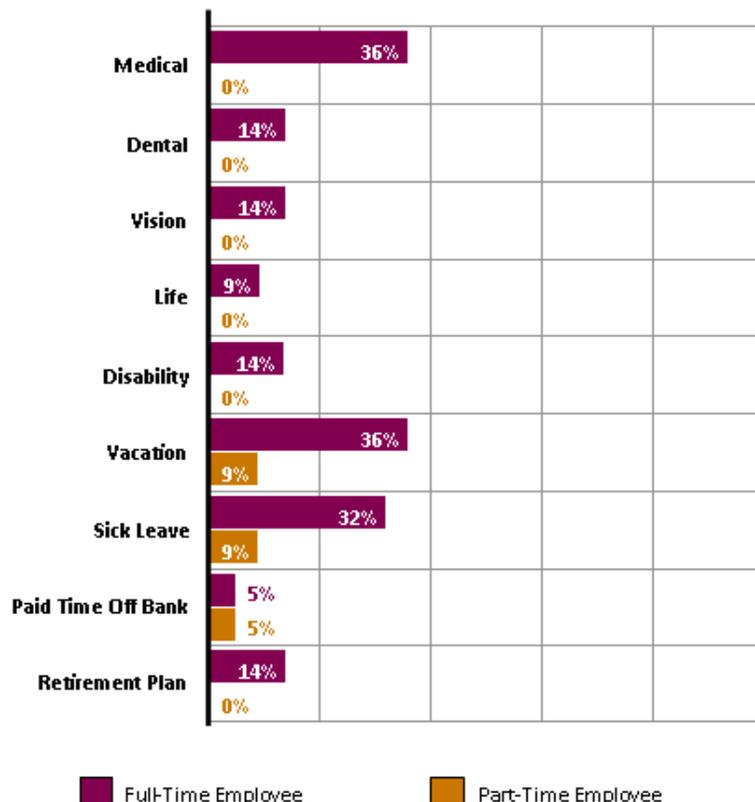
Wages for Full-Time Carpenters in Los Angeles County



(Source: LMID Occupational Employment Statistics 2011 1st qtr)

WHAT BENEFITS CAN I EXPECT RECEIVE?

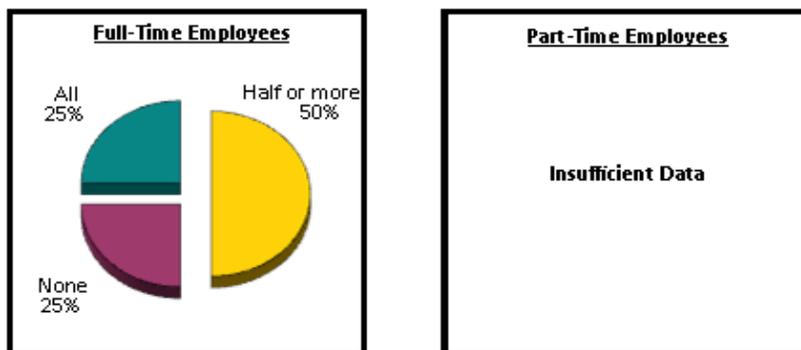
Of the employers surveyed in Los Angeles County, some provide medical, vacation, and sick leave benefits to Carpenters that work full-time.



WHAT PERCENT OF MEDICAL INSURANCE DO EMPLOYERS PAY?

Of the employers surveyed in Los Angeles County who provide medical benefits, most reported that they pay half or more of the cost of medical insurance for full-time Carpenters.

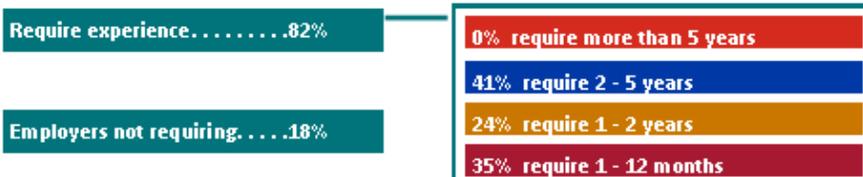
AMOUNT PAID BY EMPLOYERS



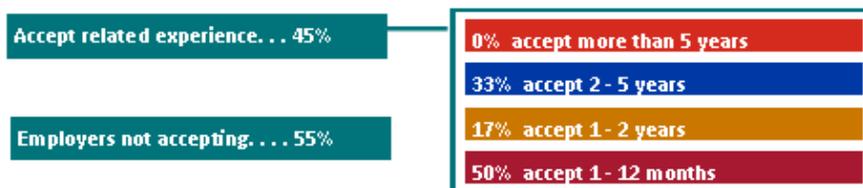
WHAT EXPERIENCE DO I NEED?

