



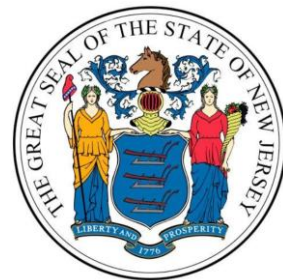
# New Jersey's Construction Sector

A Detailed Analysis of Labor  
Market Information

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# Industries included in this sector

| NAICS | Industry Description                     |
|-------|--|
| 236   | Construction of Buildings                |
| 237   | Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction |
| 238   | Specialty Trade Contractors              |



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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.

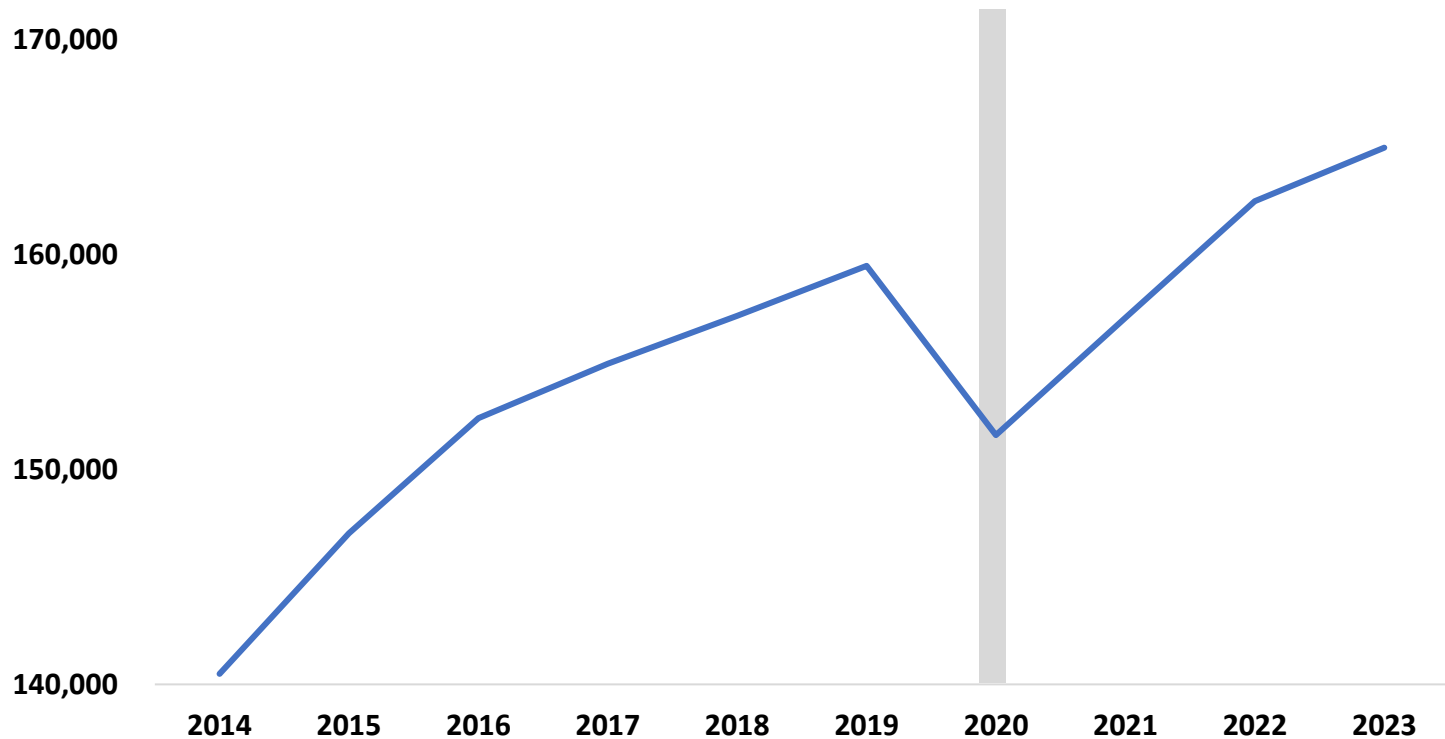
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# Industry Analysis and Economic Overview



