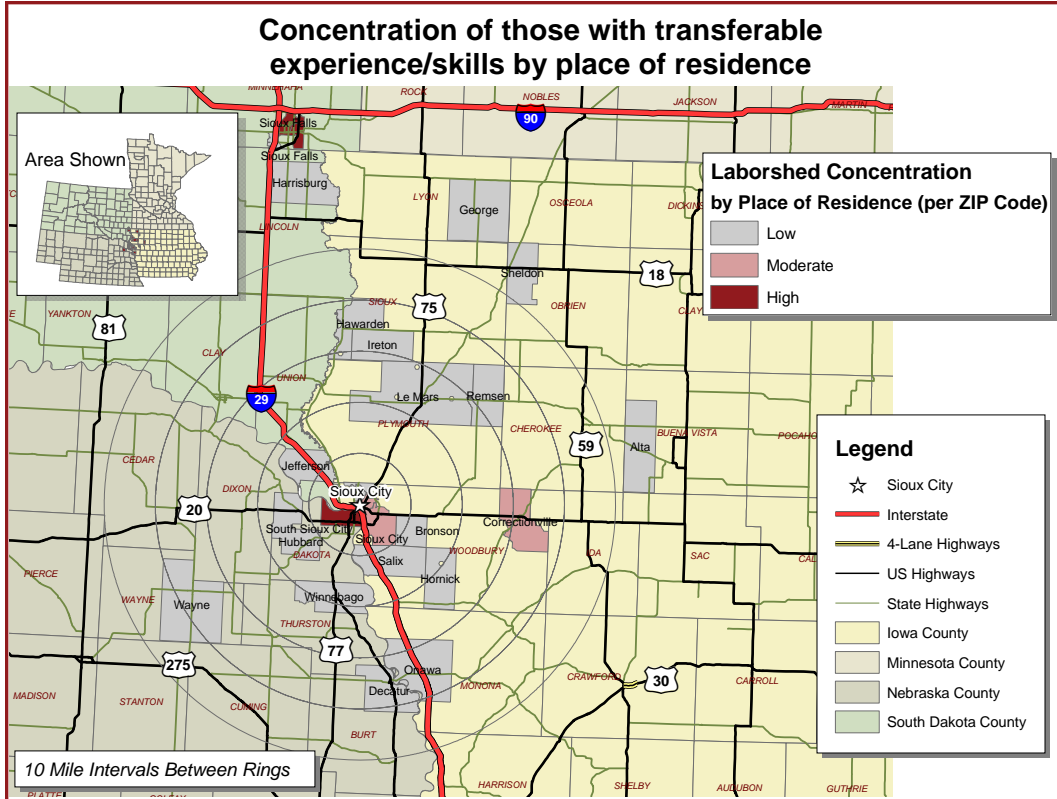


# Labor Characteristics

## Construction

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Workers who have transferable experience/skills are currently commuting an average of 13 miles one way for work. Those who are willing to change/accept employment are willing to commute an average of 14 miles one way for the right employment opportunity.

#### Employment Status:

##### 85.4% Employed

- 20.0% of the employed are willing to change employment

##### 9.8% Unemployed

##### 2.4% Homemakers, Not Employed

##### 2.4% Retired

#### Education Levels:

- 36.6% Education beyond high school
- 9.8% Associate degree
- 7.3% Trade certified
- 4.9% Vocational training
- 7.3% Undergraduate degree

#### Flexibility in the Workplace:

(by percent of interest)

- Cross-training - 92.3%
- Varied shifts (2nd, 3rd, & split) - 46.2%
- Job sharing - 30.8%
- Job teams - 84.6%
- Seasonal work - 58.3%
- Temporary work - 50.0%

#### Other Facts:

- 56.1% paid an hourly wage
- 58.5% are/were employed full-time
- 31.7% are/were self-employed
- 8.6% hold more than one job
- Currently working an average of 46 hrs/week

#### Current Benefits:

- Health/medical insurance - 84.0%
- Pension/retirement/401K - 60.0%
- Paid vacation - 32.0%
- Dental coverage - 28.0%
- Vision coverage - 16.0%
- Disability insurance - 16.0%
- Prescription drug coverage - 8.0%
- Paid sick leave - 8.0%
- Paid holidays - 4.0%
- Life insurance - 4.0%

#### Desired Benefits:

(by percent of interest)

- Health/medical insurance - 88.9%
- Dental coverage - 44.4%
- Vision coverage - 33.3%
- Pension/Retirement/401K - 22.2%

#### Top Advertising Media:

(for those seeking employment opportunities)

- Local/Regional Newspapers
  - Sioux City Journal
  - Argus Leader - Sioux Falls, SD
- The Internet
  - [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)
  - [www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com)
- Local Iowa Workforce Development Centers
- Networking through family, friends, acquaintances

#### Potential Available Labor

#### Per Occupational Category:

##### Business Operations:

- Executives & Managers - 3,384
- Accountant & Auditors - 846
- Sales - 851
- Office Supervisors - 433
- Accounting Clerks - 419

