

Labour Market Information

Construction Sector



Sector Overview

Industry
Construction
Local Focus
Walsall and wider West Midlands
Key Areas
Residential building, commercial developments, civil engineering, refurbishment, infrastructure (roads, schools, housing)
Current Outlook
Construction remains a high-demand sector in the West Midlands, driven by housing needs, infrastructure upgrades, and regeneration projects

Key Job Roles and Entry Points

Entry-Level	Mid-Level / Skilled Trades	Advanced / Technical
Labourer	Bricklayer	Site Supervisor
Construction Operative	Plasterer	Quantity Surveyor
Traffic Marshall	Painter & Decorator	Project Manager
Site Cleaner	Groundworker	Building Services Engineer
Apprentice (any trade)	Carpenter / Joiner	Site Safety Manager

Qualifications and Training

Role Type	Typical Qualification / Courses
Entry Level	CSCS Card (Green Labourer Card), Health & Safety in Construction Awareness, Site Induction
Skilled Trades	NVQ Level 2 or 3 in trade area (e.g., Bricklaying, Carpentry), Apprenticeships
Technical/Manager	HNC/HND in Construction, Degree in Civil Engineering, SMSTS, Project Management courses

Local Providers in Walsall

- Walsall College (Construction Campus)
- Juniper Training
- BCTG Construction Skills Centre

Local Employers in Walsall

Employer	Roles Available	Contact
Barhale	All on-site construction roles + infrastructure projects	kat.betts@barhale.co.uk www.barhale.co.uk
Fortel	All on-site construction roles	veleta@fortel.co.uk fortel.co.uk
Balfour Beatty Vinci	HS2	lilie.smylie@balfourbeattyvinci.com balfourbeattyvinci.co.uk

Pathways



Salary and Progression Information

Role	Typical Pay in Walsall
General Labourer	£20,000 – £24,000
Apprentice (Trade)	£10,000 – £17,000 (depending on age)
Bricklayer / Joiner / Plasterer	£25,000 – £35,000+
Site Supervisor	£35,000 – £45,000
Quantity Surveyor	£40,000 – £55,000+
Project Manager	£50,000 – £70,000+

Earnings increase with experience, qualifications, and specialisms. Self-employment and subcontracting are common in this sector

Current Opportunities and Growth Areas

- Ongoing demand for bricklayers, groundworkers, and carpenters across the West Midlands
- Infrastructure investment (roads, schools, council projects)
- Retro-fitting and eco-construction (green energy improvements)
- Large regeneration projects and housing developments in Walsall
- Increasing use of digital tools and construction tech (e.g., BIM)

Tips for Progression

- Get a CSCS Card early – required for most site roles
- Start with a multi-trade course if unsure of your specialty
- Keep training certificates and evidence of work (portfolio/CV)
- Consider apprenticeships to earn while you learn
- Network with local employers and use job boards like Indeed, CITB, and GoConstruct

- Build up to higher-level roles through additional qualifications like SMSTS, HNC or degree routes

Useful Links and Contacts

[Go Construct](#) – Careers in Construction

[CITB](#) – Training & Industry Standards

Walsall College – Construction Courses: www.walsallcollege.ac.uk

National Careers Service: www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

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