# 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)

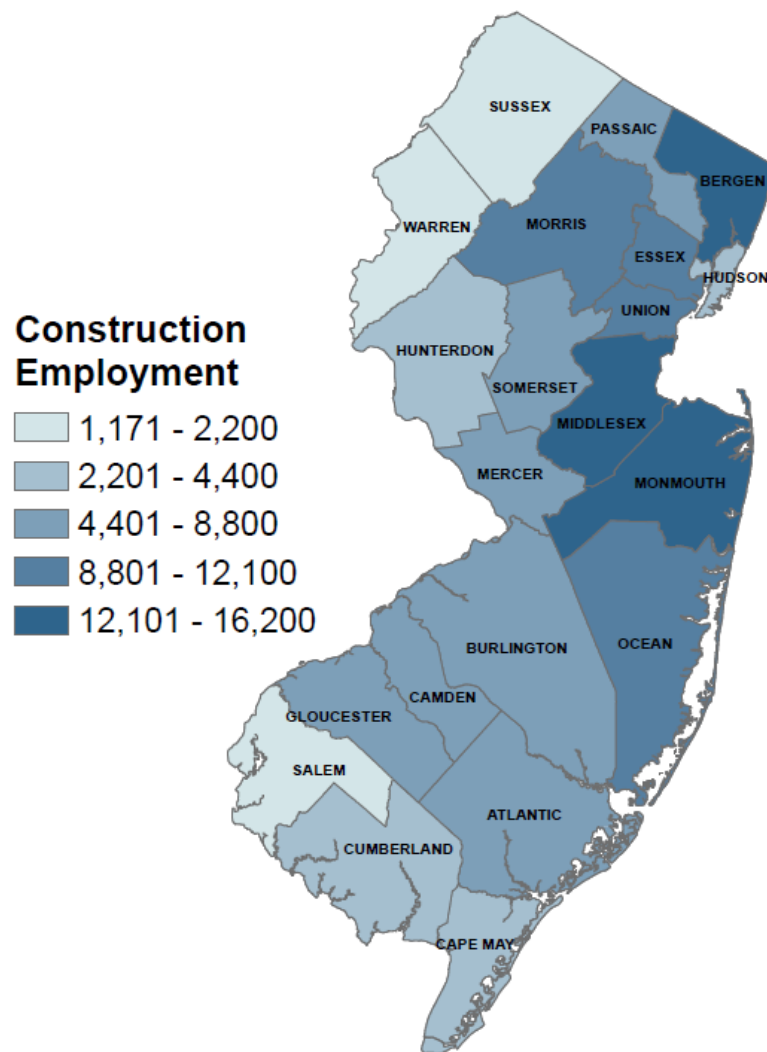
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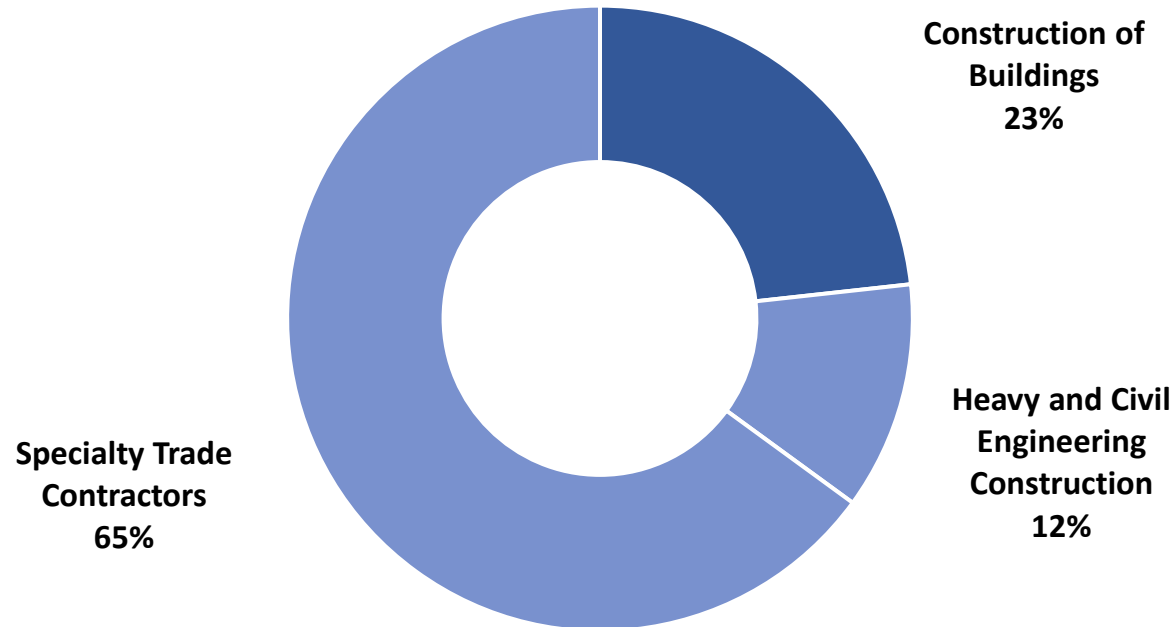
Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2014-2023 Annual Averages  
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# Construction Employment by County

