

Skilled Trades - North Central ID & Southeast WA

- These jobs require specific technical training (short to long term) on a manual type of work
- Training can be completed at specialty technical/trade schools, apprenticeships, and on the job
- Professional certification often completed within 2 years & cost about 1/4 of a college degree
- Skilled trades are in high demand and pay well (many with room for advancement and pay raises).
- Skilled Trade career options include Carpenters, Electricians, Tile Setters, Ironworkers, Plumbers, Mechanics, Welders, Steamfitters, Bus Drivers, & Waste Collections Operators

Current Regional Employment 2600-2700	<i>2018-2023 New Jobs</i> 150-200	* Regional Employment increased between 2018-2023 and demand is expected to remain robust through 2028 *The region lost 20% of its skilled tradesmen between 2007-2011 and finally surpassed 2007 employment levels in 2021
Average Annual Openings 1200-1300	<i>2023-2028 New Jobs</i> 200-300	
Average Annual Earnings \$60,000		

Top 5 Skilled Trade Occupations by Forecasted Demand from 2021-2026					
	Occupation Title/Group	Total Employment	Average Salary	Entry-Level Education	# New Jobs Forecasted
1	Carpenters	600-700	\$48,000	Apprenticeship	50-75
2	Electricians	500-600	\$60,000	Apprenticeship	75-100
3	Automotive Technicians/Mechanics	400-500	\$48,000	On the Job	0-25
4	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	200-300	\$60,000	On t he Job	25-50
5	HVAC Repair and Installers	200-300	\$48,000	Apprenticeship	0-25



Avg Salary	
2013	\$46,000
2018	\$51,000
2023	\$58,000
2013-2023 % Ch	26.1%
Annual Growth	2.3%

Data Source: Lightcast

To explore career possibilities

Idaho Jobscape
<https://www.labor.idaho.gov/JobScape/>

Washington State Learn about an Occupation
<https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/learn-about-an-occupation#/search>

Occupational Outlook Handbook
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>