

# Prevailing Wage Rate Determination Information

*The following information is from Chapter 2258 Texas Government Code:*

## **Sec. 2258.021. Right to be Paid Prevailing Wage Rates.**

- (a) A worker employed on a public work by or on behalf of the state or a political subdivision of the state shall be paid:
  - (1) not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which the work is performed; and
  - (2) not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for legal holiday and overtime work.
- (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to maintenance work.
- (c) A worker is employed on a public work for the purposes of this section if the worker is employed by a contractor or subcontractor in the execution of a contract for the public work with the state, a political subdivision of the state, or any officer or public body of the state or a political subdivision of the state.

## **Sec. 2258.023. Prevailing Wage Rates to be Paid by Contractor and Subcontractor; Penalty.**

- (a) The contractor who is awarded a contract by a public body or a subcontractor of the contractor shall pay not less than the rates determined under Section 2258.022 to a worker employed by it in the execution of the contract.
- (b) A contractor or subcontractor who violates this section shall pay to the state or a political subdivision of the state on whose behalf the contract is made, \$60 for each worker employed for each calendar day or part of the day that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the contract. A public body awarding a contract shall specify this penalty in the contract.
- (c) A contractor or subcontractor does not violate this section if a public body awarding a contract does not determine the prevailing wage rates and specify the rates in the contract as provided by Section 2258.022.
- (d) The public body shall use any money collected under this section to offset the costs incurred in the administration of this chapter.
- (e) A municipality is entitled to collect a penalty under this section only if the municipality has a population of more than 10,000.

## **Sec. 2258.051. Duty of Public Body to Hear Complaints and Withhold Payment.**

A public body awarding a contract, and an agent or officer of the public body, shall:

- (1) take cognizance of complaints of all violations of this chapter committed in the execution of the contract; and
- (2) withhold money forfeited or required to be withheld under this chapter from the payments to the contractor under the contract, except that the public body may not withhold money from other than the final payment without a determination by the public body that there is good cause to believe that the contractor has violated this chapter.

**Prevailing Wage Rates**  
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Texas - Dallas / Fort Worth / Arlington Area

CLASSIFICATION	HOURLY RATE	NOTES
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$35.85	
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	\$25.56	
Carpenters	\$24.01	
Carpet Installers	\$22.65	
Floor Layers, Except Carpet, Wood, and Hard Tiles	\$21.16	
Tile and Stone Setters	\$21.47	
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	\$22.86	
Construction Laborers	\$19.47	
Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators	\$23.52	
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$24.69	
Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	\$23.06	
Tapers	\$25.15	
Electricians	\$27.38	
Glaziers	\$24.00	
Insulation Workers, Mechanical	\$24.97	
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	\$22.12	
Pipelayers	\$21.66	
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$28.56	
Plasterers and Stucco Masons	\$23.60	
Reinforcing and Stucco Masons	\$23.39	
Roofers	\$22.51	
Sheet Metal Workers	\$25.89	
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	\$24.18	
Helpers – Brickmasons, Blockmasons, Stonemasons, and Tile and Marble Setters	\$19.81	
Helpers – Carpenters	\$19.54	
Helpers – Electricians	\$21.38	
Helpers – Painters, Paperhangers, Plasterers, and Steamfitters	\$17.09	
Helpers – Pipelayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$19.10	
Helpers – Roofers	\$18.96	
Helpers, Construction Trades, All Other	\$19.86	

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Construction and Building Inspectors	\$33.05	
Elevator and Escalator Installers and Repairers	\$41.60	
Fence Erectors	\$20.75	
Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	\$21.44	
Highway Maintenance Workers	\$20.53	
Rail-Track Laying and Maintenance Equipment Operators	\$23.69	
Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners	\$21.66	
Miscellaneous Construction and Related Workers	\$22.24	
Derrick Operators, Oil and Gas	\$28.41	
Rotary Drill Operators, Oil and Gas	\$33.04	
Service Unit Operators, Oil and Gas	\$34.02	
Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators, Surface Mining	\$24.51	
Earth Drillers, Except Oil and Gas	\$27.56	
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	\$23.60	
Extraction Workers, All Other	\$24.16	

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## Prevailing Wage Rates Worker Classification Definition Sheet