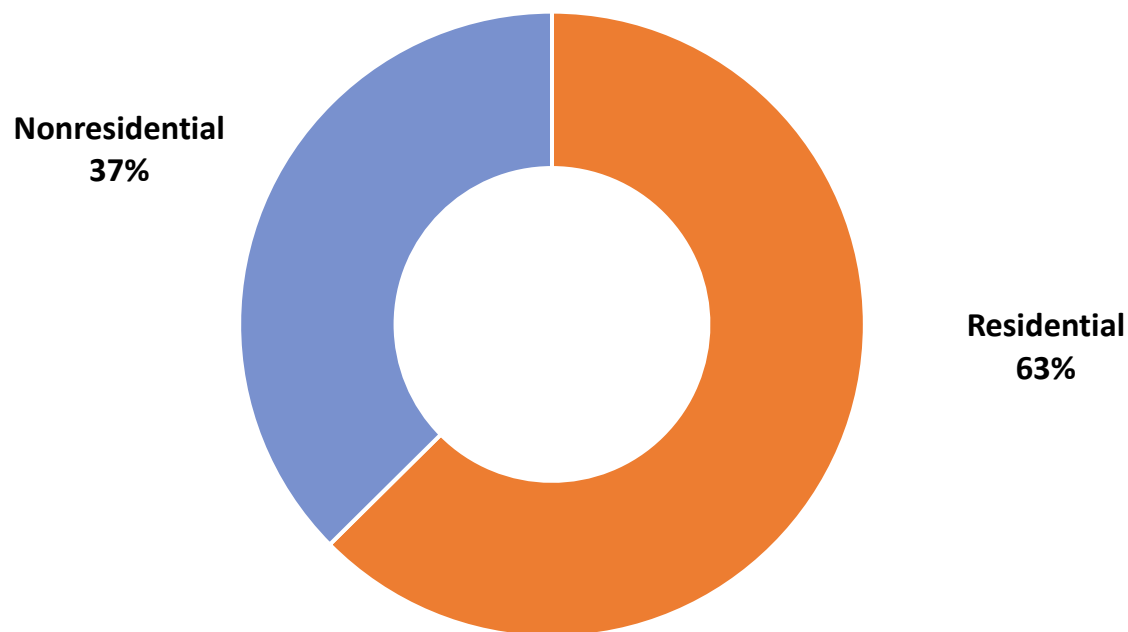




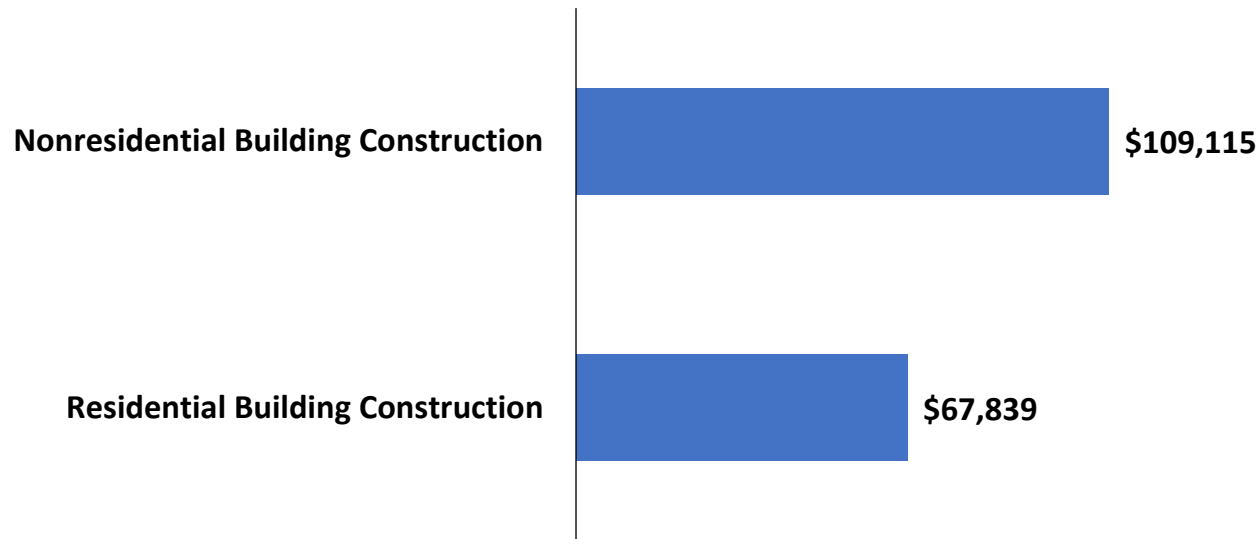
# The majority of construction jobs are in the specialty trade contractors subsector



