

Statistics about Women in Construction

Women working in construction numbered 1.3 percent of the entire U.S. workforce in 2015.

Source: <https://www.bls.gov/opub/reports/womens-databook/2016/pdf/home.pdf>, Table 13

Women in the U.S. earn on average 81.1 percent of what men make. The gender pay gap is much narrower in the construction industry. In construction, women earn on average 95.7 percent of what men make.

Source: <https://www.bls.gov/opub/reports/womens-databook/2016/pdf/home.pdf>, Table 19

Breakdown of Women in Construction

As of Dec. 31, 2016, approximately 939,000 women were employed in various occupation sectors of the construction industry. Women now make up 9.1 percent of the construction industry in the United States. The following is a breakdown of women by occupation sector in the construction industry:

Occupation Sector	Number of Women	Percentage
Sales and Office	423,000	45%
Professional & Management	293,000	31%
Natural Resources, Construction & Maintenance	196,000	21%
Service Occupations	14,000	1.5%
Production, Transportation & Material Moving	13,000	1.4%

Numbers of Women in the Construction Industry Sector

2005.....	1,079,000
2006.....	1,131,000
2007.....	1,119,000
2008.....	1,069,000
2009.....	970,200
2010.....	807,000
2011.....	828,000
2012.....	802,000
2013.....	840,000
2013.....	872,000
2015.....	929,000
2016.....	939,000

2016 General Construction Statistics

Total Workers in Construction 10,328,000

Men in Construction9,389,000
Women in Construction 939,000

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics — Current Population Survey at <http://stats.bls.gov>. This is an annual average based on monthly surveys of 60,000 households, equaling 150,000 people. Numbers are rounded off to the nearest thousandth.