

Construction continues expansion as Northeast Florida grows.

Due to the increase in residential and commercial buildings as well as the horizontal road construction, the Construction Industry continues to grow and expand in Northeast Florida. **The Construction Industry relies heavily on purchases from the supply chain, strengthening the region's economy.**

JAX offers multiple Career and Technical Education (CTE) academies that can assist high school students interested in this industry. **Many of these academies serve as a stepping stone for pre-apprenticeship & apprenticeship programs, such as those at the Northeast Florida Builder's Association (NEFBA) & the Electrical Training Alliance at Jacksonville (ETA).**

Northeast Florida's opportunity for education in construction prepares students for success in developing residential & commercial destinations that create long-term values as well as landmarks for the age (see page 2).

The Jacksonville region is constantly growing and expanding, which means the market for residential & commercial interior design professionals will continue to grow as well.

The occupations shown below represent a cross-section of entry-, mid- and executive-level positions.

FAST FACTS

\$70,528 average wage
per worker in the region

65,100+ employed in
Construction in JAX

11% lower construction costs
than the U.S. average

SELECT EMPLOYERS IN THE REGION



2,440 employees



350 employees



760 employees



70 employees



1,580 employees



20 employees



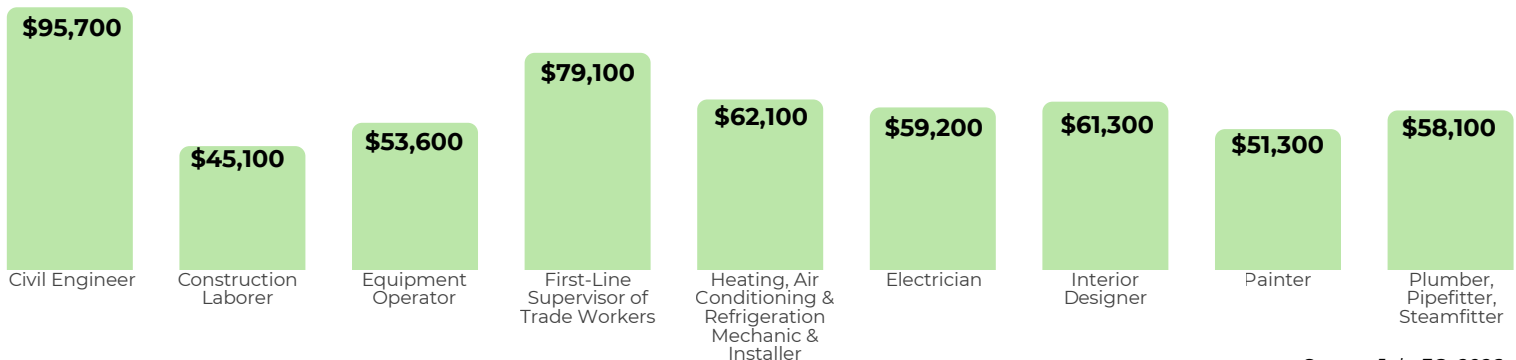
710 employees



340 employees

AVERAGE WAGES

Entry-Senior Level



Source: JobsEQ, 2026

Talent Pipeline

Regional colleges & degree/certificate programs with Construction (or related) concentrations

- Edward Waters University
- Florida State College at Jacksonville
- Jacksonville University
- Keiser University
- St. Johns River State College
- University of North Florida
- Flagler College
- University of Florida (Graduate Campus)

Graduate Level

- Business Administration (MBA or DBA)
- Construction Management (MBA Concentration or MS)
- Organizational Leadership (MSOL)
- Architecture (MARCH or MSAS)

ADVANCED DEGREE

- Chief Executive Officer **(\$174,600)**

Bachelor Level

- Applied Engineering (BS)
- Building Construction (BS)
- Business Administration/Management (BA, BS or BBA)
- Civil Engineering (BS)
- Finance or Accounting (BA, BS or BBA)
- Organizational Management