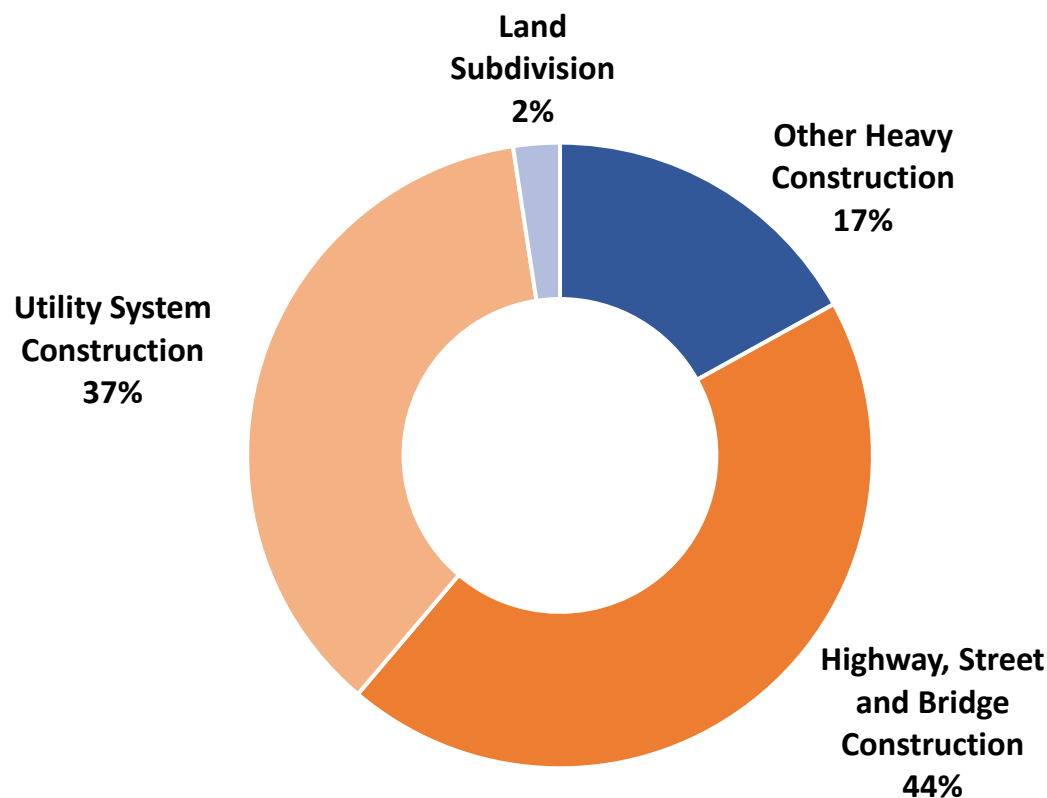
# Most of the jobs in the sector are in residential construction



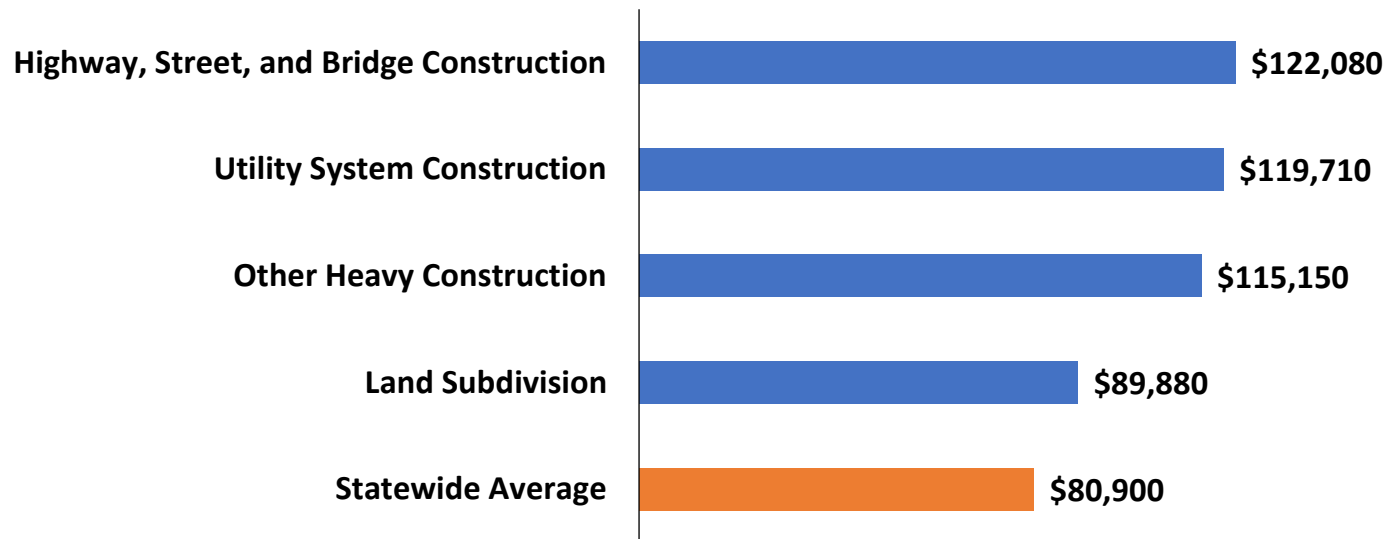
# Nonresidential construction workers earn \$41,276 more on average than residential home builders



