

About Carpenters



Employment Outlook

A net gain of 227 carpenters is expected between 2008 and 2018 for Oregon statewide. This 1.7 percent growth rate is much slower than the statewide average of 9.1 percent projected for all occupations. However, reasonable employment opportunities exist in this occupation, largely due to the need to fill replacement job openings for those retiring or leaving the profession. Projected job openings for carpenters total 1,939 between 2008 and 2018.

Wages

The average hourly wage for carpenters in 2011 is \$21.11, which equals \$43,920 annually for a full-time position. Hourly wages vary widely, from \$12.94 for entry-level workers to \$32.63 near the top of the pay scale.

Selected Skills

- Build wooden objects such as doors, sashes, and furniture
- Identify wood species and characteristics
- Operate hand and power woodworking tools such as sanders, routers, and miters
- Read schematics and specifications
- Use measuring devices in construction work such as transits or measuring tapes

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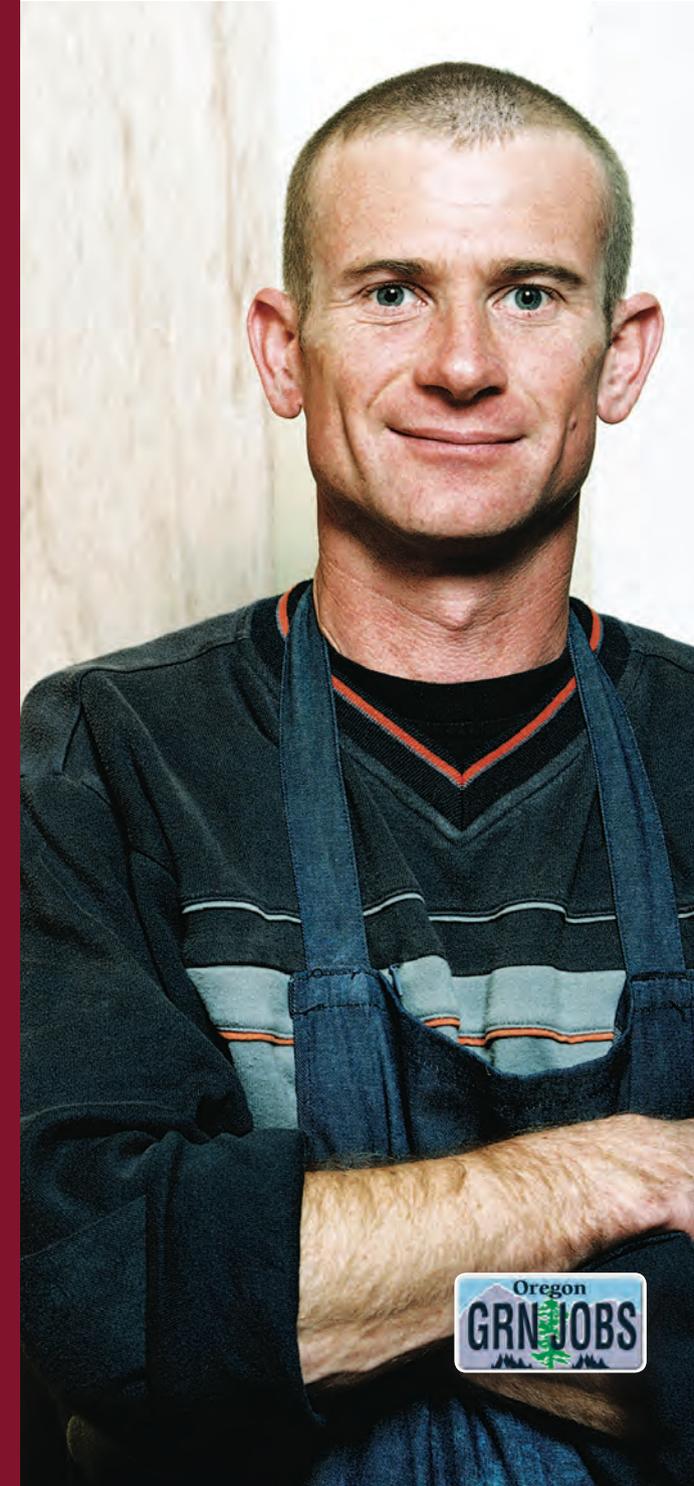
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Carpenters construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood.

They may also install cabinets, siding, drywall, and batt or roll insulation. Carpenters include brattice builders who build doors, ventilation walls, or partitions in underground passageways to control the proper circulation of air.

Not all carpenters are “green.” Green carpenters have essential job duties in at least one of the five categories included in the definition of a green job. Green jobs work to:

- Increase energy efficiency
- Produce renewable energy
- Prevent, reduce, or mitigate environmental degradation
- Clean up and restore the natural environment
- Educate, consult, and provide other services that support the above

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Day in the Life of a Carpenter: Royce Rock

What do you do in a typical day?

When you work as a carpenter, what you do on a typical day depends on the season. Four months out of the year the weather is nice. On those days, you get up in the morning, grab your tools, and your workday begins. In the wintertime, you put on layers of warm clothing knowing it’s going to be cold outside. But, you still do exactly the same jobs outside as you would in warmer weather.



What do you enjoy most about your job?

The most enjoyable part of the job comes at the end of the day, when I look back and see what I have achieved. You’ve built something that is going to be there for future generations to enjoy.

What are the most important skills you use in your job?

The most important skills I use are my math abilities in geometry, algebra, and even physics.

Does your job benefit the environment? How is it considered green?

Very seldom is the carpentry I do considered green. After all, trees are being cut down to supply the lumber used in construction. We do build houses more efficiently today than ever before, and we are also using more environmentally safe products.

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Education and Training

Workers must have long-term on-the-job training to gain the necessary skills for this occupation. However, those with additional training beyond high school have a competitive advantage in this labor market.

Some training programs in Oregon geared toward this occupation include green courses or green components of courses. Selected green programs include, but are not limited to:

Historic Preservation and Restoration

- Clackamas Community College
- Clatsop Community College

Visit the Oregon Green Career Pathways website, OregonGreenPathways.org, for more information on skills, opportunities, and training in carpentry.



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