



# New Jersey's Construction Sector

## A Detailed Analysis of Labor Market Information

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- All information presented refers exclusively to New Jersey data, unless otherwise stated
- Data reflects the most recent year available: 2023

# Construction Sector Highlights

- 2023 Construction: 22,600 establishments employed 164,960 workers
- Gross Domestic Product: \$18.8 billion (3.1% of total output)
- Average Annual Wage: \$86,370 (6.8% above state average)
- Total\* Wages Paid: \$14.2 billion (4.8% of all wages paid)
- The value of construction building permits totaled nearly \$5.1 billion in 2023.

\* Wages include those earned by workers covered by unemployment insurance but do not include 1099 workers (independent contractor)



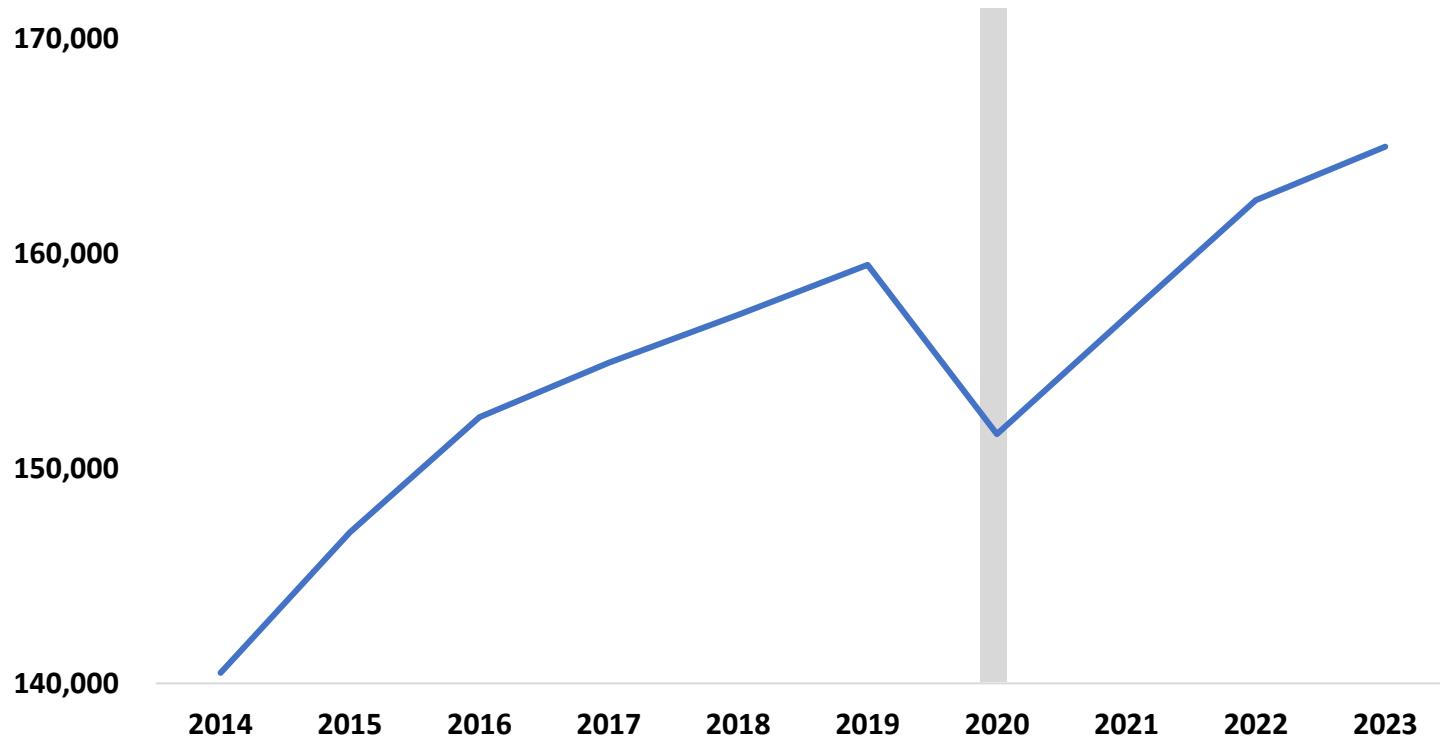
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# Industry Analysis and Economic Overview



# Employment has increased by 24,474\* jobs since 2014



\*Gray area denotes U.S. economic recession as defined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