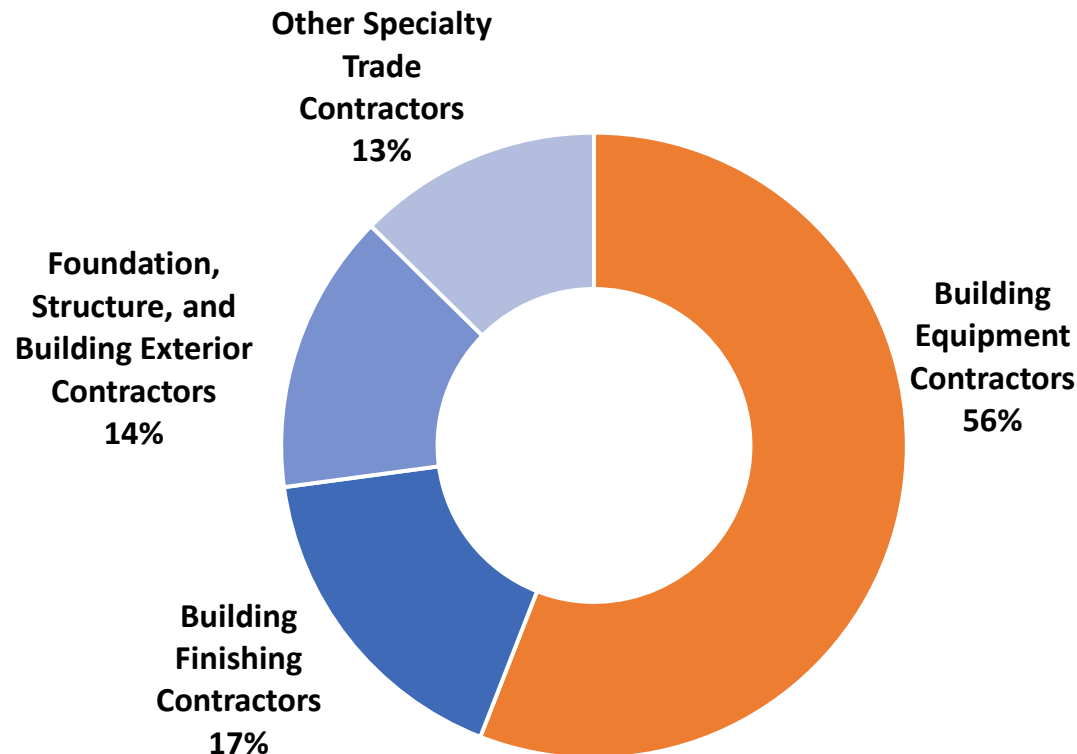
Most heavy and civil engineering jobs specialize in utility systems and highway, street, and bridge construction (81%)



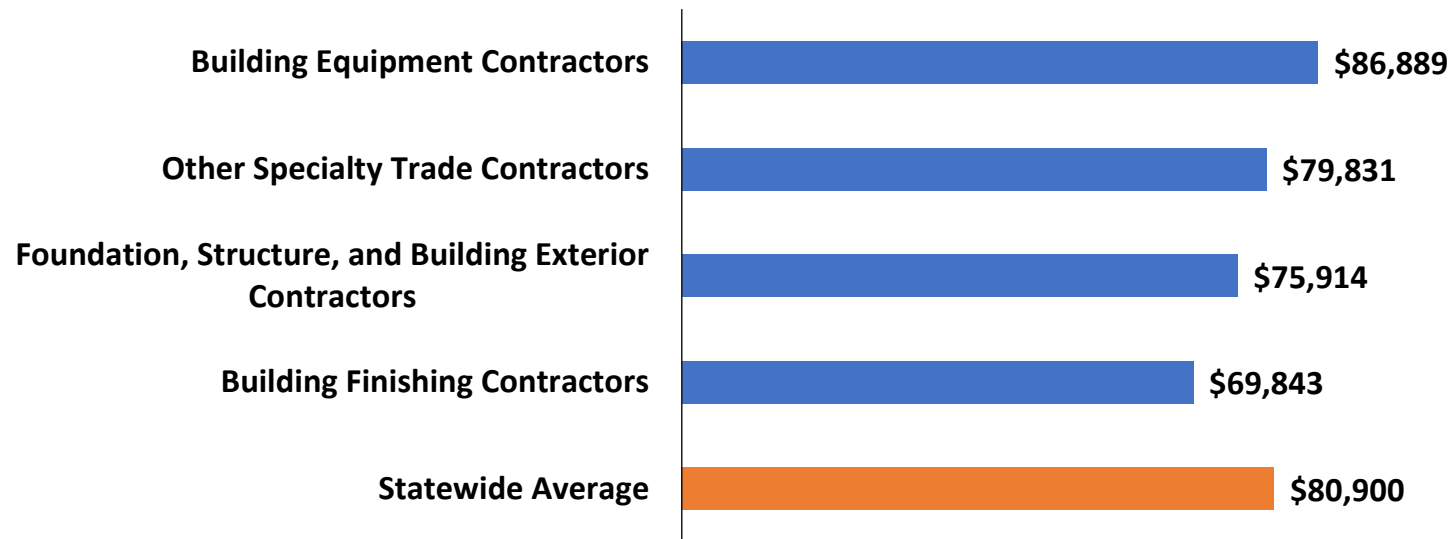
# All components of heavy and civil engineering earn well above the state's average annual salary



