

Construction in Milwaukee County, WI

Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board



Wisconsin

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What is Lightcast Data?

Lightcast data is a hybrid dataset derived from official government sources such as the US Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Leveraging the unique strengths of each source, our data modeling team creates an authoritative dataset that captures more than 99% of all workers in the United States. This core offering is then enriched with data from online social profiles, resumés, and job postings to give you a complete view of the workforce.

Lightcast data is frequently cited in major publications such as *The Atlantic*, *Forbes*, *Harvard Business Review*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and USA Today.

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Report Parameters

1 Industry

23 Construction

1 County

55079 Milwaukee County, WI

Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen industry and geographical area.



Executive Summary

Aggressive Hiring Competition Over a Thin Supply of Regional Talent



*National average values are derived by taking the national value for Construction and scaling it down to account for the difference in overall workforce size between the nation and Milwaukee County, WI. In other words, the values represent the national average adjusted for region size.



Supply (Jobs)

Supply Is Lower Than the National Average

The regional vs. national average employment helps you understand if the supply of Construction is a strength or weakness for Milwaukee County, WI, and how it is changing relative to the nation. An average area of this size would have 30,017* employees, while there are 16,221 here. This lower than expected supply may make it more difficult to find candidates. The gap between expected and actual employment is expected to remain roughly the same over the next 5 years.



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Unemployment Rate Trends

Unemployment shown at the 2-digit sector level.





Demographic Details

Industry Age Breakdown

		% of Jobs	Jobs
	• 14-18	1.1%	181
	• 19-24	9.4%	1,528
	• 25-34	20.7%	3,365
	35-44	23.6%	3,832
	45-54	22.6%	3,668
	55-64	16.5%	2,669
	65+	6.0%	979

Industry Race/Ethnicity Breakdown



	% of Jobs	Jobs
• White	79.5%	12,898
Hispanic or Latino	12.6%	2,043
Black or African American	4.6%	746
Two or More Races	1.6%	252
Asian	1.2%	195
 American Indian or Alaska Native 	0.5%	74
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	14



Industry Gender Breakdown



Most Jobs are Found in the Construction and Extraction Occupations Industry Sector

	Occupation	% of Industry in Occupation (2024)
	 Construction and Extraction Occupations 	58.5%
	 Management Occupations 	9.4%
	• Office and Administrative Support Occupations	8.9%
	 Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations 	7.7%
	 Business and Financial Operations Occupations 	6.1%
	 Transportation and Material Moving Occupations 	2.8%
	• Other	6.6%



Demand



420 Employers Competing

All employers in the region who posted for this job over the last 12 months.



3,256 Unique Job Postings

The number of unique postings for this job over the last 12 months.



29 Day Median Duration

Posting duration is 2 days longer than what's typical in the region.

Top Companies	Unique Postings	Top Job Titles	Unique Postings
Johnson Controls	776	Project Managers	61
Ryan Companies United States I	135 💼	Construction Project Managers	33
Milwaukee Rescue Mission	95	Project Engineers	27
Michels Corporation	94	Superintendents	26
ABM Industries	73	Outside Sales Representatives	25



Industry Gain and Drain

The table below analyzes the profiles of current and past people in your selected industries. The left column shows job transitions from other industries to your selected industries. The right column shows job transitions from your selected industries to other industries.

Please note, results are only available at the national level and the 6-digit NAICS level. Also your selection has been limited to 100 industries.

The following represents the job transitions of employees in your selected industries in the United States:



Previous Industries	Transitions
Commercial and Institutional Building Construction	159,129
Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	85,455
Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractors	74,092

Previous Industries	Transitions
New Single-Family Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)	47,142
New Multifamily Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)	42,549
All Other Specialty Trade Contractors	36,275
Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	35,508
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	35,002
Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	32,066
Engineering Services	30,155
Residential Remodelers	30,055
Industrial Building Construction	20,231
Power and Communication Line and Related Structures Construction	16,955
Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers	16,564
New Housing For-Sale Builders	16,545
Roofing Contractors	15,744
Site Preparation Contractors	15,317
National Security	14,751
Full-Service Restaurants	12,853
All Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12,271
Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction	11,967
Custom Computer Programming Services	9,716
Elementary and Secondary Schools	9,682
Commercial Banking	9,245
Land Subdivision	9,073
Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors	9,003
Oil and Gas Pipeline and Related Structures Construction	8,808