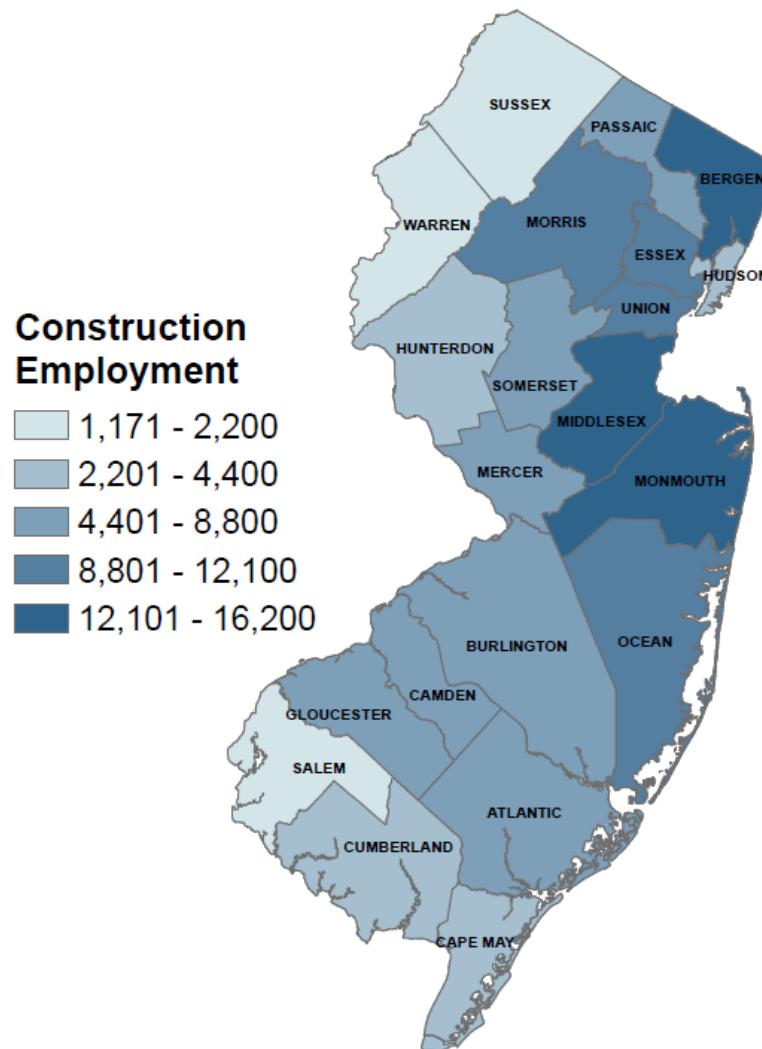
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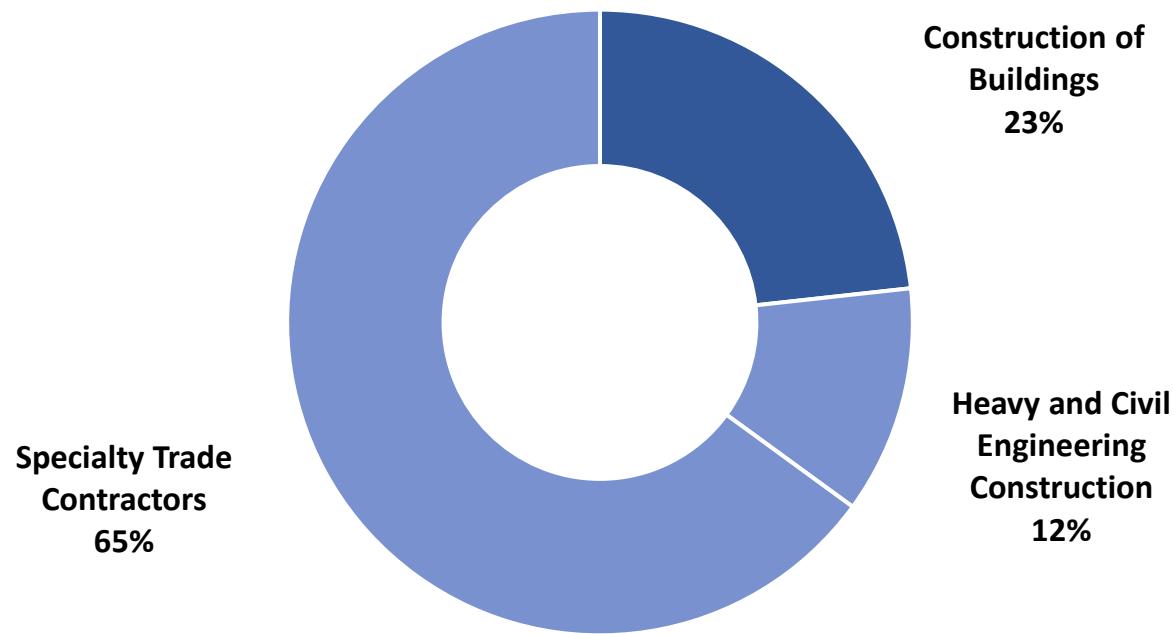
# Construction Employment by County



