

Occupational Profile: Plasterers and Stucco Masons

GENERAL OCCUPATION DESCRIPTION

Apply interior or exterior plaster, cement, stucco, or similar materials. May also set ornamental plaster.

Source: O*NET online. <http://online.onetcenter.org>

REQUIRED EDUCATION

As shown in the table to right, over 99% of interviewed employers reportedly require a High School diploma or less.

Required Education	
Percent of Employers Requiring HS Diploma or Less	99.13%
Percent of Employers Requiring 2-Year Degree or Equiv	0.87%
Percent of Employers Requiring BS Diploma or More	0%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

WAGES

Plasterer and Stucco Mason is considered a low to medium-wage occupation, with moderate possibility for wage advancement with experience. Employers in Greater Phoenix and the State of Arizona generally pay lower as compared with the overall United States.

Location	Pay Period	2005				
		10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
United States	Hourly	\$10.12	\$12.82	\$16.08	\$20.83	\$26.93
	Yearly	\$21,000	\$26,700	\$33,400	\$43,300	\$56,000
Greater Phoenix	Hourly	\$7.36	\$9.51	\$12.86	\$16.19	\$19.79
	Yearly	\$15,316	\$19,790	\$26,762	\$33,691	\$41,183
Arizona	Hourly	\$7.61	\$9.81	\$12.84	\$15.97	\$18.92
	Yearly	\$15,800	\$20,400	\$26,700	\$33,200	\$39,400

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

As shown in the table to right, a national comparison of wages for this occupation reveals Arizona ranks 39th in terms of median wages.

RANK	Location	Median Wage 2005	
		Hourly	Annual
1	Minnesota	\$28.87	\$60,000
2	Michigan	\$25.79	\$53,600
3	Connecticut	\$25.38	\$52,800
4	Illinois	\$24.82	\$51,600
5	Washington	\$24.11	\$50,100
39	ARIZONA	\$12.84	\$26,700

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

The table below provides a comparison of wages by sub-industry for the Greater Phoenix region (2005). As shown, there is only one main employment sector (Specialty Trade Contractors).

Wages by Industry: Greater Phoenix MSA (2005)	Rounded Employment	Mean Wage	10th Percentile Wage	25th Percentile Wage	Median Wage	75th Percentile Wage	90th Percentile Wage
Specialty Trade Contractors	.	\$13.29	\$7.36	\$9.51	\$12.86	\$16.19	\$19.79

EMPLOYMENT

As shown in the table below, this occupation has a projected 30% growth rate over 10 years (between 2003 and 2013) for the Greater Phoenix region. There are an average projected 147 job openings each year, comprised of 93 new jobs and 54 positions vacated by individuals leaving the field (due to retirement, death, career changes, or other reasons).

	10-YEAR CHANGE			AVERAGE ANNUAL		
	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings	Growth	Separations
United States	2004	2014				
Plasterers and stucco masons	59,500	64,400	8%	1,580	n/a	n/a
Arizona	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings	Growth	Separations
	2004	2014				
Plasterers and stucco masons	4,320	6,270	45%	270	n/a	n/a
Greater Phoenix	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings	Growth	Separations
	2003	2013				
Plasterers and stucco masons	2,924	3,853	30%	147	93	54

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

*Job Openings refers to the average annual job openings due to growth and net replacement.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

**N/A is displayed in cases where data is not available or cannot be published because of federal data privacy standards.

An additional source of information regarding this occupation can be provided by analysis of employer survey data collected for the Maricopa County Community Colleges by the ERISS Corporation in 2004. As shown, the ERISS survey data shows a projected 1-year growth rate of 35%, which is much higher than the average of 3% per year reflected by the BLS data above.

Additionally, the ERISS data provides an indicator of yearly turnover for this occupation, which is reported to be high at 19%.

ERISS Occupational Survey Data (2004)			
Greater Phoenix	Growth	Turnover	Demand
Plasterers and Stucco Masons	35%	19%	55%

Comparison of employment projections for top five regions for Plasterer and Stucco Mason

As shown in the table to right, a national comparison reveals the State of Arizona ranks 1st in terms of projected 10-year growth for this occupation (45%).

RANK	Location	Employment		Percent
		2004	2014	Change
1	ARIZONA	4,320	6,270	45%
1	Idaho	180	270	45%
2	Colorado	980	1,400	43%
3	Nevada	1,750	2,340	34%
4	Washington	720	910	27%
5	South Carolina	760	950	26%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment by Industry

The table below shows the industries that most commonly employ Plasterer and Stucco Mason, and the proportion of employment accounted for at the national level. As shown, “Drywall and insulation contractors” is the largest employer for this occupation (66.3%).

Percent of Employment Nationally by Industry	
Percent	Industry
66.3%	Drywall and insulation contractors
10.1%	Masonry contractors
5.2%	Self-employed workers, primary job
3.7%	Other specialty trade contractors
2.6%	Residential building construction
2%	Nonresidential building construction

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Geo-Location Overlay of Employers with 10 or More Employees that Potentially Employ Occupation (n = 210)