Previous Industries	Transitions
Drywall and Insulation Contractors	8,755
Limited-Service Restaurants	8,742
Employment Placement Agencies	8,683
All Other Miscellaneous Retailers	8,492
Hotels (except Casino Hotels) and Motels	7,748
Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services	7,649
Insurance Agencies and Brokerages	7,632
Other Building Equipment Contractors	7,366
Software Publishers	7,123
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Retailers	7,122
Painting and Wall Covering Contractors	6,600
Offices of Lawyers	6,455
Other Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors	6,387
Computer Systems Design Services	6,051
Lessors of Residential Buildings and Dwellings	6,023
Other Activities Related to Real Estate	6,018
Offices of Certified Public Accountants	5,892
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	5,826
Supermarkets and Other Grocery (except Convenience) Stores	5,796
Support Activities for Oil and Gas Operations	5,688
Architectural Services	5,396
Department Stores	5,153
Residential Property Managers	5,137
Finish Carpentry Contractors	5,055
Offices of Physicians (except Mental Health Specialists)	5,028
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Previous Industries	Transitions
Other Management Consulting Services	5,005
Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)	4,999
Security Systems Services (except Locksmiths)	4,977
Other Computer Related Services	4,970
Temporary Help Services	4,833
Flooring Contractors	4,709
Landscaping Services	4,246
Other General Government Support	4,221
Computing Infrastructure Providers, Data Processing, Web Hosting, and Related Services	4,159
Hardware Retailers	4,152
All Other Personal Services	4,076
Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Contractors	3,933
Electronics and Appliance Retailers	3,904
Marketing Consulting Services	3,886
Lessors of Nonresidential Buildings (except Miniwarehouses)	3,642
Couriers and Express Delivery Services	3,602
Automobile and Light Duty Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	3,591
Office Administrative Services	3,546
Home Centers	3,503
Other Building Finishing Contractors	3,464
Janitorial Services	3,414
Glass and Glazing Contractors	3,289
Religious Organizations	3,253
Portfolio Management and Investment Advice	3,244
Masonry Contractors	3,234

Previous Industries	Transitions
Wholesale Trade Agents and Brokers	3,233
Fitness and Recreational Sports Centers	3,194
Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment (except Automotive and Electronic) Repair and Maintenance	3,172
All Other Support Services	3,156
Other Scientific and Technical Consulting Services	3,121
Industrial Machinery and Equipment Merchant Wholesalers	3,019
Junior Colleges	2,974
Warehouse Clubs and Supercenters	2,946
Framing Contractors	2,932
General Freight Trucking, Long-Distance, Truckload	2,793
Other Miscellaneous Durable Goods Merchant Wholesalers	2,783
Advertising Agencies	2,750
Offices of Other Holding Companies	2,733
New Car Dealers	2,723
Electrical Apparatus and Equipment, Wiring Supplies, and Related Equipment Merchant Wholesalers	2,583
Security Guards and Patrol Services	2,570
Other Accounting Services	2,488
Other Electric Power Generation	2,453
Real Estate Credit	2,434
Sporting Goods Retailers	2,396
All Other Telecommunications	2,352
Electric Power Distribution	2,350
Freight Transportation Arrangement	2,340