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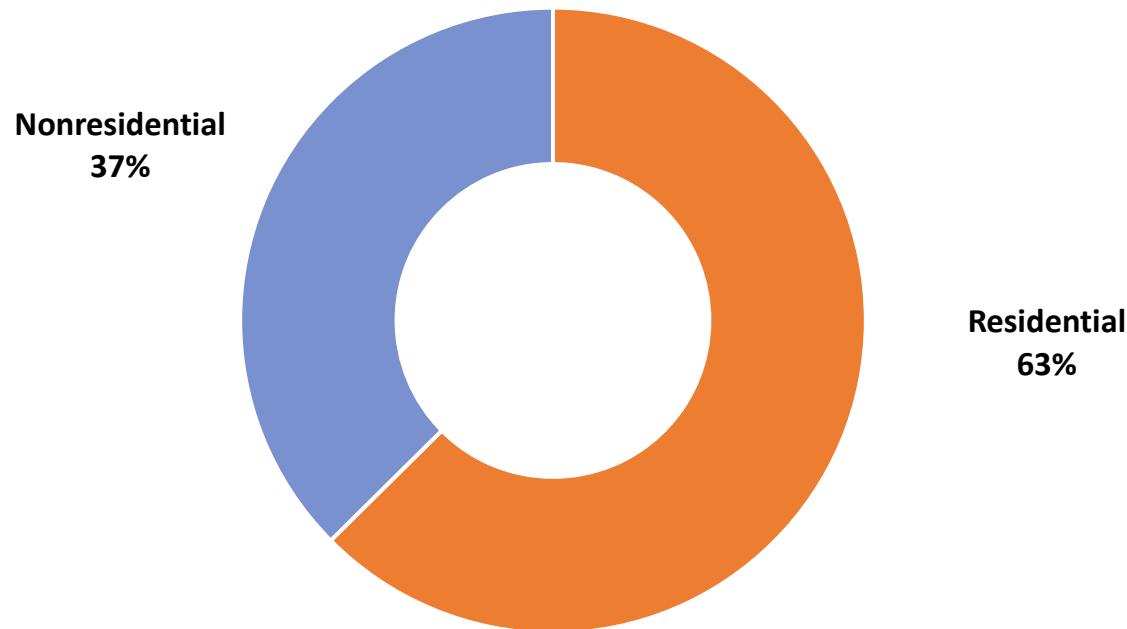
# The majority of construction jobs are in the specialty trade contractors subsector



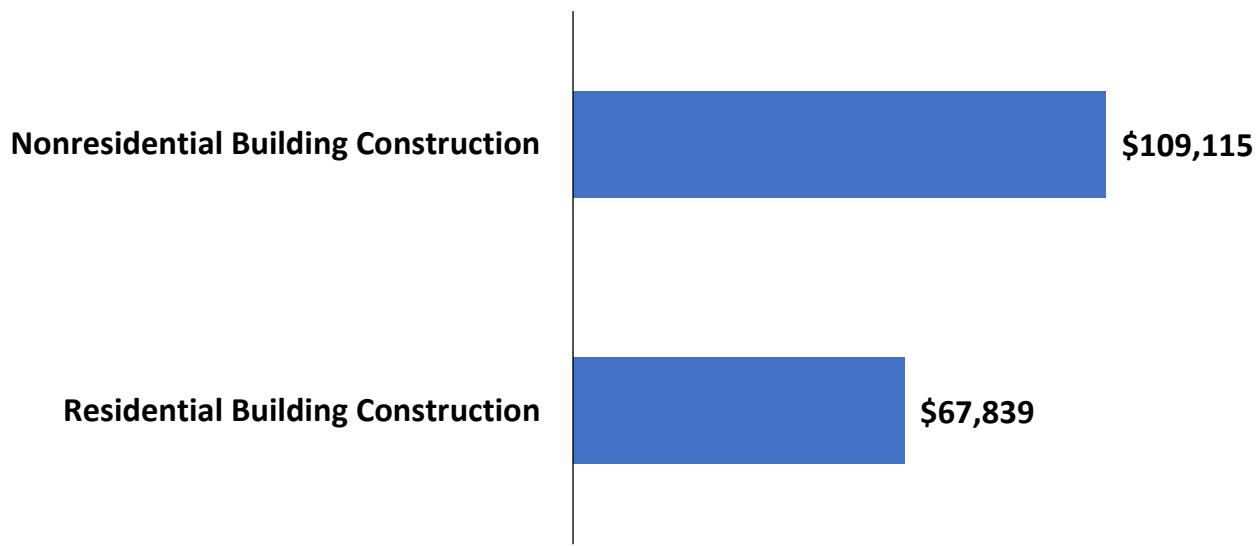
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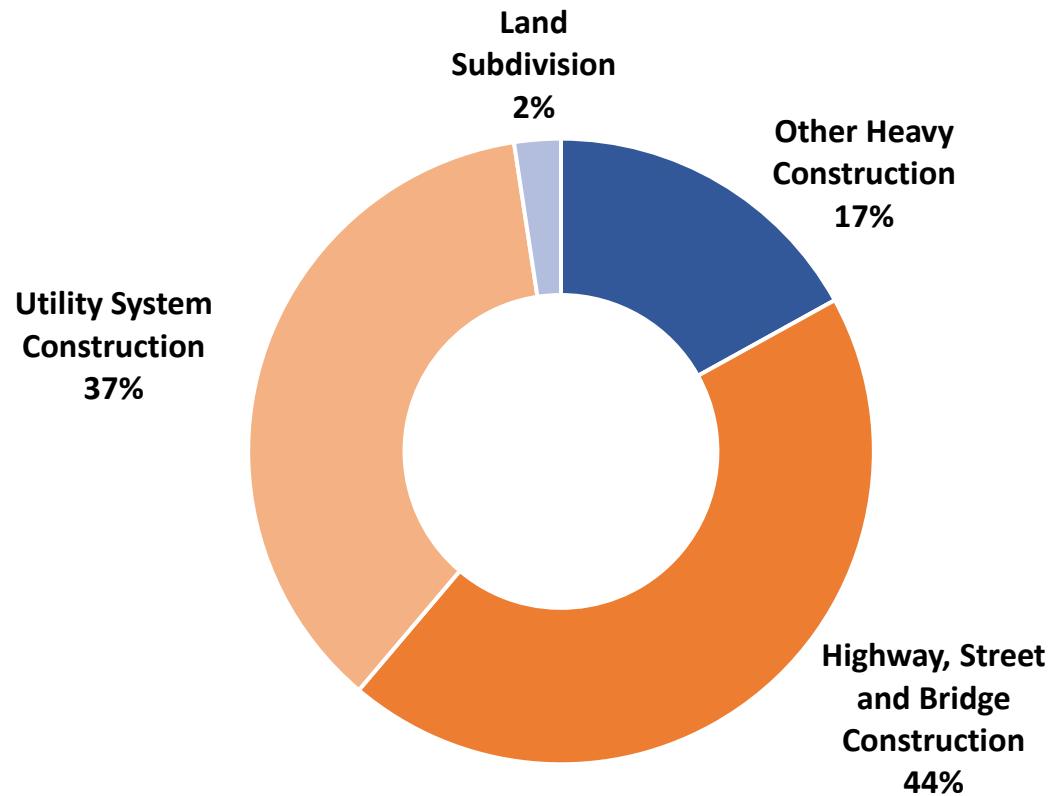
# Most of the jobs in the sector are in residential construction



