KENTUCKY'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
Construction Career Pathway

DESIGN & PRE-CONSTRUCTION

Higher-Skilled Occupations

Architectural & Engineering Managers
Average Annual Earnings: $111,452
Five-Year Openings: 615 *
Work Experience Required: 5 years or more
On-the-Job Training: None
Minimum Education Required: Bachelor's Degree

Architects
Average Annual Earnings: $67,214
Five-Year Openings: 274 *
Work Experience Required: 5 years or more
On-the-Job Training: Internship
Minimum Education Required: Master's Degree

Middle-Skilled Occupations

Landscape Architects
Average Annual Earnings: $63,774
Five-Year Openings: 49 *
Work Experience Required: 3 years or more
On-the-Job Training: Moderate-term
Minimum Education Required: Bachelor's Degree

Civil Engineers **
Average Annual Earnings: $77,230
Five-Year Openings: 598 *
Work Experience Required: 3 years or more
On-the-Job Training: None
Minimum Education Required: Associate's or Bachelor's Degree

Surveyors
Average Annual Earnings: $51,187
Five-Year Openings: 161 *
Work Experience Required: Less than 5 years
On-the-Job Training: None
Minimum Education Required: Bachelor's Degree

Cost Estimators
Average Annual Earnings: $61,283
Five-Year Openings: 408 *
Work Experience Required: None
On-the-Job Training: None
Minimum Education Required: Bachelor's Degree

Civil Engineering Technicians
Average Annual Earnings: $46,388
Five-Year Openings: 233 *
Work Experience Required: None
On-the-Job Training: None
Minimum Education Required: Associate's Degree

Architectural & Civil Drafters
Average Annual Earnings: $49,083
Five-Year Openings: 54 *
Work Experience Required: None
On-the-Job Training: None
Minimum Education Required: Associate's Degree

Entry-Level Occupations

Surveying & Mapping Technicians
Average Annual Earnings: $39,168
Five-Year Openings: 60 *
Work Experience Required: None
On-the-Job Training: Moderate-term
Minimum Education Required: High School Diploma/GED

* Some occupations cross multiple industries. Five-Year Openings projections provided here are cross-industry, not industry-specific.

** Multiple occupations in addition to Civil Engineers are involved in the overall engineering occupational category.

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