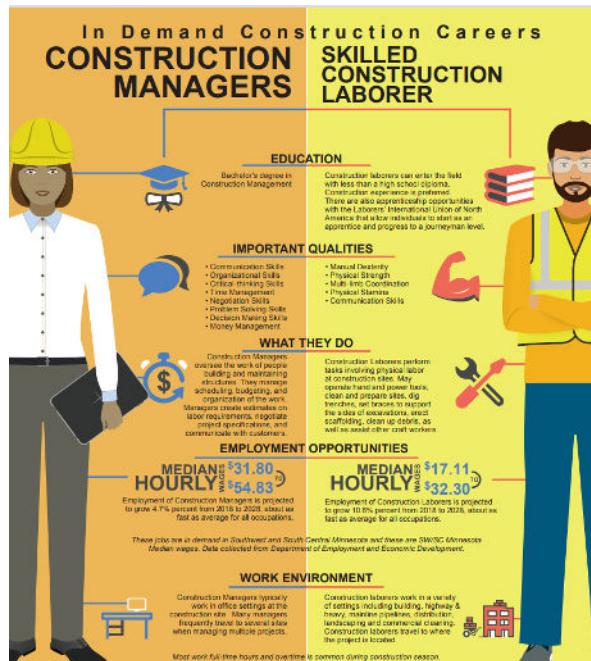
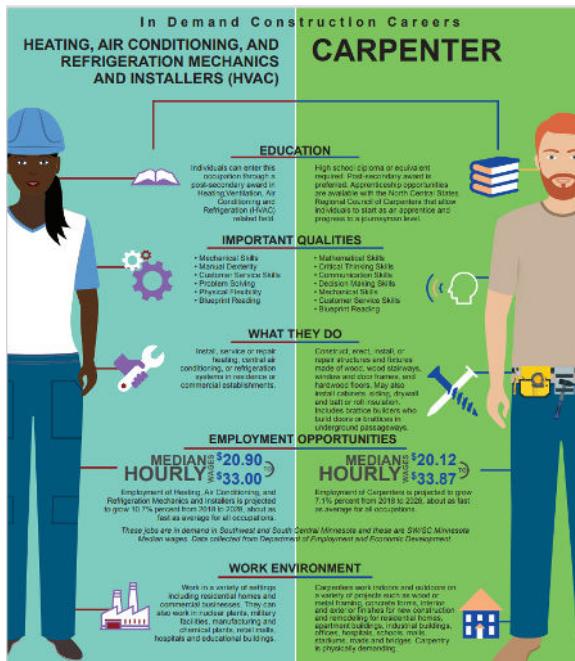


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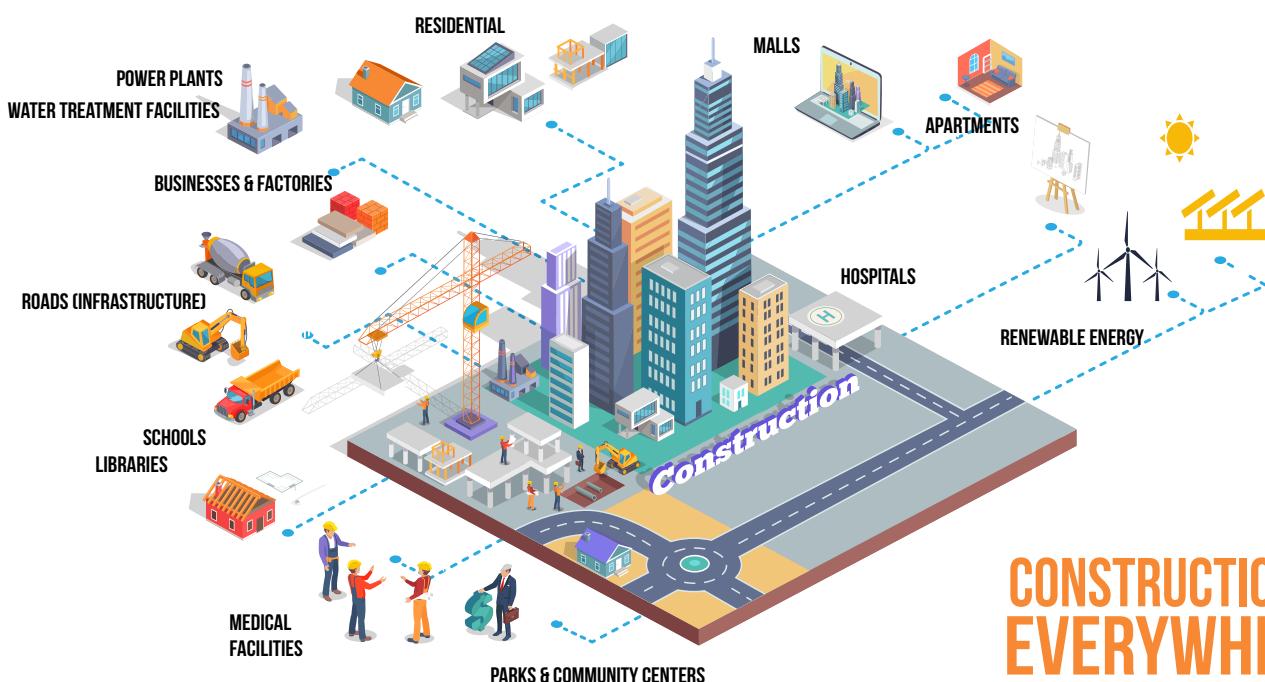
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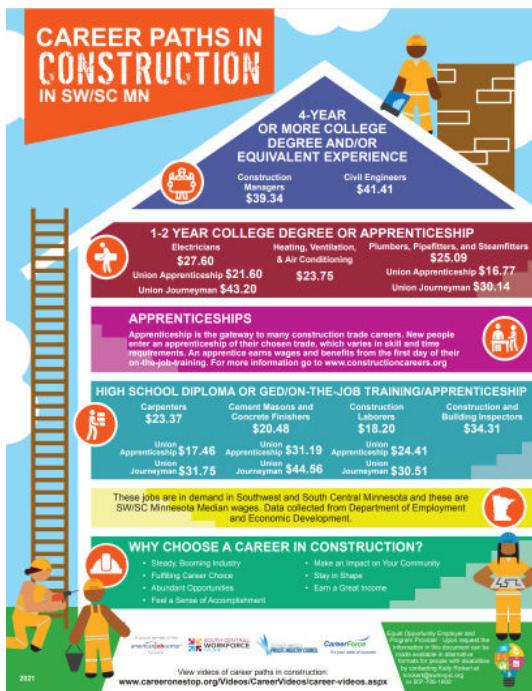