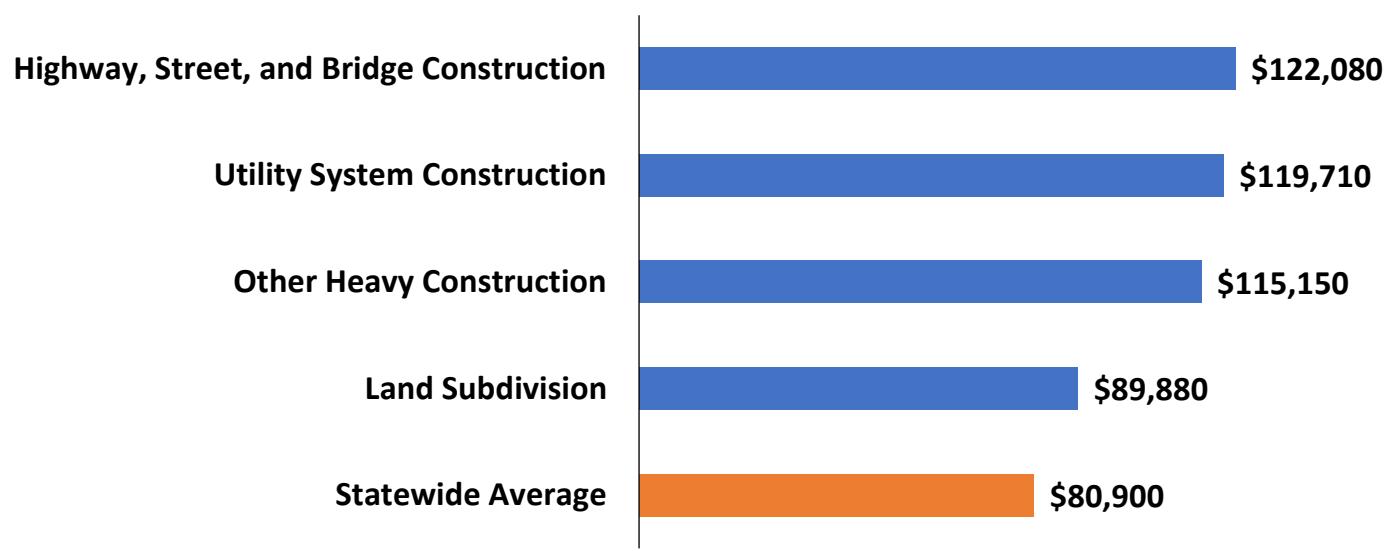
# Nonresidential construction workers earn \$41,276 more on average than residential home builders



