

MADE IN THE TRADE

While exploring various career paths, you may find yourself interested in working with your hands through trade occupations. While this journey may stray from what some consider the “traditional” college route, it should certainly not be looked down upon. In fact, many trades, including one of the ones shown below, earn an annual average wage above the state average. Take a look at how some select trades in Arkansas might be right for you.

	Where in AR are they? 	Mean annual wage 	How many workers? 	Education required 
Carpenters	14.6 percent work in Pulaski County	make an annual average of \$36,400	7,566 are in the state's workforce	typically requires a high school diploma or equivalent
Roofers	16.8 percent work in Pulaski County	make an annual average of \$32,400	1,372 are in the state's workforce	typically requires no formal education
Plumbers	16.2 percent work in Pulaski County	make an annual average of \$43,500	4,099 are in the state's workforce	typically requires a high school diploma or equivalent
HVAC	17.0 percent work in Pulaski County	make an annual average of \$40,300	3,186 are in the state's workforce	typically requires a high school diploma or equivalent
Steel Workers	20.4 percent work in Pulaski County	make an annual average of \$40,800	776 are in the state's workforce	typically requires a high school diploma or equivalent

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