

# SKILLED TRADES



## INDUSTRY OVERVIEW



Skilled Trades is one of the largest industries in the US and construction in Metro Atlanta is projected to grow more than the national average.



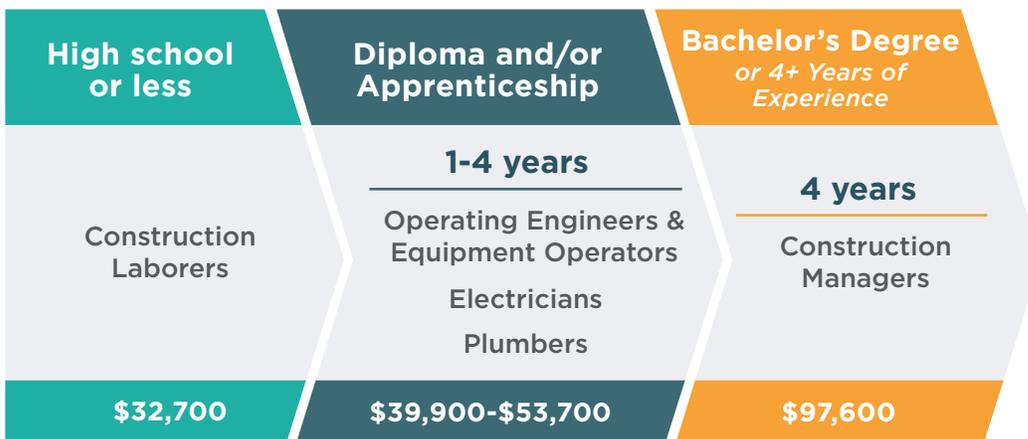
Many growth factors for Skilled Trades industry in Atlanta include the increase of commercial and residential building projects, as well as huge sports stadiums for the Falcons and the Braves.

## ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Skilled trade jobs come with a wide range of responsibilities and working environments, such as navigating tight spaces to operating heavy equipment in inclement weather. However, the rewards and fast pace of this career can be rewarding for many skilled trade professionals. Responsibilities and expectations of roles within the skilled trades field include:

- Budgeting
- Communication
- Detail Oriented
- Microsoft Office
- Organizational Skills
- Quality Assurance
- Planning
- Physical Abilities
- Problem Solving
- Project Management
- Repair
- Scheduling

## COMMON CAREER PATHWAY



### WHAT'S AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeship is a system in which workers train on-the-job—earning wages and doing productive work—while also taking courses. Apprenticeships generally last from one to four years. As the apprentice advances through the program, his or her wages increase according to a predetermined schedule agreed to between the employer and the apprentice. *Source: AIAA*



## HOW DO I START MY CAREER?

### DO SOME RESEARCH

- Assess your interests, aptitudes, skills, personality and preferences.
- Getting to know yourself helps you match your interest and skills to different careers.
- Use [ONETonline.org](https://www.onetonline.org) to learn about various careers.

### EXPAND YOUR NETWORK

- Join a professional organization, take advantage of social media like LinkedIn, or visit the [Georgia Building Trades Academy](#) to learn about skilled trade apprenticeships.
- Use your network to help you learn about career pathways, educational opportunities, and job responsibilities and expectations.

### GET TRAINING

- Many skilled trade jobs don't require a bachelor's degree.
- Check out [WorksourceGAportal.com](https://www.worksourcega.com) for a list of eligible training providers to get started in your skilled trade career.

## WHERE CAN I WORK?

### RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Residential construction is the business of building and selling individual and multi-family dwellings. Residential construction is overseen by individual landowners, specialty home builders, property developers, general contractors, or providers of public housing.

### COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

Commercial construction involves the designing, renovating and building of commercial structures. Projects use heavy equipment funded by developers, as well as local and national governments.

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

Road Construction and Maintenance projects create, preserve and maintain federal, state, and local road and highway systems. Construction of roads involves the paving, rehabilitation, and/or reclamation of degraded pavements in order to achieve a state of good repair and increase road traffic safety.

### INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION

Infrastructure construction projects include power generation and transmission. These projects can include the construction of the power generation plant. It also will include the facilities and structures necessary to store the power and transmit power.

More information available at:

[ATLworks.org/job-seekers](https://atlworks.org/job-seekers)

Find out more about WorkSourceGA's training services and see which top skilled trades employers in Atlanta are hiring entry-level talent.