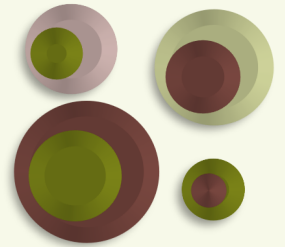
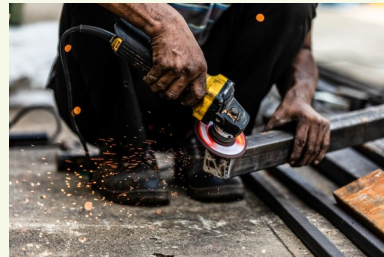
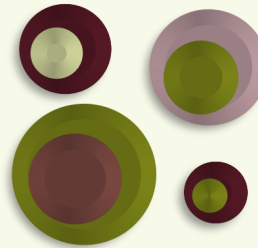


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## CONSTRUCTION

### IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



#### Executive Summary

In 2022, the **Construction** sector comprised 5.4 percent of all covered public and private employment in Iowa. This sector reported an average annual wage of \$66,480 for 2022, which was an increase from the statewide average of \$57,378 for all industries.

Over the past years, this sector has seen mostly increases in employment and wages. There was an increase in employment between 2013 and 2022, adding 13,498 jobs during that timeframe. As the employment increased so did the wages. The average annual wage has seen an increase of \$17,906 since the \$48,574 back in 2013.

**Specialty Trade Contractors**, the largest subsector within this industry, employed 50,786 workers, or 63 percent of all sector employment. **Construction of Buildings** employed 15,628 workers, making up 20 percent of the sector. The remaining 17% of the sector is from the **Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction**. This field employed 13,545 employees.

Men continue to dominate employment for this sector as they account for 85.9 percent, while women account for 14.1 percent of the workforce.



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## What is Construction?

The **Construction** sector is comprised of establishments primarily engaged in the construction of buildings, engineering projects (e.g., highways and utility systems) or in the construction trades.

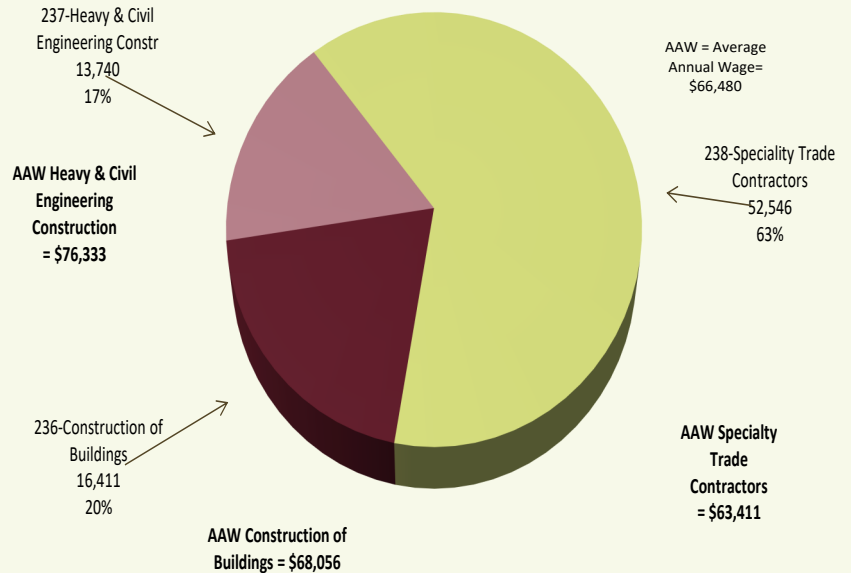
Establishments primarily engaged in the preparation of sites for new construction or primarily engaged in subdividing land for sale as building sites are also include in this sector.

Construction work done may include new work, additions, alterations or maintenance and repairs. Activities of these establishments generally are managed at a fixed place of business, but usually perform construction activities at multiple Project sites.

Source: [www.bls.gov/cew/bls\\_naics/bls\\_naics\\_app.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cew/bls_naics/bls_naics_app.htm)

