

THE ANNUAL WAGE IN CONSTRUCTION IS HIGHER THAN MOST OTHER INDUSTRIES

Workforce participation was hammered by the COVID-19 pandemic and is still recovering, especially from the perspective of women. According to recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, men have recouped their labor force losses since February 2020 while over 1 million fewer women were in the labor force in January 2022 compared to February 2020.

The contrast between the numbers could be because women have taken on more caretaker responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Meantime, women in the workforce still typically earn just 84% of what men earn. However, there is one industry where there is practically no pay gap, with women earning an average of 94.3% of what men earn—construction.

The annual wage in construction is also higher than most other industries. In fact, the average hourly earnings are more than \$2 higher per hour than all other private industries, and those earnings are up 5% from January 2021.

Construction is one of the few industries where you can earn a paycheck while beginning, continuing or completing your education. It's a job where you can cultivate a well-paying career that provides for your family and learn a lifelong skill set.

There are plenty of different career opportunities in construction to build the places where we work, play, worship, learn and heal. The construction industry needs to attract 650,000 additional workers in 2022 alone to meet the demand for construction services. Women make up only 10% of the industry's workforce currently.

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