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# Maine Construction Wage Rates 1983

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Trades in More Than One SIC (continued)

| Trade                          | Number of Workers | Hourly Wage Rates |         |         |         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                |                   | Low               | Median  | High    | Average |
| Ironworker, Structural         | 145               | \$4.25            | \$ 7.10 | \$20.00 | \$ 8.77 |
| Laborer, Unskilled             | 2,833             | 3.35              | 5.00    | 13.23   | 5.29    |
| Loader Operator                | 288               | 3.75              | 7.00    | 11.50   | 6.89    |
| Mason                          | 230               | 4.00              | 9.50    | 15.33   | 9.30    |
| Mason's Tender                 | 184               | 4.00              | 6.00    | 13.81   | 7.16    |
| Mechanic                       | 219               | 4.00              | 7.00    | 19.82   | 7.18    |
| Millwright                     | 107               | 4.50              | 12.89   | 15.64   | 10.92   |
| Painter, Brush                 | 215               | 3.50              | 5.85    | 11.85   | 5.88    |
| Plasterer                      | 20                | 5.00              | 9.50    | 14.00   | 9.03    |
| Plasterer's Tender             | 7                 | 5.00              | 6.00    | 7.00    | 6.21    |
| Plumber, Pipefitter, Etc.      | 476               | 5.15              | 12.96   | 19.50   | 11.66   |
| Rigger                         | 19                | 4.70              | 7.50    | 9.00    | 7.10    |
| Roofer                         | 156               | 5.00              | 7.25    | 14.30   | 7.42    |
| Sheet Metal Worker             | 225               | 5.25              | 8.42    | 12.67   | 8.53    |
| Shovel Operator                | 12                | 5.00              | 6.87    | 8.16    | 6.99    |
| Tool Operator                  | 41                | 4.10              | 5.50    | 17.61   | 6.20    |
| Truck Driver (2 Axle)          | 416               | 3.50              | 6.00    | 10.41   | 5.37    |
| Truck Driver (3 Axles or More) | 915               | 3.75              | 5.50    | 10.20   | 5.67    |

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 1983 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.

## Maine Construction Wage Rates 1983

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 1983 survey had an initial mailing to 777 construction firms. Data from 479 respondents was used to produce the 1984 wage determinations and, subsequently, this publication. The majority of unused reports were those having fewer than five employees during the survey period. Most of the remainder of the firms not used were out of business or no longer operating in the State of Maine. The data shown is based on 10,018 workers or about 53% of the 18,800 employed in the Construction Industry Division in September 1983.

The industry-wide average hourly wage for 1983 was \$7.13. This is slightly lower than the 1982 average of \$7.25. The difference is, in large part, due to a single major construction project that ended which had employed a rather large number of upper-level plumbers and pipefitters.

AVERAGE WAGE RATES  
BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP, 1982-1983

|                              | Average Wage |        |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------|
|                              | 1983         | 1982   |
| Construction Industry        | \$7.13       | \$7.25 |
| Building Construction        | 7.59         | 7.42   |
| Highway & Heavy Construction | 6.10         | 5.85   |
| Special Trades Contractors   | 8.02         | 8.37   |

HOURLY WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED CONSTRUCTION TRADES, MAINE, 1983

Special Trade Contractors (SIC 17)

Building Construction (SIC 15)