4-YEAR DEGREE

- Accountant & Auditor **(\$86,700)**
- Civil Engineer **(\$95,700)**
- Cost Estimator **(\$79,600)**
- Construction Manager **(\$119,300)**
- Financial Manager **(\$148,200)**
- Human Resource Specialist **(\$75,100)**

Associate Level

- Architectural Design & Construction Technology
- Building Construction Technology
- Interior Design

2-YEAR DEGREE

- Carpenter **(\$55,100)**
- Electrician **(\$59,200)**
- HVAC Mechanic & Installer **(\$62,100)**
- Plumber, Pipefitter, Steamfitter **(\$58,100)**

Certificate Level

- Commercial Vehicle Driving
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC)
- Welding Technology

1 YEAR (OR LESS) CERTIFICATE

- Construction & Building Inspectors **(\$65,500)**
- Equipment Operator **(\$53,600)**
- First Line Supervisor of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers **(\$83,300)**
- Heavy Tractor & Trailer Truck Driver **(\$59,000)**
- HVAC Mechanic & Installer **(\$62,100)**
- Welder, Cutter, Solderer, Brazer **(\$56,700)**

Entry Point

- High school students enrolled in any **one of 29** related Career and Technical Education (CTE) academies or curriculum. This also includes certification opportunities.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

- Construction Laborer **(\$45,100)**
- Roofer **(\$49,500)**
- Painter, Construction & Maintenance **(\$51,300)**
- Paving, Surfacing & Tamping **(\$48,100)**

DATA PROVIDED BY JOBSEQ 2026, ONET.ORG, BLS.GOV AND INDEED.COM
This represents a sampling of programs currently being offered. Curriculum is subject to change.

SELECT REGIONAL EMPLOYERS

ARCO Design/Build+*	Corner Lot Development+	Merritt Properties+*
Auld & White Constructors+*	CP Group	NAI Hallmark+*
Baker Design Build+*	Danis Construction+	North Florida LandTrust+*
Balfour Beatty Construction	England-Thims & Miller+*	Perry McCall Construction, Inc.
Batson-Cook Construction	Evans General Contractors*	Prosser*
Berkshire Hathaway Home	GreenPointe Holdings+*	RS&H+*
Services - FL Network+*	Haskell+*	Stellar+*
Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC+*	JLL	Summit Contracting*
CBRE+*	Live Oak Contracting*	Superior Construction+
Cerris Builders+*	Marand Builders+*	Tetrattech
Colliers International NEFL+*		WGI

*JAXUSA Partnership Investor/ +JAX Chamber Member

To view full list of investors, visit jaxusa.org.

BUSINESS IS BOOMING IN THE JACKSONVILLE REGION:

I DIG JAX BUILDING JACKSONVILLE'S FUTURE

Jacksonville continues to invest in transformative public infrastructure and placemaking projects that are reshaping Downtown and enhancing quality of life. Through the City's I Dig Jax initiative, residents and businesses can track dozens of infrastructure, mobility, park and riverfront projects that are helping create a more connected, vibrant urban core.

Major investments include the continued buildout of Riverfront Plaza, the revitalization of Metropolitan Park, improvements to the Northbank & Southbank Riverwalks and the broader redevelopment of Jacksonville's riverfront, reinforcing the city's long-term commitment to growth and creating places where people want to live, work and visit.

These investments are creating new opportunities for recreation, events and community gathering while strengthening Downtown's appeal for residents, visitors and employers alike.

As Jacksonville continues to grow, strategic infrastructure improvements are supporting private investment, attracting new development and enhancing connectivity throughout the urban core. Together, these projects are helping shape a more dynamic, resilient city that is built for the future.



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Earn Up is powered by JAXUSA Partnership, the private, nonprofit division of JAX Chamber that is Jacksonville's regional economic development initiative overseeing the efforts of the seven counties of Northeast Florida. Earn Up also works closely with CareerSource Northeast Florida to ensure that employers have the best assistance or any pertinent workforce needs.