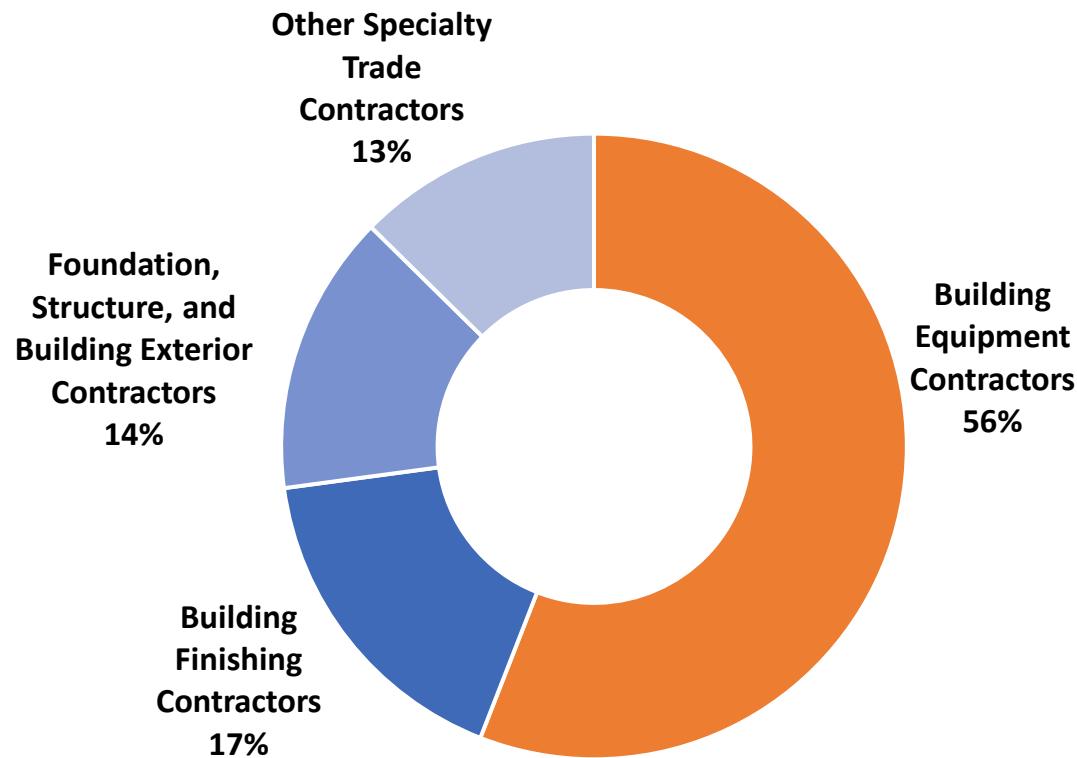
Most heavy and civil engineering jobs specialize in utility systems and highway, street, and bridge construction (81%)



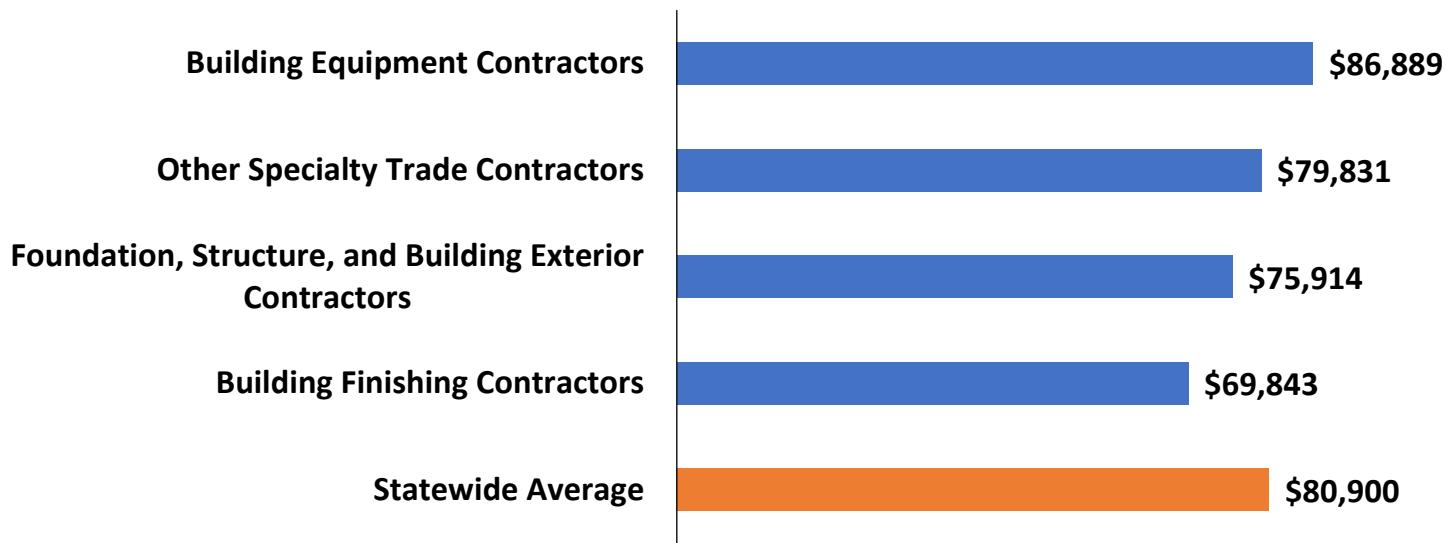
# All components of heavy and civil engineering earn well above the state's average annual salary