| Trade                          | Number of Workers | Hourly Wage Rates |         |         |         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                |                   | Low               | Median  | High    | Average |
| Backhoe Operator               | 48                | \$5.00            | \$ 6.38 | \$18.11 | \$ 7.67 |
| Bulldozer Operator             | 17                | 5.00              | 6.75    | 18.11   | 7.26    |
| Carpenter                      | 1,076             | 3.50              | 6.50    | 14.14   | 6.86    |
| Cement Finisher                | 26                | 4.50              | 7.29    | 11.66   | 7.52    |
| Crane Operator (15 Tons Plus)  | 18                | 4.90              | 6.50    | 8.80    | 6.77    |
| Ironworker, Reinforcing        | 84                | 5.00              | 14.30   | 16.30   | 12.95   |
| Ironworker, Structural         | 72                | 4.25              | 6.00    | 15.64   | 6.69    |
| Laborer, Unskilled             | 771               | 3.35              | 5.00    | 11.62   | 5.57    |
| Mason                          | 59                | 4.75              | 9.50    | 12.66   | 9.13    |
| Mason's Tender                 | 30                | 4.50              | 5.00    | 9.57    | 5.82    |
| Mechanic                       | 12                | 4.50              | 6.60    | 19.82   | 7.42    |
| Millwright                     | 55                | 7.20              | 12.89   | 15.64   | 12.17   |
| Painter, Brush                 | 37                | 4.75              | 5.50    | 8.50    | 5.88    |
| Plumber, Pipefitter, Etc.      | 102               | 5.50              | 14.65   | 17.15   | 13.25   |
| Sheet Metal Worker             | 27                | 5.55              | 7.00    | 14.30   | 8.42    |
| Tool Operator                  | 15                | 4.45              | 5.00    | 17.61   | 6.11    |
| Truck Driver (2 Axle)          | 33                | 4.25              | 6.40    | 10.41   | 7.05    |
| Truck Driver (3 Axles or More) | 19                | 4.10              | 5.50    | 9.71    | 6.00    |

Highway and Heavy Construction (SIC 16)

|                                |       |      |      |       |      |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| Backhoe Operator               | 231   | 4.00 | 7.50 | 12.50 | 7.83 |
| Bituminous Plant Operator      | 35    | 5.75 | 8.09 | 9.80  | 7.79 |
| Bituminous Raker/Spreader      | 123   | 4.00 | 6.50 | 10.10 | 6.46 |
| Bulldozer Operator             | 162   | 4.50 | 7.38 | 11.50 | 7.90 |
| Carpenter                      | 100   | 5.00 | 6.50 | 11.00 | 6.96 |
| Compressor Operator            | 6     | 4.50 | 4.88 | 6.25  | 5.09 |
| Crane Operator (15 Tons Plus)  | 34    | 6.00 | 9.50 | 14.00 | 9.71 |
| Crusher Plant Operator         | 42    | 4.00 | 6.60 | 10.20 | 6.78 |
| Gradall Operator               | 11    | 5.00 | 7.00 | 10.70 | 7.61 |
| Grader Operator                | 72    | 4.75 | 8.00 | 10.70 | 8.07 |
| Ironworker, Structural         | 15    | 6.50 | 8.50 | 14.09 | 8.65 |
| Laborer, Unskilled             | 1,420 | 3.35 | 4.62 | 9.35  | 5.03 |
| Loader Operator                | 234   | 4.25 | 7.00 | 11.50 | 7.13 |
| Mason                          | 30    | 4.00 | 8.30 | 9.10  | 7.58 |
| Mechanic                       | 163   | 4.00 | 7.25 | 10.50 | 7.31 |
| Paver, Bituminous              | 114   | 4.25 | 7.00 | 10.70 | 7.22 |
| Pipe Layer                     | 20    | 4.50 | 5.00 | 8.40  | 5.19 |
| Roller Operator                | 221   | 3.85 | 7.00 | 10.70 | 6.83 |
| Tool Operator                  | 24    | 5.00 | 6.00 | 10.12 | 6.38 |
| Truck Driver (2 Axle)          | 272   | 4.00 | 5.00 | 8.40  | 5.19 |
| Truck Driver (3 Axles or More) | 691   | 4.00 | 5.55 | 10.20 | 5.69 |

