

Maine Construction Wage Rates 1985

Trade	Number of Workers	Hourly Wage Rates				Average
		Low	Median	High		
Flagger	55	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.74	\$ 9.42	\$ 4.83	
Grader/Scraper Operator	60	4.75	8.42	11.50	8.24	
Insulation Worker	147	3.50	7.75	20.87	9.02	
Ironworker, Reinforcing	70	5.18	8.75	15.64	9.10	
Ironworker, Structural	168	4.01	11.00	16.84	11.29	
Laborers, Inc. Masons & Tenders	3,266	3.35	5.50	15.49	6.00	
Loader Operator, Front End	248	4.00	7.05	19.26	7.42	
Mason (Inc. Bricklayer)	245	4.25	10.15	18.96	10.43	
Mechanic	202	4.50	7.00	21.06	8.35	
Millwright	94	3.45	13.45	16.09	11.82	
Oilburnerman	46	5.00	8.13	12.00	8.14	
Painter, Brush	320	4.00	6.03	16.00	6.48	
Painter, Spray	37	4.25	6.50	10.00	7.00	
Paperhanger	20	4.75	7.00	10.00	7.31	
Paver, Bituminous	51	4.75	7.35	12.50	7.53	
Pipelayer	91	3.75	6.75	12.00	6.98	
Plasterer	15	6.50	11.00	15.00	10.52	
Plumber, Pipefitter, Steamfitter	741	3.50	12.00	18.00	11.74	
Refrigerator Mechanic	22	5.00	10.00	11.00	8.73	
Rigger	51	5.50	9.00	13.64	9.05	
Roller Operator	126	4.00	7.00	19.26	7.09	
Roofer	247	3.75	7.00	10.86	7.03	
Sheet Metal Worker	310	3.45	8.10	14.66	8.80	
Sprinkler Fitter	48	4.50	10.86	15.45	11.33	
Tool Operator, Power Actuated	11	3.75	6.25	8.00	5.99	
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	321	4.00	5.75	17.88	5.97	
Truck Driver (3 Axle)	595	4.00	6.00	10.53	5.97	
Truck Driver (Tractor-Trailer)	95	4.50	6.73	9.62	6.70	

The Maine Construction Wage Survey is conducted annually under the Prevailing Wage Rate on Construction Projects Law. The major purpose of the survey is to provide accurate hourly wage rates by trade for State-funded construction projects. The 1985 survey had an initial mailing of 1,130 construction firms. Data from 621 respondents was used to produce the 1986 wage determinations and, subsequently, this publication. There were 286 unused reports having fewer than five employees during the survey period. The remaining 91 received, but not used, were out of business or no longer operating in the State of Maine. The data shown is based on 12,113 workers or about 48% of the estimated 25,200 employed in the Construction Industry Division in September 1985.

The industry-wide average hourly wage for 1985 was \$8.01. This is 7.8% higher than the 1984 average of \$7.43. The overall higher average wage is due to an increase in the average hourly rates in approximately two-thirds of the occupations.

NOTES

Average Wage: The weighted average computed by multiplying each rate by the number of workers receiving that rate then dividing by the total number of workers in the trade.
Median Wage: Literally, the middle rate, that is no more than half the workers in a trade earn less and no more than half the workers earn in excess of this figure.
SOURCE: Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment (for September 1985 employment data).

TECHNICAL NOTES

Rates shown in this publication should not be confused with rates used in any general or specific area determination. There are two major differences between this data and the determined rates. The industry groups differ significantly. For this publication, the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Major Industry Groups are used. Prevailing wage determinations; on the other hand, cross SIC groups. Also, no rate is set for a trade having less than 10 workers statewide, but data is shown here for trades with fewer than 10 workers if it was judged to be usable and did not violate confidentiality restrictions.

**AVERAGE WAGE RATES
BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP, 1982-1985**

	Average Wage			
	1985	1984	1983	1982
Construction Industry	\$8.01	\$7.43	\$7.19	\$7.25
Building Construction	7.36	7.13	7.59	7.42
Highway & Heavy Construction	7.08	6.73	6.10	5.85
Special Trades Construction	8.92	8.11	8.02	8.57

HOURLY WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED CONSTRUCTION TRADES, MAINE, 1985