First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of construction or extraction workers.
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	Lay and bind building materials, such as brick, structural tile, concrete block, cinder block, glass block, and terra-cotta block, with mortar and other substances, to construct or repair walls, partitions, arches, sewers, and other structures. Installers of mortarless segmental concrete masonry wall units are classified in "Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers" (37-3011). Excludes "Stonemasons" (47-2022).
Carpenters	Worker who builds wood structures or structures of any material which has replaced wood. Includes rough & finish carpentry, hardware and trim.
Carpet Installers	Lay and install carpet from rolls or blocks on floors. Install padding and trim flooring materials. Excludes "Floor Layers, Except Carpet, Wood, and Hard Tiles" (47-2042).
Floor Layers, Except Carpet, Wood, and Hard Tiles	Apply blocks, strips, or sheets of shock-absorbing, sound-deadening, or decorative coverings to floors.
Tile and Stone Setters	Apply hard tile, stone, and comparable materials to walls, floors, ceilings, countertops, and roof decks.
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	Smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters; patch voids; and use saws to cut expansion joints. Installers of mortarless segmental concrete masonry wall units are classified in "Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers" (37-3011).
Construction Laborers	Perform tasks involving physical labor at construction sites. May operate hand and power tools of all types: air hammers, earth tampers, cement mixers, small mechanical hoists, surveying and measuring equipment, and a variety of other equipment and instruments. May clean and prepare sites, dig trenches, set braces to support the sides of excavations, erect scaffolding, and clean up rubble, debris, and other waste materials. May assist other craft workers. Construction laborers who primarily assist a particular craft worker are classified under "Helpers, Construction Trades" (47-3010). Excludes "Hazardous Materials Removal Workers" (47-4041).
Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators	Operate equipment used for applying concrete, asphalt, or other materials to road beds, parking lots, or airport runways and taxiways or for tamping gravel, dirt, or other materials. Includes concrete and asphalt paving machine operators, form tampers, tamping machine operators, and stone spreader operators.
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	Operate one or several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concrete or other hard surface pavement. May repair and maintain equipment in addition to other duties. Excludes "Extraction Workers" (47-5000) and "Crane and Tower Operators" (53-7021).
Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	Apply plasterboard or other wallboard to ceilings or interior walls of buildings. Apply or mount acoustical tiles or blocks, strips, or sheets of shock-absorbing materials to ceilings and walls of buildings to reduce or reflect sound. Materials may be of decorative quality. Includes lathers who fasten wooden, metal, or rockboard lath to walls, ceilings, or partitions of buildings to provide support base for plaster, fireproofing, or acoustical material. Excludes "Carpenters" (47-2031), "Carpet Installers" (47-2041), and "Tile and Stone Setters" (47-2044).
Tapers	Seal joints between plasterboard or other wallboard to prepare wall surface for painting or papering.
Electricians	Install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. May install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems. Excludes "Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installers" (49-2098).
Glaziers	Install glass in windows, skylights, store fronts, and display cases, or on surfaces, such as building fronts, interior walls, ceilings, and tabletops.

Insulation Workers, Mechanical	Apply insulating materials to pipes or ductwork, or other mechanical systems in order to help control and maintain temperature.
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	Paint walls, equipment, buildings, bridges, and other structural surfaces, using brushes, rollers, and spray guns. May remove old paint to prepare surface prior to painting. May mix colors or oils to obtain desired color or consistency. Excludes "Paperhangers" (47-2142).
Pipelayers	Lay pipe for storm or sanitation sewers, drains, and water mains. Perform any combination of the following tasks: grade trenches or culverts, position pipe, or seal joints. Excludes "Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers" (51-4121).
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	Assemble, install, alter, and repair pipelines or pipe systems that carry water, steam, air, or other liquids or gases. May install heating and cooling equipment and mechanical control systems. Includes sprinkler fitters.
Plasterers and Stucco Masons	Apply interior or exterior plaster, cement, stucco, or similar materials. May also set ornamental plaster.
Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers	Position and secure steel bars or mesh in concrete forms in order to reinforce concrete. Use a variety of fasteners, rod-bending machines, blowtorches, and hand tools. Includes rod busters.
Roofers	Cover roofs of structures with shingles, slate, asphalt, aluminum, wood, or related materials. May spray roofs, sidings, and walls with material to bind, seal, insulate, or soundproof sections of structures.
Sheet Metal Workers	Fabricate, assemble, install, and repair sheet metal products and equipment, such as ducts, control boxes, drainpipes, and furnace casings. Work may involve any of the following: setting up and operating fabricating machines to cut, bend, and straighten sheet metal; shaping metal over anvils, blocks, or forms using hammer; operating soldering and welding equipment to join sheet metal parts; or inspecting, assembling, and smoothing seams and joints of burred surfaces. Includes sheet metal duct installers who install prefabricated sheet metal ducts used for heating, air conditioning, or other purposes.
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	Raise, place, and unite iron or steel girders, columns, and other structural members to form completed structures or structural frameworks. May erect metal storage tanks and assemble prefabricated metal buildings. Excludes "Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers" (47-2171).
Helpers – Brickmasons, Blockmasons, Stonemasons, and Tile and Marble Setters	Help brickmasons, blockmasons, stonemasons, or tile and marble setters by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying, or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Construction laborers who do not primarily assist brickmasons, blockmasons, and stonemasons or tile and marble setters are classified under "Construction Laborers" (47-2061). Apprentice workers are classified with the appropriate skilled construction trade occupation (47-2011 through 47-2231).
Helpers – Carpenters	Help carpenters by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying, or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Construction laborers who do not primarily assist carpenters are classified under "Construction Laborers" (47-2061). Apprentice workers are classified with the appropriate skilled construction trade occupation (47-2011 through 47-2231).
Helpers – Electricians	Help electricians by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying, or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Construction laborers who do not primarily assist electricians are classified under "Construction Laborers" (47-2061). Apprentice workers are classified with the appropriate skilled construction trade occupation (47-2011 through 47-2231).
Helpers – Painters, Paperhangers, Plasterers, and Stucco Masons	Help painters, paperhangers, plasterers, or stucco masons by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying, or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Construction laborers who do not primarily assist painters, paperhangers, plasterers, or stucco masons are classified under "Construction Laborers" (47-2061). Apprentice workers are classified with the appropriate skilled construction trade occupation (47-2011 through 47-2231).
Helpers – Pipelayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	Help plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, or pipelayers by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying, or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Construction laborers who do not primarily assist plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, or pipelayers are classified under "Construction Laborers" (47-2061). Apprentice workers are classified with the appropriate skilled construction trade occupation (47-2011 through 47-2231).