| Trade                          | Number of Workers | Hourly Wage Rates |         |         |         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                |                   | Low               | Median  | High    | Average |
| Asbestos Worker                | 40                | \$7.00            | \$18.06 | \$21.37 | \$14.98 |
| Backhoe Operator               | 84                | 3.75              | 6.25    | 13.92   | 6.28    |
| Bulldozer Operator             | 59                | 3.75              | 5.75    | 7.75    | 5.90    |
| Carpenter                      | 90                | 3.35              | 9.00    | 12.86   | 9.07    |
| Cement Finisher                | 26                | 5.50              | 7.30    | 11.66   | 7.80    |
| Crane Operator (Under 15 Tons) | 20                | 5.00              | 6.75    | 9.00    | 6.60    |
| Crane Operator (15 Tons Plus)  | 11                | 10.00             | 17.61   | 18.11   | 16.31   |
| Drywall Applicator             | 41                | 4.75              | 9.00    | 10.50   | 8.56    |
| Drywall Taper & Finisher       | 28                | 6.50              | 9.00    | 10.50   | 8.66    |
| Electrician                    | 305               | 5.25              | 10.00   | 18.42   | 10.63   |
| Glazier                        | 20                | 4.00              | 6.35    | 8.15    | 6.17    |
| Grader Operator                | 6                 | 5.00              | 5.45    | 6.10    | 5.43    |
| Ironworker, Structural         | 58                | 6.00              | 14.09   | 20.00   | 11.38   |
| Laborer, Unskilled             | 642               | 3.35              | 5.00    | 13.23   | 5.52    |
| Loader Operator                | 50                | 3.75              | 5.55    | 8.35    | 5.79    |
| Mason                          | 141               | 5.00              | 9.50    | 15.33   | 9.73    |
| Mason's Tender                 | 153               | 4.00              | 6.25    | 13.81   | 7.43    |
| Mechanic                       | 44                | 4.00              | 6.50    | 11.50   | 6.64    |
| Millwright                     | 52                | 4.50              | 9.25    | 12.89   | 9.52    |
| Oilburner Worker               | 62                | 4.50              | 7.17    | 10.00   | 7.09    |
| Painter, Brush                 | 178               | 3.50              | 5.85    | 11.85   | 5.88    |
| Painter, Spray                 | 11                | 5.50              | 6.00    | 8.00    | 6.09    |
| Plumber, Pipefitter, Etc.      | 374               | 5.15              | 10.00   | 19.50   | 11.22   |
| Refrigeration Mechanic         | 20                | 4.00              | 9.25    | 11.65   | 8.82    |
| Roofing                        | 146               | 5.25              | 7.25    | 11.40   | 7.50    |
| Sheet Metal Worker             | 198               | 5.25              | 8.60    | 12.67   | 8.55    |
| Sprinklerfitter                | 25                | 6.00              | 13.67   | 13.67   | 11.71   |
| Truck Driver (2 Axle)          | 111               | 3.50              | 5.00    | 10.00   | 5.30    |
| Truck Driver (3 Axles or More) | 205               | 3.75              | 5.25    | 8.25    | 5.56    |

Trades in More Than One SIC

|                                |       |      |       |       |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Backhoe Operator               | 327   | 3.75 | 7.00  | 18.11 | 8.27  |
| Bituminous Raker/Spreader      | 133   | 4.00 | 6.25  | 9.50  | 6.19  |
| Boilermaker                    | 137   | 4.75 | 18.16 | 21.37 | 16.84 |
| Bulldozer Operator             | 238   | 3.75 | 7.00  | 18.11 | 7.36  |
| Carpenter                      | 1,266 | 3.35 | 6.50  | 14.14 | 6.99  |
| Cement Finisher                | 71    | 4.50 | 7.30  | 11.66 | 7.77  |
| Compressor Operator            | 12    | 4.50 | 5.15  | 18.11 | 6.30  |
| Crane Operator (Under 15 Tons) | 38    | 4.90 | 6.50  | 9.00  | 6.68  |
| Crane Operator (15 Tons Plus)  | 63    | 6.00 | 11.50 | 18.11 | 13.05 |
| Electrician                    | 336   | 5.25 | 10.35 | 18.42 | 10.93 |
| Glazier                        | 366   | 4.00 | 11.06 | 17.70 | 10.44 |
| Grader Operator                | 80    | 4.90 | 8.12  | 11.00 | 7.78  |
| Ironworker, Reinforcing        | 87    | 5.00 | 14.30 | 15.00 | 12.91 |