New Jersey’s CONSTRUCTION & UTILITIES Industry Sector

Prepared By:
New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development
Office of Research & Information
Bureau of Labor Market Information
Winter 2021-2022
NEW JERSEY CONSTRUCTION & UTILITIES INDUSTRY SECTOR
NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS)

CONSTRUCTION

2361 Residential Building Construction
2362 Nonresidential Building Construction
2371 Utility System Construction
2372 Land Subdivision
2373 Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction
2379 Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction
2381 Foundation, Structure, & Building Exterior Contractors
2382 Building Equipment Contractors
2383 Building Finishing Contractors
2389 Other Specialty Trade Contractors

UTILITIES

2211 Electric Power Generation, Transmission & Distribution
2212 Natural Gas Distribution
2213 Water, Sewage and Other Systems
NEW JERSEY CONSTRUCTION AND UTILITIES INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

• In 2020, the construction and utilities industry had employment levels of 151,600 and 13,800, respectively

• There are 23,150 construction and utilities establishments accounting for, 8.3 percent of all the establishments in the State

• Annual average salary for all construction workers is $77,900, while workers in the utility industry earn an average of $130,320

• Approximately 80 percent of the construction and utility occupations in New Jersey require a high school diploma or less

Source: NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2020 Annual Averages
Prepared by: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, December 2021
Construction & Utilities combined make up 8.3% of our State's establishments.
NEW JERSEY CONSTRUCTION & UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT BREAKDOWN, 2020

Construction

- Construction of Buildings, 34,700
- Specialty Trade Contractors, 97,500
- Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction, 19,400

Utilities

- Water, Sewage and other Systems, 2,300
- Natural Gas Distribution, 4,900
- Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution, 6,700

Source: NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2020 Annual Averages
Prepared by: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, December 2021
NEW JERSEY CONSTRUCTION & UTILITIES INDUSTRY SECTOR
ANNUAL SALARIES FOR SOME CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS, 2020

Higher End Average Annual Salaries

- Construction Managers: $153,550
- Crane and Tower Operators: $111,990
- Elevator and Escalator Installers: $93,860
- Structural Iron and Steel Workers: $88,330
- Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers: $87,990

Lower End Average Annual Salaries

- Helpers - Electricians: $34,290
- Helpers - Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers: $34,960
- Stockers and Order Fillers: $35,500
- Helpers--Pipayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters: $35,910
- Helpers--Carpenters: $37,150

Prepared by: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, December 2021
In 2020, Hudson County issued the most building permits, approving the construction of 6,694 housing units. Across the state 12,289 single-family unit permits were issued. Ocean County led with 3,108 permits accounting for 25.2 percent of the statewide single-family units and 87.6 percent of the county’s total.

More than half (63%) of the 2020 building permits were granted for the construction of 5-or-more family units (18,585) in New Jersey, while the majority of the remaining were for single family units (12,289).
New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development

http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/

P.O. Box 057
Trenton, NJ 08625-0057

Office of Research and Information

http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/LMI_index.html

Karen Cinkus – Labor Market Analyst

Email: karen.cinkus@dol.nj.gov