##### Production:

- Engineering Technicians - 423
- Carpenters - 837
- Carpet Installers - 408
- Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers - 841
- Construction Laborers - 861
- Electricians - 833
- Painters - 418
- Plumbers & Pipefitters - 420
- Roofers - 413
- Sheet Metal Workers - 415
- Iron & Steel Workers - 427
- Construction Inspectors - 401
- Automotive Technicians - 417
- Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Installers & Mechanics - 426
- Mixing & Blending Machine Operators - 854
- Construction & Production Workers - 1,692

##### Material Movers:

- Truck Drivers - 430
- Forklift Operators - 412

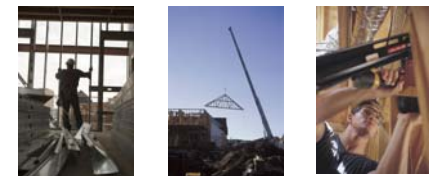
**An estimated total of 16,861 people in the Laborshed area**

#### Underemployment:

Total Underemployment - 2.4%

- Low hours - 2.4%
- Mismatch of skills - 0.0%
- Low income - 0.0%

IWD only counts individuals once when estimating Total Underemployment.



The Sioux City Metropolitan Statistical Area aggregate wage data was also extracted from the Iowa Wage Survey and is provided in the table on page 2 which reflects mean, entry, experienced, and median wages.

Information was compiled by Iowa Workforce Development using 2008 Laborshed data.

Occupation	Occupational Code	Mean Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage	Median Wage
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	47-2021	\$ 19.06	\$ 13.96	\$ 21.62	\$ 19.52
Carpenters	47-2031	\$ 15.74	\$ 11.03	\$ 18.09	\$ 14.40
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	47-2051	\$ 13.37	\$ 9.76	\$ 15.18	\$ 12.36
Construction Laborers	47-2061	\$ 13.35	\$ 10.14	\$ 14.96	\$ 12.96
Construction Managers	11-9021	\$ 35.80	\$ 21.19	\$ 43.11	\$ 32.25
Crane and Tower Operators	53-7021	\$ 33.09	\$ 18.04	\$ 40.62	\$ 22.40
Earth Drillers, Except Oil and Gas	47-5021	\$ 14.19	\$ 11.22	\$ 15.66	\$ 14.85
Electricians	47-2111	\$ 20.98	\$ 15.50	\$ 23.73	\$ 21.34
Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators	53-7032	\$ 14.88	\$ 10.47	\$ 17.10	\$ 13.57
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	47-1011	\$ 28.79	\$ 18.81	\$ 33.78	\$ 25.88
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	49-9021	\$ 18.40	\$ 12.76	\$ 21.23	\$ 17.58
Helpers--Brickmasons, Blockmasons, Stonemasons, and Tile and Marble Setters	47-3011	\$ 13.53	\$ 10.01	\$ 15.28	\$ 12.25
Helpers--Pipelayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	47-3015	\$ 13.54	\$ 10.54	\$ 15.03	\$ 13.40
Highway Maintenance Workers	47-4051	\$ 15.74	\$ 12.12	\$ 17.55	\$ 15.93
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	53-7051	\$ 12.53	\$ 10.08	\$ 13.75	\$ 12.49
Insulation Workers, Mechanical	47-2132	\$ 15.39	\$ 11.36	\$ 17.41	\$ 15.58
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	37-3011	\$ 10.37	\$ 7.83	\$ 11.65	\$ 9.41
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	47-2073	\$ 16.56	\$ 11.99	\$ 18.86	\$ 15.90
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	47-2141	\$ 15.46	\$ 11.22	\$ 17.57	\$ 13.90
Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators	47-2071	\$ 15.28	\$ 12.74	\$ 16.54	\$ 14.93
Pipelayers	47-2151	\$ 16.31	\$ 10.12	\$ 19.41	\$ 15.63
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	47-2152	\$ 20.72	\$ 14.99	\$ 23.60	\$ 20.94
Roofers	47-2181	\$ 13.72	\$ 12.41	\$ 14.38	\$ 13.53
Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners	47-4071	\$ 17.42	\$ 10.14	\$ 21.05	\$ 16.90
Sheet Metal Workers	47-2211	\$ 20.27	\$ 13.11	\$ 23.85	\$ 20.97
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	47-2221	\$ 23.27	\$ 13.47	\$ 28.16	\$ 23.40
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	53-3032	\$ 15.55	\$ 10.70	\$ 17.99	\$ 15.53

This Iowa Wage Survey for the Sioux City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was produced by the Workforce Data & Business Development Bureau to provide communities local information on wages by occupation. This publication was developed specifically for the Sioux City MSA. The source of the wage and employment data is the 2007 Iowa Wage Survey. Additional data from the Iowa Wage Survey for individual counties, Iowa Workforce Development regions, and by industry statewide are available on the Iowa Workforce Development web site located at [www.iowaworkforce.org](http://www.iowaworkforce.org).

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