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The Construction Industry

In Central New York

Workers in the construction industry use a variety of resources to build and repair roads, homes, and other structures.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2025

Fast Facts

Projections

In the United States, employment in construction and extraction occupations is projected to grow faster than the average for all occupations from 2024 to 2034.

About 649,300 openings are projected each year, on average, in these occupations due to employment growth and the need to replace workers who leave the occupations permanently.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2025

Central New York

Who's hiring?

- Bechtel
- Carrier Corporation
- Byrne
- Greek Peak Mountain Resort
- C and S Companies

In-demand skills

- Construction
- Project Management
- Subcontracting
- Lifting Ability
- HVAC

Source: Lightcast 2026

Trending Jobs

Trending jobs are positions that employers are currently hiring for the most in Central New York.

- Construction Managers
- Project Management Specialists
- Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers
- Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
- Occupational Health and Safety Specialists
- Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- Carpenters
- Construction Laborers
- Cost Estimators

Source: Lightcast 2026

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Common jobs in Central New York's Construction Industry

The following are large construction job titles in Central New York based on industry staffing patterns.

Construction Laborers

- Performs tasks, such as using, supplying, or holding materials or tools and cleaning work areas and equipment, on construction sites.

*%industry employment **11.6%** | median pay **$51,472**

Short-term on-the-job training | growth rate **6.4%**

Carpenters

- Construct, repair, and install building frameworks and structures made from wood and other materials.

*%industry employment **8.5%** | median pay **$62,702**

Apprenticeship | growth rate **0.8%**

Electricians

- Install, maintain, and repair electrical power, communications, lighting, and control systems.

*%industry employment **8.4%** | median pay **$79,125**

Apprenticeship | growth rate **8.9%**

First-line Supervisors

- Directly supervise and coordinate activities of construction workers.

*%industry employment **5.4%** | median pay **$83,001**

High school diploma or equivalent | growth rate **4.7%**

Painters, Construction and Maintenance

- Painters apply paint, stain, and coatings to walls and ceilings, buildings, large machinery and equipment, and bridges and other structures.

*%industry employment **2.7%** | median pay **$49,935**

Moderate-term on-the-job training | growth rate **5.1%**

Project Management Specialists

- Coordinate the budget, schedule, staffing, and other details of a construction project.

*%industry employment **3.9%** | median pay **$107,007**

Bachelor's degree | growth rate **NA****

*%Industry employment - the percentage of the construction industry workforce who have this job in New York State
** NA – Not available

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2025, OEWS Data NYSDOL 2025

Growing occupations within the industry

Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS Industry 238)

This industry includes several different types of tradespeople, and many of these positions are filled by workers who are trained through apprenticeships. The large Interstate 81 road construction project is generating many local jobs across a wide range of trades including construction laborers projected to grow at a 6.4% rate and operating engineers and other construction equipment operators at 7.3% over the next several years. Construction of the Micron Technology semiconductor manufacturing facility in Onondaga County is also creating thousands of job opportunities that will continue over the next two decades. Additionally, retirements among baby boomers will open up further job opportunities in this industry over the next decade. The specialty trade contractors sector paid a particularly high annual average wage of $86,200 in 2025.