

At a Glance

Carpenters cut, fit, and assemble wood and other materials to construct buildings.

Quick Facts: Carpenters	
Wages	Earn \$69,102 per year
Employment	Very large occupation
10 Year Growth	Average growth
Annual Openings	Very High

Preparation ?

A carpenter typically needs to:

- have a high school diploma or equivalent
- complete an apprenticeship program

Working Conditions ?

In a typical work setting, carpenters:

- Have face-to-face discussions daily with other workers on the construction project.
- Mostly work outdoors. They sometimes work indoors without heating or air conditioning.
- Must be very exact in their work and be sure all details are done. Errors could cause serious injuries if the structures were not constructed properly.
- May work longer hours during the summer when the weather is good.