The largest component of specialty trade contractors are classified as building equipment contractors (56%)



# All components of specialty trade contractors earn close to or above the state's average annual salary



# Occupational Analysis

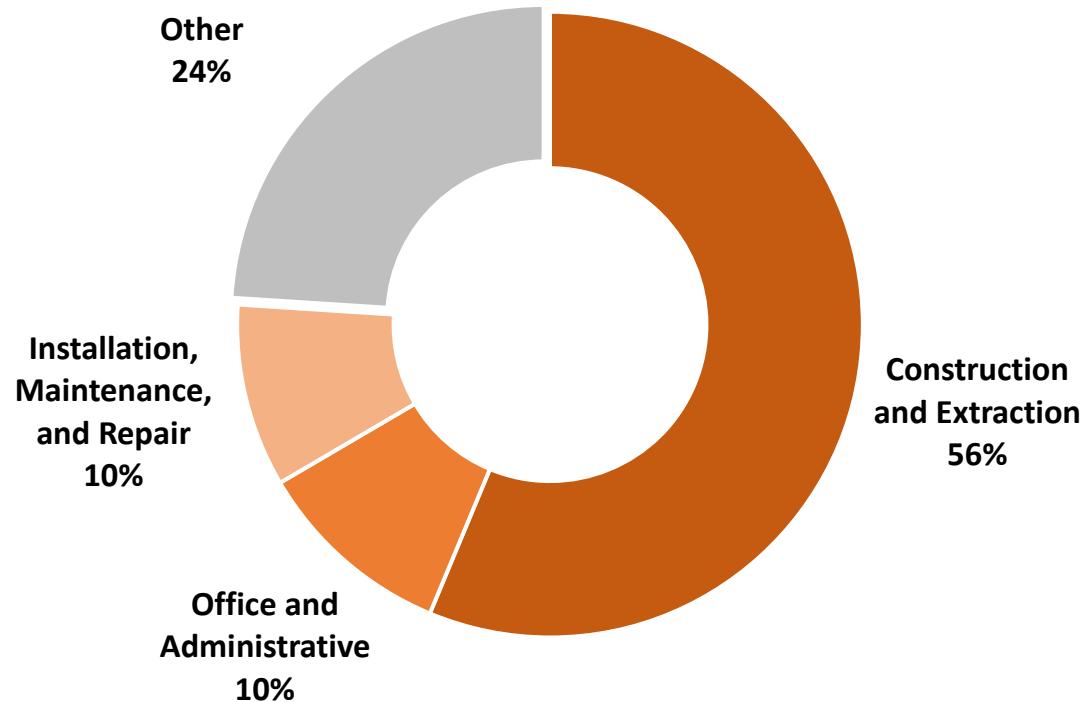


# Construction Occupations by Labor Areas

Labor Area	Employment
Newark	45,289
Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean	42,241
Bergen-Hudson-Passaic	28,550
Camden	23,586
Trenton	5,761
Atlantic City-Hammonton	5,515
Vineland-Bridgeton	3,072
Ocean City	2,605
Warren	1,171



# Most of the occupations are in the trades followed by office and administrative workers



“Other” represents occupational groups such as Management Occupations, Business and Financial Operations Occupations, Sales Occupations, and several others.

