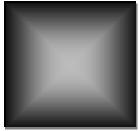
# **2015 IOWA INDUSTRY PROFILE**

# CONSTRUCTION

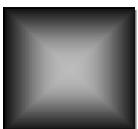
# IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT











### **Executive Summary**

In 2014, the **construction** sector, statewide, comprised 5.0 percent of all employment in lowa; however, this is an industry that is sensitive to the volatilities of the business cycle, so this percentage is subject to more variation than other industries. This sector had an average annual wage of \$51,965 for 2014, which is 22.2 percent higher than the statewide average for all industries (public and private sector).

In terms of employment, the **construction** sector was one of the hardest hit by the most recent recession. The industry shed 3,396 jobs (5.1%) between 2009 and 2010 after hemorrhaging 8,115 jobs (10.9%) between 2008 and 2009. The sector has mostly recovered since then and is nearly up to its 2006, pre-recession peak of 76,002 employing 75,697 lowans in 2014. Construction has added 12,601 (20.0% growth) jobs since bottoming out in 2010. Wages have increased by 27.7 percent between 2006 to 2014, even though they dipped a bit in 2009.

Men make up an overwhelming majority of this industry, holding over 88.6 percent of all jobs in the sector.



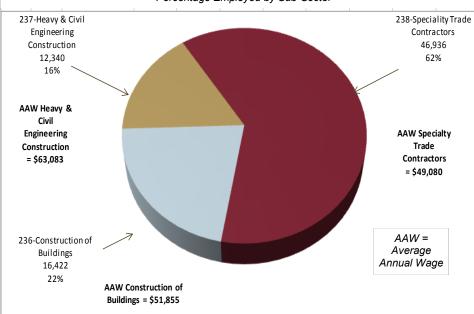


#### What is Construction?

The construction sector is comprised establishments of primarily engaged in the construction of buildings, engineering projects (e.g., highways and utility systems) or in the construction trades. Establishments primarily engaged in the preparation of sites for new construction or primarily engaged in subdividing land for sale as building sites are also included in this sector. Construction work done may include new work, additions, alterations or maintenance and repairs. Activities of these establishments generally are managed at a fixed place of business, but they usually perform construction activities at multiple project sites.

# 2014 Industry Breakout by Employment in Iowa

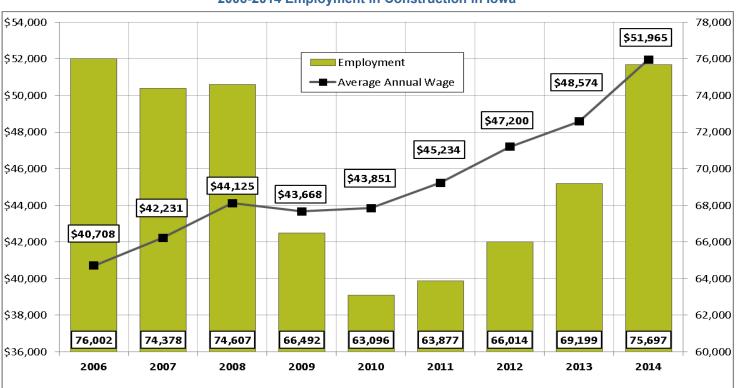
Construction NAICS Industry Coding
\* Percentage Employed by Sub-Sector



Source: www.census.gov/naics

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Bureau of Labor Statistics

## 2006-2014 Employment in Construction in Iowa



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Bureau of Labor Statistics

## **Examples of Major Construction Industry Employers**

Name of Company	Industry
Ames Laboratory	Other Specialty Trade Contractors
Baker Group	<b>Building Equipment Contractors</b>
Casey's Services Co	Other Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction
Davenport Public Works	Highway, Street & Bridge Construction
Hon Co Oak Steel Plant	Other Specialty Trade Contractors
Peterson Contractors Inc.	Residential Building Contractors
Seneca Corp	<b>Building Equipment Contractors</b>
Skyline Construction Inc.	Residential Building Contractors
Tri City Communications	<b>Building Equipment Contractors</b>
Weitz Agricultural Services	Residential Building Construction

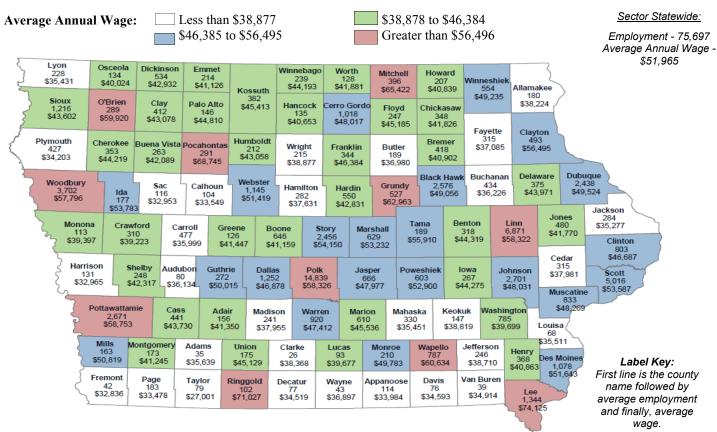
#### **Employers**

In 2014, there were 9,413 **construction** locations across lowa, employing 75,697 people averaged throughout the year. Construction work tends to be seasonal.

The heavy & civil engineering construction subsector accounts for 16.3 percent of total covered sector employment—making it the smallest and best paid segment with average annual wage of \$63,083. of buildings construction represents 21.7 percent, and the largest sub-sector, specialty trade contractors, employs 62.0 percent of all sector employment.

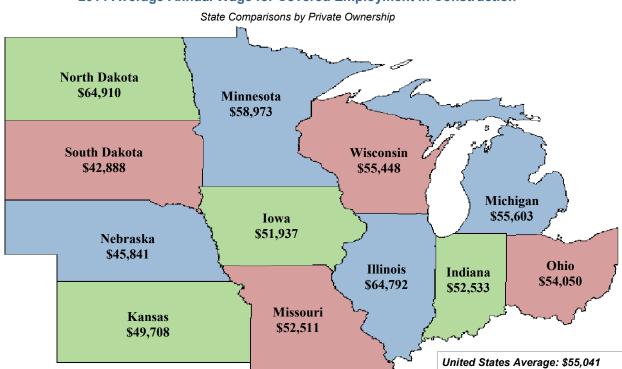
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# 2014 Covered Employment in Construction by County



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Bureau of Labor Statistics

## 2014 Average Annual Wage for Covered Employment in Construction



# **Industry Distribution by Age and Gender**

### **Contact Information**

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

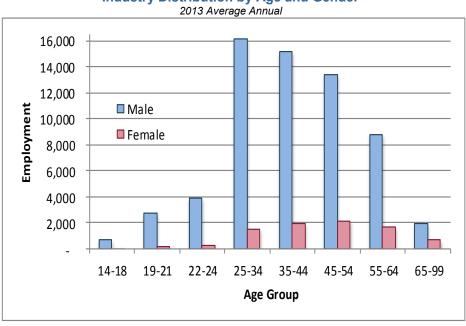
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