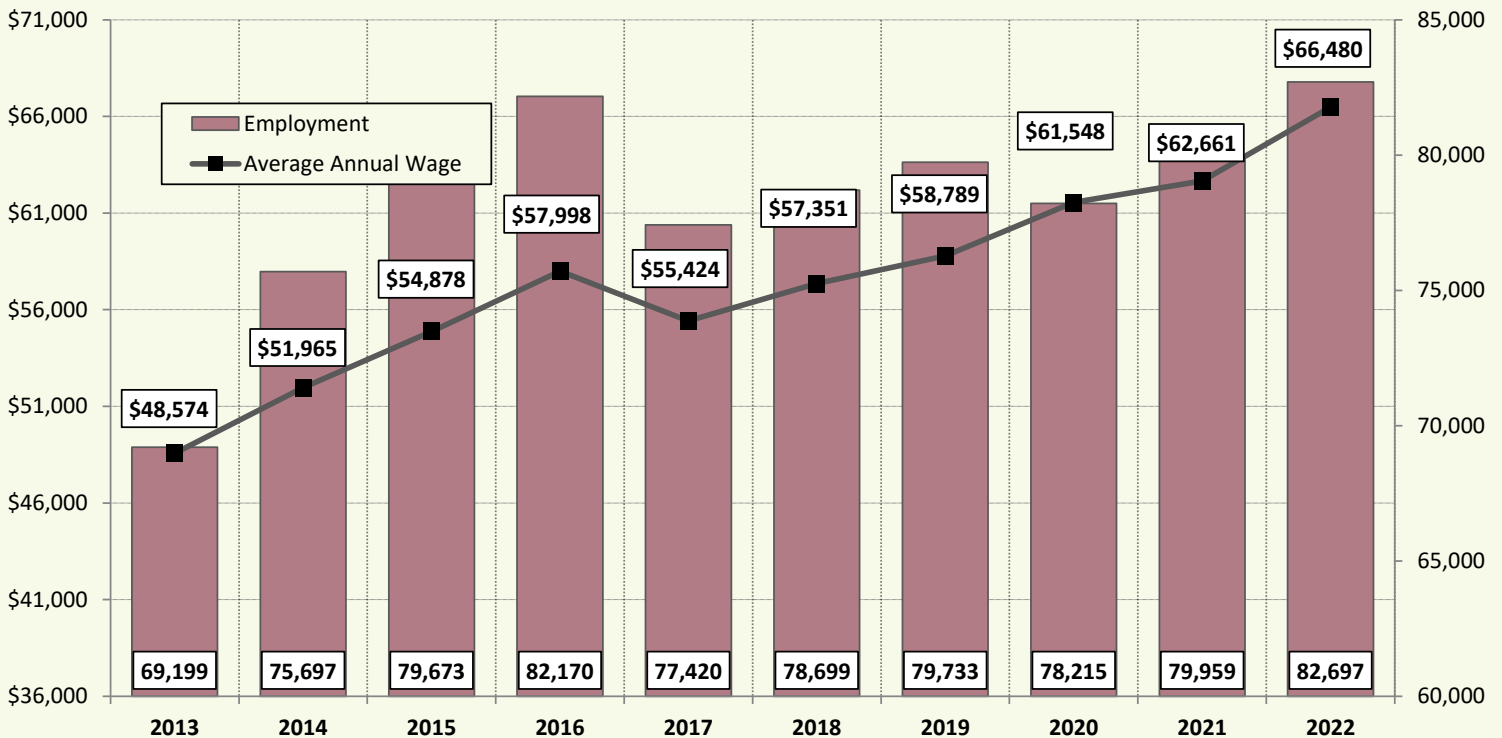
## 2022 Industry Breakout by Employment in Iowa

Construction NAICS Industry Coding  
Percentage Employed and Average Annual Wage by Subsector



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

## 2013–2022 Construction Employment in Iowa



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

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Top Occupations in Construction	Employment
Construction Laborers	9,497
Electricians	6,424
Carpenters	5,575
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	4,889
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	3,880
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	3,876
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	3,426
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	3,282
Construction Managers	2,615
Office Clerks, General	2,041
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	1,979
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,569
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	1,330
Miscellaneous Construction and Related Workers	1,263
Cost Estimators	1,124
Roofers	1,102
Sheet Metal Workers	1,057
Helpers--Electricians	945
Project Management Specialists and Business Operations Specialists, All Other	761
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	745

### Establishment Facts:

In 2022, there were 1,002, **Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction** locations across Iowa.

**Speciality Trade Contractors** has the most establishments in Iowa with 6,048.

The next largest is the **Construction of Buildings** with 2,643 locations across the state.

Top occupation in **Construction** was **Construction Laborers** with 9,497 and the least was **Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers** with 745.

Source: Iowa Workforce Development, Labor Market Information Industry and Occupational Projections (2020-2030 Long-Term Projections)

