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Quick Facts: Construction Managers

2012 Median Pay	\$82,790 per year \$39.80 per hour
Entry-Level Education	Bachelor's degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation	None
On-the-job Training	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Number of Jobs, 2012	485,000
Job Outlook, 2012-22	16% (Faster than average)
Employment Change, 2012-22	78,200

[What Construction Managers Do](#)

Construction managers plan, coordinate, budget, and supervise construction projects from development to completion.

[Work Environment](#)

Many construction managers work from a main office, but most work out of a field office at the construction site, where they monitor the project and make daily



Construction managers need to coordinate activities on large projects.

decisions about construction activities. The need to meet deadlines and respond to emergencies often requires long hours.

[How to Become a Construction Manager](#)

Large construction firms increasingly prefer candidates with both construction experience and a bachelor's degree in a construction-related field. However, some managers may qualify with a high school diploma and by working many years in a construction trade, although most will qualify primarily as self-employed general contractors.

[Pay](#)

The median annual wage for construction managers was \$82,790 in May 2012.

[Job Outlook](#)

Employment of construction managers is projected to grow 16 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. Construction managers will be needed as overall construction activity increases over the coming decade. Those with a bachelor's degree in construction science, construction management, or civil engineering, coupled with construction experience, will have the best job prospects.

[Similar Occupations](#)

Compare the job duties, education, job growth, and pay of construction managers with similar occupations.

[More Information, Including Links to O*NET](#)

Learn more about construction managers by visiting additional resources, including O*NET, a source on key characteristics of workers and occupations.

[What They Do ->](#)

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