Trade	Number of Workers	Hourly Wage Rates				Trade	Number of Workers	Hourly Wage Rates			
		Low	Median	High	Average			Low	Median	High	Average
Building Construction (SIC 15)						Special Trade Contractors (SIC 17)					
Backhoe Operator	58	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.18	\$19.26	\$ 8.63	Backhoe Operator	159	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.28	\$17.35	\$ 7.48
Bulldozer Operator	34	5.50	7.00	12.00	7.27	Bituminous Raker & Spreader	13	5.75	6.31	8.00	6.56
Carpenter	1,811	4.00	7.00	18.00	7.31	Bulldozer Operator	103	5.00	7.00	10.00	7.12
Cement Finisher	66	4.50	7.47	12.00	7.76	Carpenter	267	4.25	8.25	23.07	10.51
Compressor Operator	5	5.00	5.50	6.50	5.70	Cement Finisher	98	5.00	7.10	10.00	7.18
Crane Operator (Less Than 15 Tons)	5	7.00	7.38	10.00	7.80	Compressor Operator	6	4.50	5.11	8.50	5.88
Crane Operator (More Than 15 Tons)	15	6.00	9.99	19.26	11.49	Crane Operator (Less Than 15 Tons)	10	5.10	7.13	10.00	7.19
Electrician	64	5.75	16.42	18.00	15.45	Crane Operator (More Than 15 Tons)	15	7.00	8.00	20.67	9.68
Ironworkers, Reinforcing	29	5.75	7.25	14.65	8.23	Dry Wall Applicator	129	5.00	10.99	13.50	10.19
Ironworkers, Structural	93	4.01	14.64	16.89	11.65	Dry Wall Taper & Finisher	102	5.50	10.43	15.00	9.73
Ironworkers, Inc. Helpers & Tenders	1,210	3.50	5.25	11.43	5.72	Electrician	553	4.50	11.51	17.83	11.65
Loader Operator, Front-End	16	6.00	7.00	19.26	8.63	Grader/Scraper Operator	12	5.00	7.53	10.83	8.93
Mason (Inc. Bricklayer)	44	6.25	9.50	14.85	9.44	Insulation Worker	141	3.50	7.99	23.87	9.11
Mechanic	14	4.50	6.50	21.06	7.54	Ironworkers, Structural	43	6.00	11.00	15.35	11.49
Millwright	31	7.50	13.56	13.72	11.70	Ironworkers, Inc. Helpers & Tenders	1,314	3.35	5.75	15.45	6.36
Painter, Brush	71	4.78	6.50	16.00	6.94	Loader Operator, Front-End	85	4.25	6.98	13.02	7.15
Painter, Spray	11	4.25	5.50	9.52	6.14	Mason (Inc. Bricklayer)	174	5.50	11.00	18.96	10.91
Roller Operator	7	6.00	7.00	19.26	8.68	Mechanic	44	4.50	7.02	12.50	7.29
Sheet Metal Worker	56	4.50	6.42	14.66	7.92	Millwright	49	7.00	13.55	16.09	13.06
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	37	4.00	6.14	10.38	6.72	Dilburnerman	44	5.00	8.03	12.60	8.16
Truck Driver (3 Axle)	28	5.00	5.80	10.53	6.75	Painter, Brush	244	4.00	6.00	10.00	6.34
Highway & Heavy Construction (SIC 16)						Painter, Spray	19	5.45	6.75	10.00	7.40
Backhoe Operator	202	4.50	7.80	13.25	8.29	Paperhanger	19	4.75	7.04	10.00	7.32
Bituminous Raker & Spreader	66	5.00	6.26	10.70	6.57	Paver, Bituminous	7	6.50	7.40	12.50	8.07
Bulldozer Operator	138	5.25	7.50	12.00	7.79	Pipelayer	25	4.75	6.28	12.00	6.98
Carpenter	113	5.00	8.01	14.19	8.52	Plasterer	15	6.50	10.94	15.00	10.52
Compressor Operator	11	4.00	5.86	7.25	5.65	Plumber, Pipefitter, Steamfitter	538	3.50	11.01	17.70	11.36
Crane Operator (Less Than 15 Tons)	11	5.25	9.01	13.50	8.72	Refrigerator Mechanic	22	5.00	10.00	11.00	8.73
Crane Operator (More Than 15 Tons)	21	7.75	9.39	19.26	9.56	Rigger	10	7.00	9.45	13.64	8.71
Crusher Plant Operator	16	4.00	6.08	10.75	6.42	Roller Operator	12	4.50	6.00	7.95	6.08
Flagger	17	3.50	4.66	5.00	4.52	Roofers	242	3.75	7.00	10.86	7.03
Grader/Scraper Operator	44	4.75	8.39	11.50	8.17	Sheet Metal Worker	249	3.45	8.61	14.88	9.02
Ironworkers (Inc. Helpers & Tenders)	740	3.45	5.50	11.97	5.81	Sprinkler Fitter	48	4.50	10.89	15.45	11.33
Loader Operator, Front-End	147	4.00	7.35	11.50	7.44	Truck Driver (2 Axle)	114	4.25	5.81	17.88	6.27
Mason (Inc. Bricklayer)	7	4.25	7.30	10.65	7.35	Truck Driver (3 Axle)	231	4.00	6.00	10.00	5.98
Mechanic	144	5.00	8.25	18.75	8.75	Truck Driver (Tractor-Trailer)	31	5.00	7.46	9.62	7.24
Millwright	14	3.45	8.46	11.00	7.78	Trades in More Than One SIC					
Painter, Brush	5	5.75	6.69	9.00	7.00	Backhoe Operator	419	4.50	7.50	19.26	8.03
Paver, Bituminous	44	4.75	7.32	11.40	7.45	Bituminous Raker & Spreader	81	5.00	6.26	10.70	6.60
Pipelayer	63	3.75	6.98	11.68	6.84	Blaster	10	5.00	6.25	11.25	7.36
Roller Operator	107	4.00	7.15	11.40	7.10	Bulldozer Operator	275	5.00	7.30	12.00	7.47
Tool Operator, Power Actuated	9	3.75	6.50	8.00	6.21	Carpenter	2,191	4.00	7.00	23.07	7.76
Truck Driver (2 Axle)	170	4.25	5.50	10.73	5.60	Cement Finisher	170	4.50	7.25	13.34	7.47
Truck Driver (3 Axle)	336	4.50	5.65	8.80	5.89	Compressor Operator	22	4.00	5.68	8.50	5.72
Truck Driver (Tractor-Trailer)	63	4.50	6.62	9.00	6.45	Crane Operator (Less Than 15 Tons)	26	5.10	7.50	13.50	7.95
						Crane Operator (More Than 15 Tons)	51	6.00	8.79	20.67	10.16
						Crusher Plant Operator	20	4.00	6.63	10.75	6.62
						Dry Wall Applicator	130	5.00	11.00	13.50	10.17
						Dry Wall Taper & Finisher	111	5.00	10.50	15.00	9.47
						Electrician	656	4.50	14.00	18.00	12.05