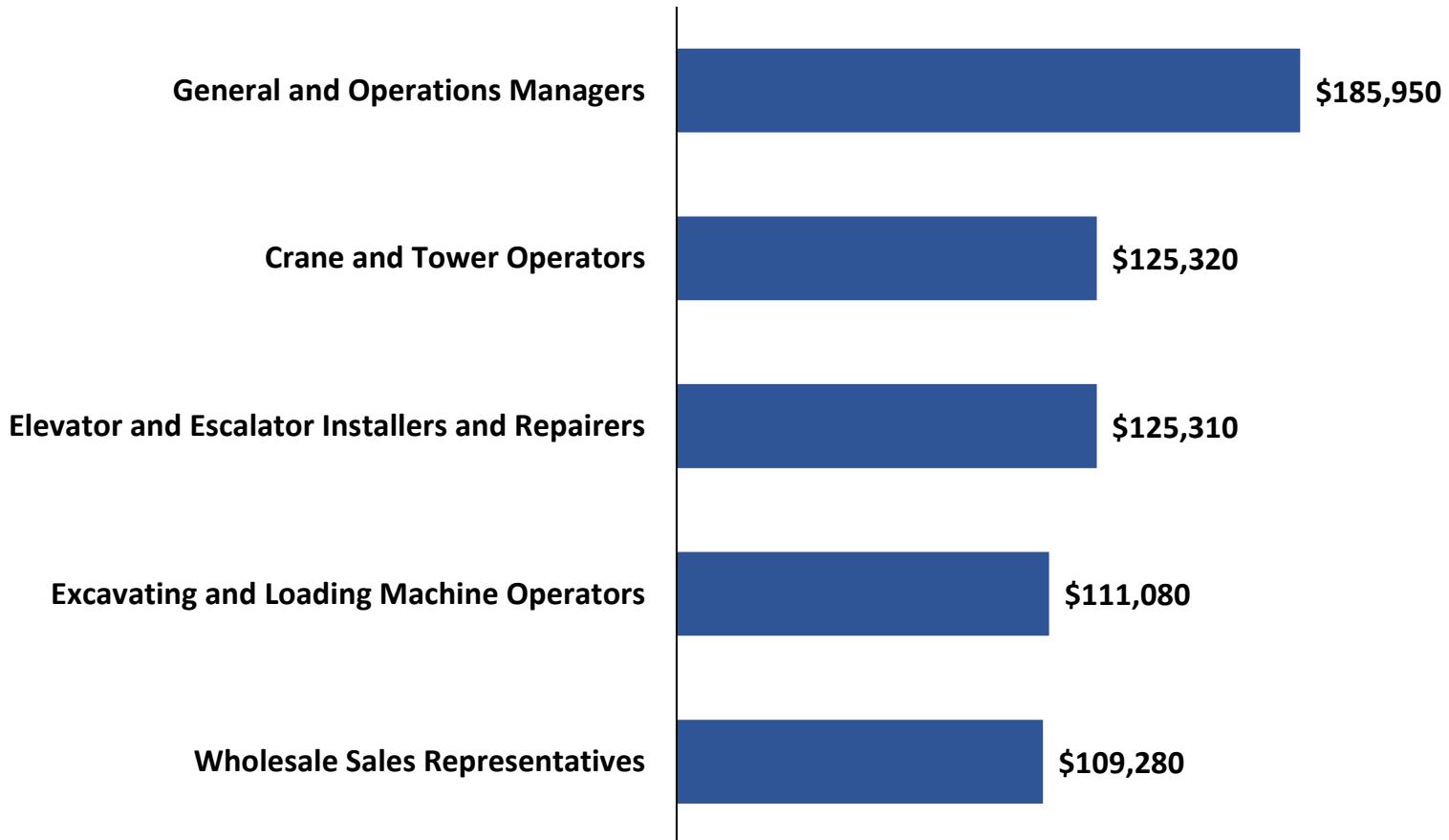


# Top 10 occupations in the construction sector (by employment)

Occupation	2023 Employment	Average Salary	Minimum Education Requirement
Construction Laborers	18,090	\$68,560	No formal educational credential
Supervisors of Construction & Extraction	13,040	\$100,670	High school diploma or equivalent
Electricians	11,660	\$79,820	High school diploma or equivalent
Carpenters	11,010	\$81,020	High school diploma or equivalent
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	8,000	\$102,090	High school diploma or equivalent
Construction Managers	7,860	\$150,520	Bachelor's degree
Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	6,500	\$65,170	Postsecondary nondegree award
Office Clerks	5,170	\$49,160	High school diploma or equivalent
Sales Representatives of Services	4,490	\$92,920	High school diploma or equivalent
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	3,590	\$61,360	No formal educational credential