# 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



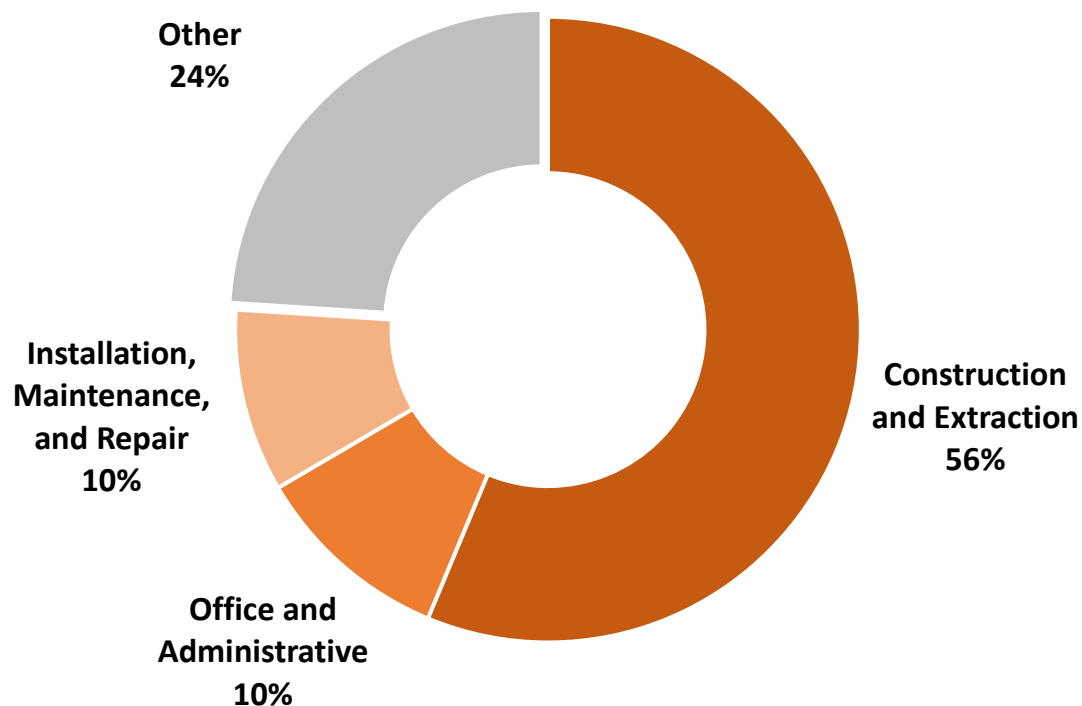


# Construction Occupations by Labor Areas

| 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.

