NEW JERSEY CONSTRUCTION & UTILITIES INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

• In 2018, the construction industry employed 157,150, while the utility sector recorded only 15,170.

• There are 22,790 construction and utilities establishments registered in New Jersey, 9 percent of all the establishments in the State.

• Annual average salary for all construction workers is $72,660, while workers in the utility industry earn an average of $123,350.

• Approximately 80 percent of the construction and utility occupations in New Jersey require a high school diploma or less.
Construction & Utilities have a total of 22,790 establishments in N.J.

Construction & Utilities combined make up near 9% of our State's establishments.

Source: NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2013 – 2018 Annual Averages
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Construction Industry breakdown

- Specialty Trade Contractors
- Construction of Buildings
- Heavy and Civil Engineering

Utilities Industry breakdown:

- Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution; 7,490
- Natural Gas Distribution; 5,450
- Water, Sewage & Other Systems; 2,230

- Construction of Buildings; 35,890
- Specialty Trade Contractors; 101,230
- Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction; 20,030

Source: NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2008 - 2018 Annual Averages
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### AVERAGE ANNUAL SALARY FOR SOME CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS IN NEW JERSEY, 2018

#### Higher End Average Annual Salaries

- **Structural Iron and Steel Workers**
  - $87,270

- **Pile-Driver Operators**
  - $86,570

- **Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers**
  - $79,700

- **Insulation Workers, Mechanical**
  - $76,310

- **Supervisors of Construction Workers**
  - $75,690

#### Lower End Average Annual Salaries

- **Helpers--Extraction Workers**
  - $39,790

- **Insulation Workers, Floor, Ceiling, and Wall**
  - $36,270

- **Helpers--Electricians**
  - $36,160

- **Fence Erectors**
  - $33,970

- **Helpers--Carpenters**
  - $32,070

Source: NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2018
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### Average Annual Salary for Some Utilities Occupations in New Jersey, 2018

#### Higher End Average Annual Salaries
- **Management Occupations**: $155,570
- **Computer and Mathematical Occupations**: $106,080
- **Architecture and Engineering Occupations**: $95,890
- **Business and Financial Operations Occupations**: $84,330

#### Lower End Average Annual Salaries
- **Office and Administrative Support Occupations**: $63,190
- **Sales and Related Occupations**: $56,760
- **Transportation and Material Moving Occupations**: $47,450
- **Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations**: $33,130

Source: NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2018
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In 2018, more than half of the building permits were granted for the construction of 5-or-more family units (16,100) in New Jersey, while the majority of the other half was for single-family units (10,348).
Click [here](http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/) for more detailed analysis of this industry

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