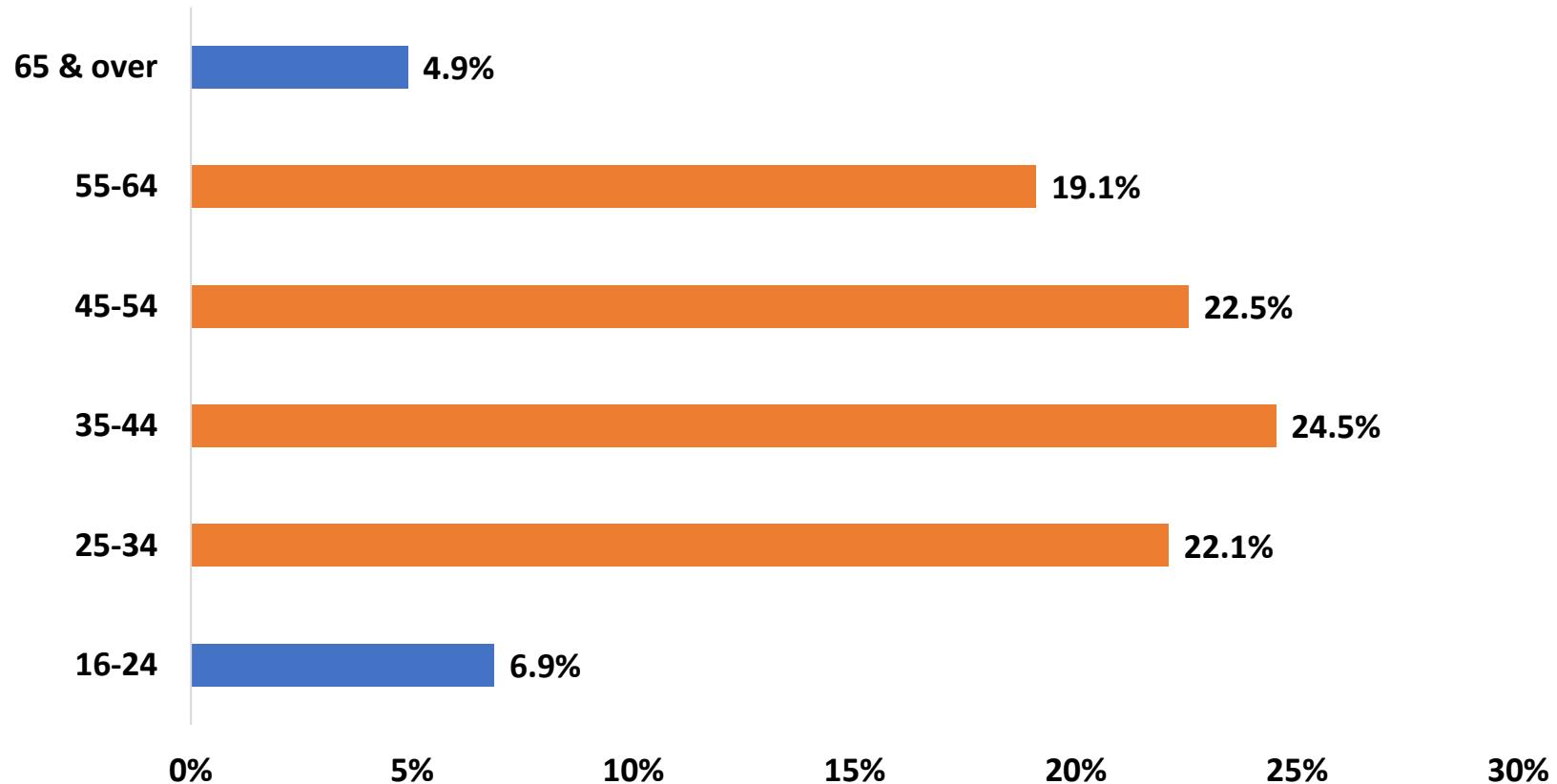
# Salaries for some higher end construction occupations



# Demographic Profile



# Most of the workforce (88%) is 25 to 64 years old

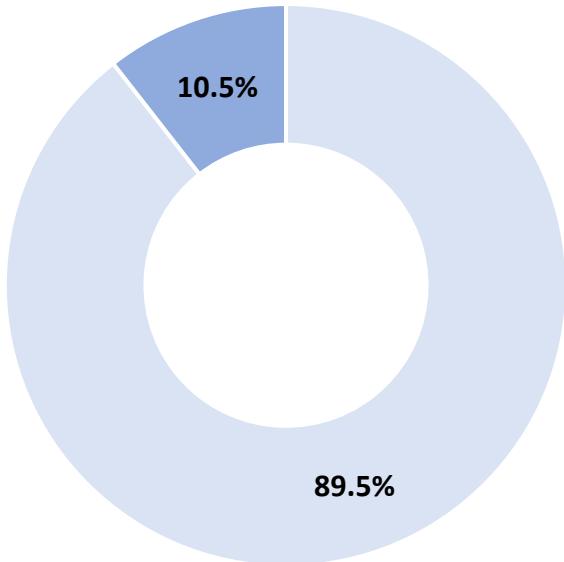


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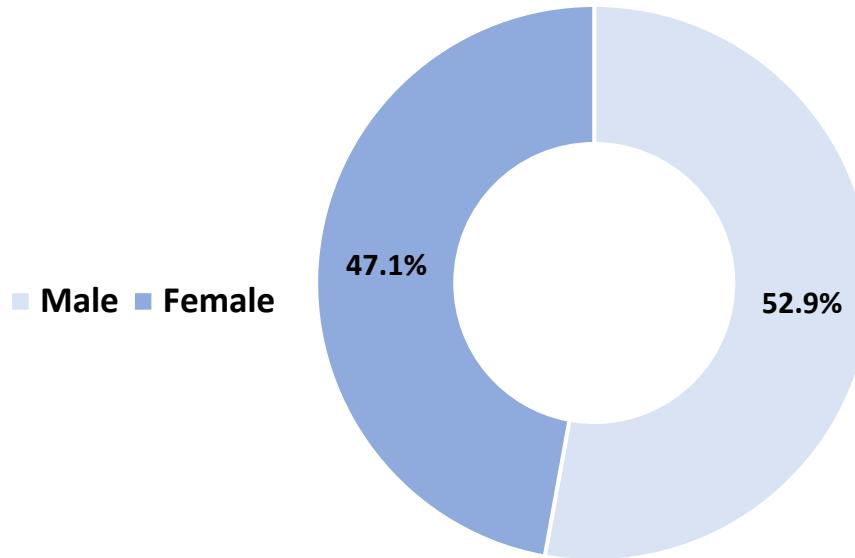
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# The construction workforce is predominantly male

**Construction**



**All Industries**



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