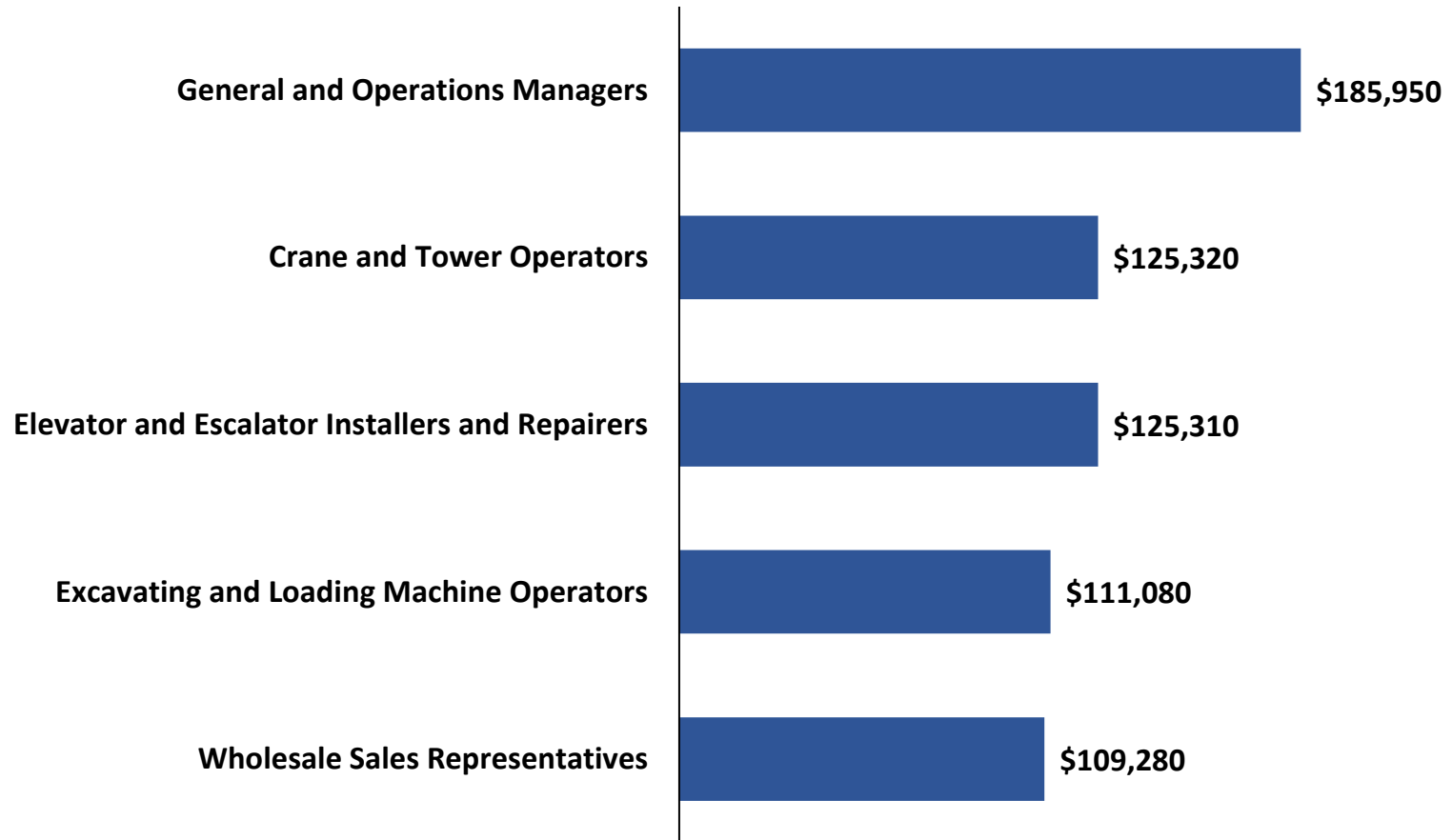


# Top 10 occupations in the construction sector (by employment)

| 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  |



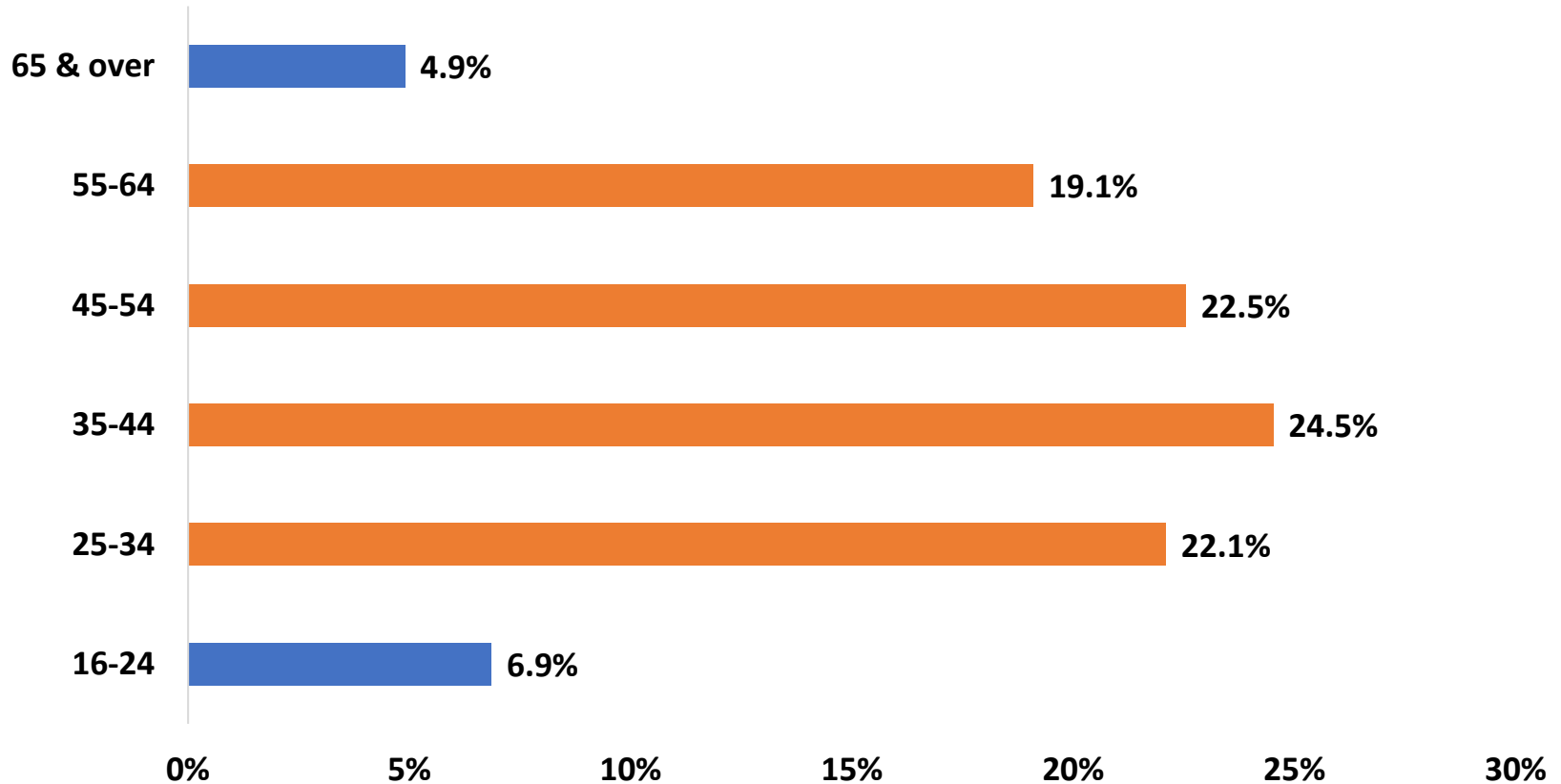
# Salaries for some higher end construction occupations