Following Industries	Transitions
Commercial and Institutional Building Construction	161,874
Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	85,282
Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractors	73,488
New Single-Family Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)	46,752
New Multifamily Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)	44,337
Engineering Services	35,889
All Other Specialty Trade Contractors	35,815
Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	35,294
Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	32,334
Residential Remodelers	29,237
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	24,807
Industrial Building Construction	20,786
Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers	17,658
Power and Communication Line and Related Structures Construction	17,228
New Housing For-Sale Builders	16,742
Roofing Contractors	15,520
Site Preparation Contractors	15,079
All Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	13,184
Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction	12,085
Custom Computer Programming Services	10,328
Land Subdivision	9,376
All Other Miscellaneous Retailers	9,043
Elementary and Secondary Schools	8,925
Full-Service Restaurants	8,601
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Following Industries	Transitions
Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors	8,597
Oil and Gas Pipeline and Related Structures Construction	8,571
Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services	8,514
Software Publishers	8,297
Drywall and Insulation Contractors	8,157
Insurance Agencies and Brokerages	7,653
Employment Placement Agencies	7,609
Other Building Equipment Contractors	7,358
Commercial Banking	7,338
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	6,794
Computer Systems Design Services	6,679
Other Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors	6,342
Other Management Consulting Services	6,306
Painting and Wall Covering Contractors	6,288
National Security	6,182
Other Activities Related to Real Estate	6,174
Lessors of Residential Buildings and Dwellings	6,079
Hotels (except Casino Hotels) and Motels	5,746
Other Computer Related Services	5,550
Architectural Services	5,462
Offices of Lawyers	5,460
Limited-Service Restaurants	5,146
Offices of Physicians (except Mental Health Specialists)	5,124
Finish Carpentry Contractors	4,954
Support Activities for Oil and Gas Operations	4,737
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Following Industries	Transitions
Offices of Certified Public Accountants	4,728
Residential Property Managers	4,707
Other General Government Support	4,530
Computing Infrastructure Providers, Data Processing, Web Hosting, and Related Services	4,509
Flooring Contractors	4,415
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Retailers	4,365
Temporary Help Services	4,079
Lessors of Nonresidential Buildings (except Miniwarehouses)	3,945
All Other Personal Services	3,889
Office Administrative Services	3,754
Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Contractors	3,751
Portfolio Management and Investment Advice	3,746
Marketing Consulting Services	3,726
Security Systems Services (except Locksmiths)	3,527
Other Scientific and Technical Consulting Services	3,476
Automobile and Light Duty Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	3,458
Other Electric Power Generation	3,427
Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment (except Automotive and Electronic) Repair and Maintenance	3,423
Supermarkets and Other Grocery (except Convenience) Stores	3,372
Other Building Finishing Contractors	3,342
Landscaping Services	3,332
Wholesale Trade Agents and Brokers	3,330
Janitorial Services	3,187
Glass and Glazing Contractors	3,158
Industrial Machinery and Equipment Merchant Wholesalers	3,069
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Following Industries	Transitions
All Other Support Services	3,068
Electric Power Distribution	3,038
Masonry Contractors	2,961
Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)	2,959
Junior Colleges	2,872
Offices of Other Holding Companies	2,816
Framing Contractors	2,778
Religious Organizations	2,769
Search, Detection, Navigation, Guidance, Aeronautical, and Nautical System and Instrument Manufacturing	2,759
Department Stores	2,730
Electronics and Appliance Retailers	2,683
Hardware Retailers	2,679
Electrical Apparatus and Equipment, Wiring Supplies, and Related Equipment Merchant Wholesalers	2,644
Couriers and Express Delivery Services	2,625
Advertising Agencies	2,605
Telecommunications Resellers	2,592
Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)	2,560
Other Miscellaneous Durable Goods Merchant Wholesalers	2,551
Other Accounting Services	2,437
Solar Electric Power Generation	2,421
General Freight Trucking, Long-Distance, Truckload	2,409
Motion Picture and Video Production	2,289
All Other Telecommunications	2,281
Investment Banking and Securities Intermediation	2,271



Following Industries	Transitions
Scheduled Passenger Air Transportation	2,221
Direct Property and Casualty Insurance Carriers	2,214



What skills are they posting for?

Top 15 Skills for All Job Types Sought by Your Selected Companies by Quarter

Skills help us understand the direction an industry is headed.

Apr 2024 - Jun 2024	Jul 2024 - Sep 2024	Oct 2024 - Dec 2024	Jan 2025 - Mar 2025	Apr 2025 - Jun 2025
Project Management	Construction	Project Management	Project Mana	gement
Construction	Project Management	Construction	Construction	
Subcontracting	HVAC	Subcontracting	Subcontractin	ıg
HVAC	Subcontracting	HVAC	HVAC	
Construction Managemen	t Construction Manageme	nt Construction Manage	ement	
Marketing	Customer Relationship M	1anagement Marketing	Construction	Management
Customer Relationship Ma	anagement	Customer Relationshi	Project Scheo	lules
Accounting	Marketing	Auditing	Marketing	
Finance	Accounting	Accounting	Auditing	
Project Schedules	Auditing	Finance	Procurement	
Procurement	Warehousing	Procurement	Effective Con	munication
Effective Communication	Procurement	Project Schedules	Finance	
Warehousing Continuous Improvement	Process Continuous Improvemen	t Process Warehousing	Warehousing	
Auditing	Project Schedules	Continuous Improver	ment Process	ationship Management
-	Effective Communication	Effective Communica	ation Accounting	
			Continuous Ir	nprovement Process

Gross Regional Product (GRP)

\$1.7B

Earnings (2024)

\$459.8M Property Income (2024) \$26.3M

Taxes (2024)

\$2.2B

Total GRP (2024)



Industry Requirements

Purchases from	In-region Purchases	Imported Purchases	Total Purchases
Ready-Mix Concrete Manufacturing	\$60,223,730	\$2,570,100	\$62,793,830
Home Centers	\$26,911,417	\$32,257,896	\$59,169,313
Engineering Services	\$48,193,462	\$235,432	\$48,428,894
Other Building Material Dealers	\$13,342,275	\$31,762,668	\$45,104,943
Corporate, Subsidiary, and Regional Managing Offices	\$36,446,047	\$190,446	\$36,636,493