
Wanted: skilled workers

Companies across the nation are begging for workers skilled in various trades. Here are the needs just in the eight-county Western Pennsylvania region.*

Job title	Education required	Annual average wage	Annual openings
Construction trades supervisor	Work experience	\$56,710	82
Brickmasons	Long-term training	\$41,430	29
Carpenters	Long-term training	\$34,765	146
Electricians	Long-term training	\$49,210	105
Structural iron & steel workers	Long-term training	\$49,007	21
Heating, air-conditioning & refrigeration mechanics, installers	Long-term training	\$32,892	38
Welders, cutters, solderers & brazers	Postsecondary vocational award	\$31,648	66
Machinists	Long-term training	\$33,153	65

NOTE: ALL FIGURES ARE FOR 2008.

*COUNTIES INCLUDE ALLEGHENY, ARMSTRONG, BEAVER, BUTLER, FAYETTE, GREENE, WASHINGTON AND WESTMORELAND

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