Of the employers surveyed in Los Angeles County, almost all require new hires to have prior experience working as a Carpenter. Many employers will not accept experience in related occupations, or training in place of experience.

Employers requiring work experience in this occupation



Employers accepting work experience in related occupations



Employers accepting training in place of experience



WHAT IS THE JOB OUTLOOK?

About 198 new Carpenter jobs are created each year in Los Angeles County. In addition, about 280 jobs will become available each year due to Carpenters permanently leaving their positions, resulting in an average of 478 job vacancies per year.

Job Openings

New Jobs Created	198
Openings Due to Separations	280

(Source: LMID Occupational Projections 2008-2018)

Of the employers surveyed in Los Angeles County, 59 percent responded that they had hired Carpenters within the past 12 months. These new hires represent 17 percent of the Carpenters that work for these employers. Of these new hires, 51 percent were to fill new positions, while 49 percent were to fill vacated positions.

Employers Hiring Plans

Of the employers surveyed in Los Angeles County, most expect the number of Carpenters they employ to remain stable during the coming year.

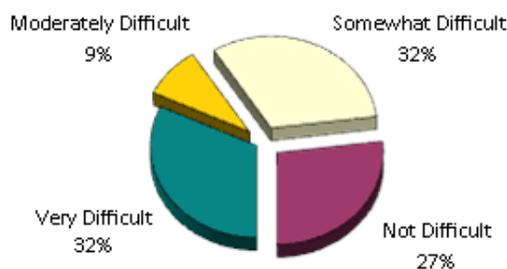
Expected Employment Levels

Expect Employment to Increase	36%
Expect Employment to Remain Stable	64%
Expect Employment to Decline	0%

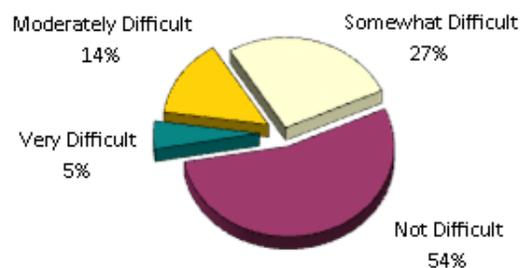
Finding Qualified Applicants

Of the employers surveyed in Los Angeles County, many indicate it is somewhat to not difficult to find experienced applicants, and not difficult to find inexperienced applicants for Carpenter vacancies.

How difficult is it to find experienced and qualified applicants?



How difficult is it to find inexperienced but qualified applicants?



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WHAT ARE MY CAREER OPTIONS?

There are many occupations that are related to Carpenters in Construction and Trades industries. Related careers are occupations with characteristics such as skills, abilities, knowledge, or general work activities that are similar to those required of Carpenters. These related careers can be grouped by the amount of education they require, ranging from on-the-job training (OJT), to work experience, to an advanced degree.

Click on a box for more information.

Construction
Managers
\$80,000
BA/BS Degree

1st Line Sups/Mgrs of
Helpers, Laborers &
Material Movers, Hand
\$42,000
Work Experience in
Related Occupation

Construction &
Building Inspectors
\$59,000
Work Experience in
Related Occupation

1st Line Sups/Mgrs of
Construction Trades &
Extraction Workers
\$62,000
Work Experience in
Related Occupation

Cabinetmakers &
Bench Carpenters
\$24,000
12+ Mo. OJT

Maintenance & Repair
Workers, General
\$33,000
12+ Mo. OJT

Plumbers, Pipefitters &
Steamfitters
\$44,000
12+ Mo. OJT

Brickmasons &
Blockmasons
\$45,000
12+ Mo. OJT

Carpenters
\$46,000
12+ Mo. OJT

Manufactured Building
& Mobile Home
Installers
\$21,000
1-12 Mo. OJT

Construction
Laborers
\$31,000
1-12 Mo. OJT

Roofers
\$39,000
1-12 Mo. OJT

Drywall & Ceiling
Tile Installers
\$43,000
1-12 Mo. OJT

Pipelayers
\$44,000
1-12 Mo. OJT

Helpers-
Production Workers
\$19,000
30 Day OJT

Helpers-
Roofers
\$23,000
30 Day OJT

Helpers-Pipelayers
Plumbers, Pipefitters &
Steamfitters
\$25,000
30 Day OJT

Helpers- Brickmasons,
Blockmasons, Stonemasons
& Tile & Marble Setters
\$26,000
30 Day OJT

Helpers-
Carpenters
\$26,000
30 Day OJT

Note: Wage information for these occupations represent the median annual salary (rounded up) in California.

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