

# CAREER FACT SHEET

## Carpenters and Joiners

### Snapshot

Carpenters and Joiners construct, erect, install, renovate and repair structures and fixtures made of wood, plywood, wallboard and other materials, and cut, shape and fit timber parts to form structures and fittings.

How many are employed in this occupation?	142,400
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,432
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	High
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Relatively Steady

### Main employing industries

Construction; Manufacturing

### Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- studying drawings and specifications to determine materials required, dimensions and installation procedures
- ordering and selecting timbers and materials, and preparing layouts
- cutting materials, and assembling and nailing cut and shaped parts
- erecting framework and roof framing, laying sub-flooring and floorboards and verifying trueness of structures
- nailing fascia panels, sheathing roofs, and fitting exterior wall cladding and door and window frames
- assembling prepared wood to form structures and fittings ready to install
- cutting wood joints
- may construct concrete formwork
- may repair existing fittings
- may work with plastic laminates, perspex and metals

# INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

## Construction

Do you think you would like to design, build, maintain or renovate properties? What about working as an engineer or crane operator on a major construction site? Perhaps you fancy the idea of becoming a trade professional, such as a cabinetmaker or stonemason? If these occupations grab your attention, then you should explore the career pathways available within the Construction industry.

The Construction industry is divided into eight sectors: Residential Building; Non-Residential Building; Heavy and Civil Engineering; Land Development and Site Preparation Services; Building Structure Services; Building Installation Services ; Building Completion Services ; and Other Construction Services . Therefore the Construction industry offers many opportunities to get skilled via many different trade and technical vocational pathways.

Employment growth across the sector has recently been very strong, driven by the housing and commercial needs of an expanding population and investment in private and public infrastructure.

Employment in the Construction industry has increased by 42.5 per cent (over a ten year period) making it the third-largest growth industry in Australia for this period. This makes it an exciting time to join this industry! There are many skilled occupations to choose from: bricklayers, stonemasons, carpenters & joiners, cabinetmakers and painters to name a few. And you can build on these qualifications to attain supervisory, management qualifications or business credentials. Perhaps paving the way for you to own your own business.



**Construction**

### Possible job pathways

- Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics
- Architectural, Building & Surveying Technicians
- Bricklayers and Stonemasons
- Building and Plumbing Labourers
- Cabinetmakers
- Carpenters and Joiners
- Civil Engineering Professionals
- Concreters
- Construction Managers
- Crane, Hoist and Lift Operators
- Earthmoving Plant Operators
- Electrical Distribution Trades Workers
- Electricians
- Gardeners
- Glaziers
- Insulation and Home Improvement Installers
- Painting Trades Workers
- Paving and Surfacing Labourers
- Plasterers
- Plumbers
- Roof Tilers
- Structural Steel Construction Workers
- Wall and Floor Tilers

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