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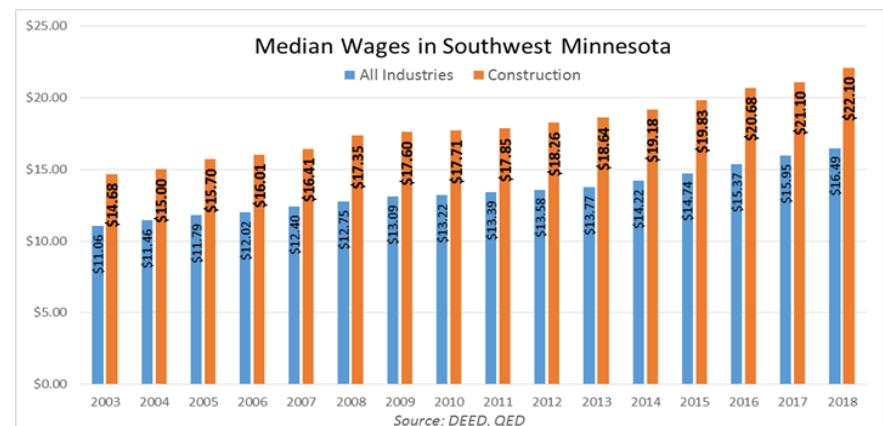
Despite above-average wages, only about 20 percent of construction vacancies required post-secondary education compared with 36 percent across all industries. Fifty percent of construction vacancies required experience of at least a year, and 25 percent required a license or certificate.

Education requirements in construction tend to be low because the industry follows a different model for training workers, not because the jobs are low skilled.

Employers and unions routinely provide training in the form of entry-level jobs that provide informal training as well as more formal on-the-job training arrangements such as apprenticeships.

Formal apprenticeships are available in a range of construction occupations, including electrical, plumbing, carpentry, cement masonry, drywall installation, painting, roofing and other occupations.

Construction-related certificates and associate degrees are available through technical schools and community colleges in a number of different programs, including carpentry, electrical and power transmission installation, building/construction, finishing, management and inspection, and plumbing and related water supply services.



**Median wages for Construction Occupations in Southwest/South Central Minnesota are almost \$6 higher per hour than all other industries in the region.**

### NON-TRADITIONAL CONSTRUCTION CAREERS FOR WOMEN IN SOUTHWEST/SOUTH CENTRAL MN

Carpenters \$20.51/hr      Cement Masons \$21.23/hr

Construction & Building Inspectors \$32.95/hr	Construction Laborers \$18.33/hr
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Construction Managers \$43.85/hr	Cost Estimators \$28.82/hr
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Electricians \$29.46/hr	Operating Engineers \$27.53/hr
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Plumbers and Pipefitters \$26.64/hr	Roofers \$22.26/hr
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Sheet Metal Workers \$20.66/hr	Architects \$33.07/hr
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Architectural Drafters \$25.47/hr	Surveying and Mapping Technicians \$26.57/hr
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An apprenticeship is an earn-as-you-learn training system where you gain skills during paid on-the-job instruction. While a student pays an average of \$133K in tuition costs for four years at a private college or \$29K at a state university, an apprentice earns an average of \$144K during four years of on-the-job training in a demand occupation with high paying wages

### Earn While You Learn

