



Break New Ground

The U.S. Department of Labor, together with the U.S. Department of Education, the Construction Industry Round Table, the National Association of Home Builders and the National Heavy and Highway Alliance, are working to educate young people and transitioning workers about the jobs that are available in the skilled trades, and how to get started in the industry.



Build A Future

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So you're out of school, or will be soon. Congratulations! What's next? You can get a job--or build a career. Collect a paycheck--or create a lasting legacy. It's your choice. Your future.

You want money to pay the bills and to enjoy life, but you just can't see yourself doing the stuffy corporate office scene. You may want to run the show, but you're not the business suit and briefcase type. Chained to a desk all day? No thanks.

You're more hands-on, down-to-earth, get-it-done. You have a sense for how things work, how they're put together, how they should look. You take pride in accomplishment, learning new things. Great...these are the skills needed in today's marketplace. Build on them.

Look around you – do you see homes, schools, stadiums and superhighways? The men and women who built these were skilled tradespeople, and their work gave shape to the American dream. Throughout our history, the skilled workforce has been the heart and soul of our nation.

We need a new generation to continue this tradition.

Lots of Jobs

Forget the frustrating, endless job search. If you're interested in skilled trades, employers are looking for you. The building and construction industries expect to create more than one million new jobs in the next ten years. Many employers will train you on the job.

Show Me the Money

A skilled tradesperson earns a good living. From your very first job in the skilled trades, you can expect generous benefits and a solid paycheck, even while you're still learning. With experience, it just gets better. During your career you'll be able to comfortably support a family, buy a home, travel and collect all sorts of toys.

Future Opportunities

The skilled trades are ideal for building your dream, or even starting your own business. A good percentage of our nation's contractors are self-employed, working as their own boss. As you gain experience in managing projects and people, you can, too.

Making a Difference

Sure, a paycheck's important, but knowing you're making a difference matters, too. You want job satisfaction—knowing you've done something worthwhile and meaningful. In the skilled trades, you can take pride in knowing you've built something of substance that will last for generations.

The Skills to Build America's Future

America's prosperity, security and our way of life depend on the men and women who will make up the skilled workforce in the 21st century.

Those who learn a trade—through education, apprenticeships and on-the-job training—can look forward to exciting, interesting, well-paying careers in a growing field.

And they will have the pride and sense of accomplishment that comes from building America's future.

Want to Learn More?

Whether you're looking for a first career or a new one, it's easy to get started. Visit www.careervoyages.gov or your local One Stop Career Center to find out how.

