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## Salaries Remain High in the Construction Industry

ALACHUA, Fla. — Skilled craft professionals continue to earn top dollar, according to NCCER's [2015 Construction Craft Salary Survey](#). Each year, NCCER surveys companies and organizations from the industrial and commercial construction industries across the U.S about the salaries of their craft professionals. The Construction Craft Salary Survey represents average annual salaries for individual craft areas, not including overtime, per diem, bonuses or other incentives.

Of the nearly 90 construction groups surveyed, average annual salaries for craft professions ranged from just over \$47,000 to almost \$89,000. Project managers and project supervisors topped the list, earning \$88,675 and \$77,917, respectively. Other professions earning more than \$65,000 annually include tower crane operators, power generation technicians, combo welders, power line workers and instrumentation technicians. Mobile crane operators, millwrights, pipe welders, electronic systems technicians and heavy equipment operators earned more than \$60,000 in 2015. Since many craft professionals receive overtime, per diem, project bonuses and other pay incentives, their take-home pay is typically much greater than the salaries listed in this survey.

NCCER's Construction Craft Survey is one of numerous [resources](#) that [NCCER](#) and its [Build Your Future](#) initiative offer to promote construction careers and assist in creating a pipeline of qualified craft professionals to the industry. Complete survey results are available at [nccer.org/uploads/docs/2015\\_ConstructionCraftSalarySurvey.pdf](http://nccer.org/uploads/docs/2015_ConstructionCraftSalarySurvey.pdf).

The organizations that participate in NCCER's survey do so voluntarily, and all specific company information remains confidential. Only craft areas in which the number of responses received is sufficient to calculate a valid average are included in the survey results.

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