## 2022 Covered Employment in Construction by County



### Sector Statewide:

Employment - 82,697  
Average Annual Wage - \$66,480

**Label Key:**  
First line is the county name followed by average employment and finally, average wage.

**Wages** ■ Less than \$49,952 ■ \$49,953 - \$60,180 ■ \$60,181 - \$74,316 ■ Greater than \$74,317

Source: Labor Market Information Division, Iowa Workforce Development

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

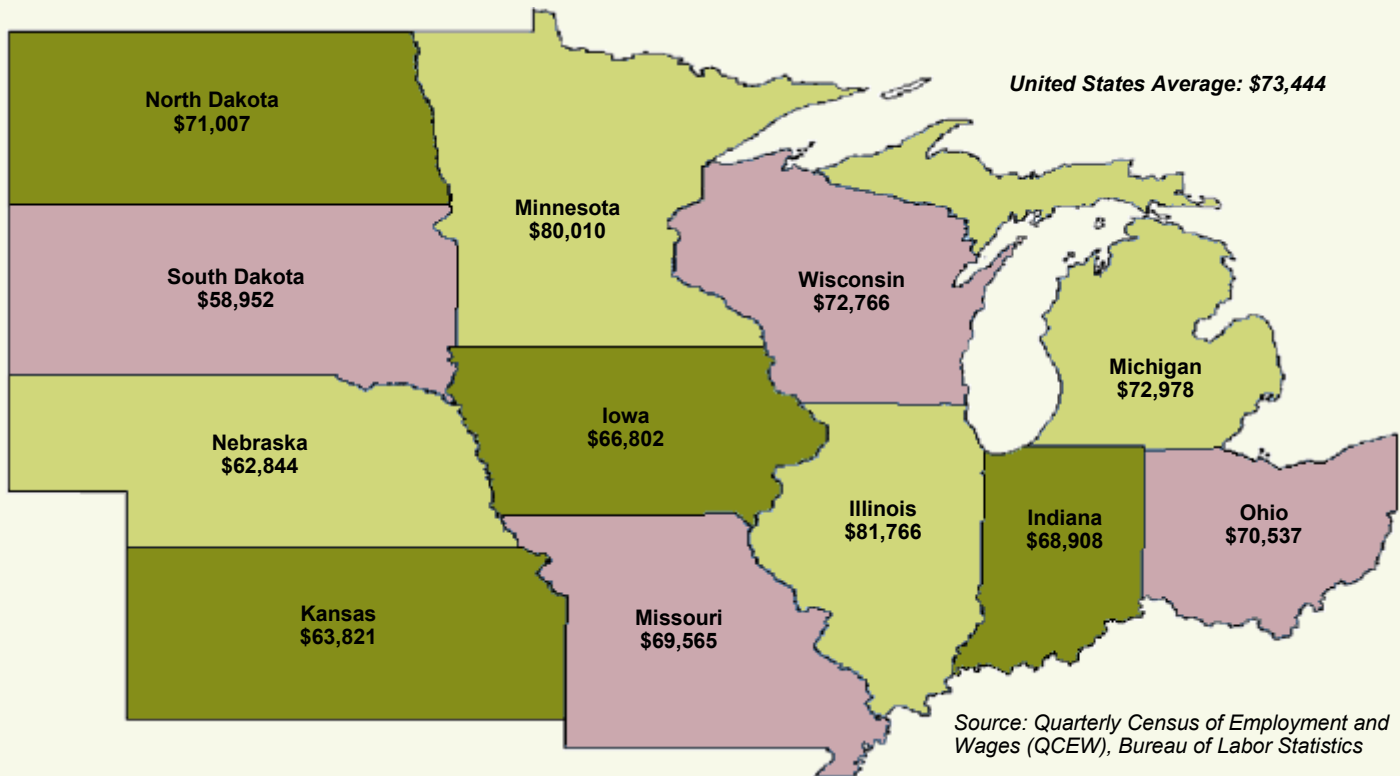
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## 2022 Average Annual Wage for Covered Employment in Construction

State Comparisons by Private Ownership



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Bureau of Labor Statistics

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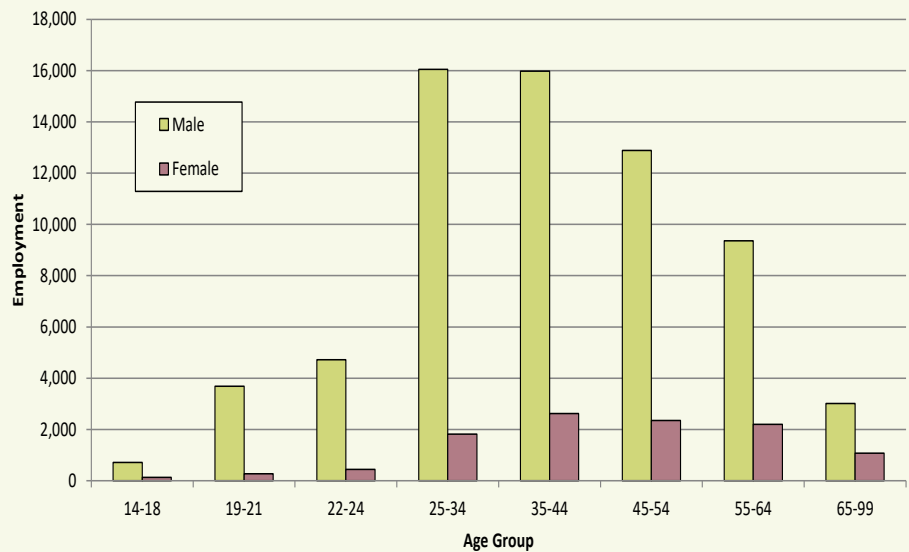
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### Industry Distribution by Age and Gender, 2nd Quarter 2022



Source: Local Employment Dynamics, Iowa Workforce Development and U.S. Census Bureau  
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