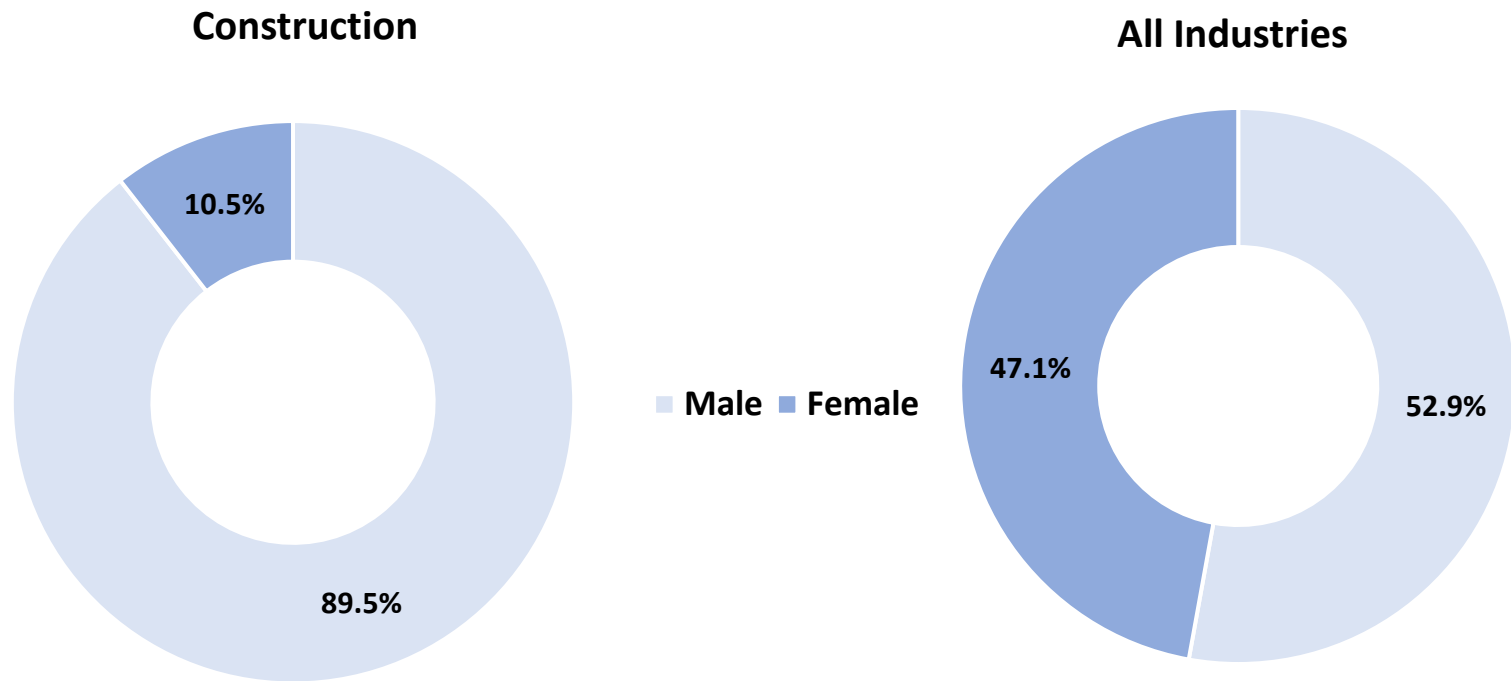
# Demographic Profile



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



# The construction workforce is predominantly male



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