Helpers – Roofers	Help roofers by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying, or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Construction laborers who do not primarily assist roofers are classified under “Construction Laborers” (47-2061). Apprentice workers are classified with the appropriate skilled construction trade occupation (47-2011 through 47-2231).
Helpers, Construction Trades, All Other	All construction trades helpers not listed separately.
Construction and Building Inspectors	Inspect structures using engineering skills to determine structural soundness and compliance with specifications, building codes, and other regulations. Inspections may be general in nature or may be limited to a specific area, such as electrical systems or plumbing.
Elevator and Escalator Installers and Repairers	Assemble, install, repair, or maintain electric or hydraulic freight or passenger elevators, escalators, or dumbwaiters.
Fence Erectors	Erect and repair fences and fence gates, using hand and power tools.
Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	Identify, remove, pack, transport, or dispose of hazardous materials, including asbestos, lead-based paint, waste oil, fuel, transmission fluid, radioactive materials, or contaminated soil. Specialized training and certification in hazardous materials handling or a confined entry permit are generally required. May operate earth-moving equipment or trucks.
Highway Maintenance Workers	Maintain highways, municipal and rural roads, airport runways, and rights-of-way. Duties include patching broken or eroded pavement and repairing guard rails, highway markers, and snow fences. May also mow or clear brush from along road, or plow snow from roadway. Excludes “Tree Trimmers and Pruners” (37-3013).
Rail-Track Laying and Maintenance Equipment Operators	Lay, repair, and maintain track for standard or narrow-gauge railroad equipment used in regular railroad service or in plant yards, quarries, sand and gravel pits, and mines. Includes ballast cleaning machine operators and railroad bed tamping machine operators.
Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners	Clean and repair septic tanks, sewer lines, or drains. May patch walls and partitions of tank, replace damaged drain tile, or repair breaks in underground piping.
Miscellaneous Construction and Related Workers	This occupation includes the 2018 SOC occupations 47-4091 Segmental Pavers and 47-4099 Construction and Related Workers, All Other.
Derrick Operators, Oil and Gas	Rig derrick equipment and operate pumps to circulate mud or fluid through drill hole.
Rotary Drill Operators, Oil and Gas	Set up or operate a variety of drills to remove underground oil and gas, or remove core samples for testing during oil and gas exploration. Excludes “Earth Drillers, Except Oil and Gas” (47-5023).
Service Unit Operators, Oil and Gas	Operate equipment to increase oil flow from producing wells or to remove stuck pipe, casing, tools, or other obstructions from drilling wells. Includes fishing-tool technicians.
Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators, Surface Mining	Operate or tend machinery at surface mining site, equipped with scoops, shovels, or buckets to excavate and load loose materials.
Earth Drillers, Except Oil and Gas	Operate a variety of drills such as rotary, churn, and pneumatic to tap subsurface water and salt deposits, to remove core samples during mineral exploration or soil testing, and to facilitate the use of explosives in mining or construction. Includes horizontal and earth boring machine operators.
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	Assemble or repair oil field equipment using hand and power tools. Perform other tasks as needed.
Extraction Workers, All Other	All extraction workers not listed separately.

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