



# PLUMBERS

Plumbers design, install, repair and maintain piping systems such as waste, vent, potable water, storm water, wastewater treatment and gas systems (propane, natural and medical) in residential, commercial and industrial buildings. Plumbers assemble, install, maintain and repair pipes, fittings, fixtures, appurtenances and appliances according to plumbing codes.

## FAST FACTS

### SKILLS NEEDED



Strong math skills, reading, spatial ability, problem solving skills, manual dexterity

### RELEVANT CLASSES



Algebra, geometry, science and technology education

### EDUCATION & TRAINING



Plumbers learn the trade in a 5-year apprenticeship program

### WORK ENVIRONMENT



Expect to work indoors and outdoors in existing and newly constructed buildings

## JOB OUTLOOK & WAGES

**\$30.11**  
Plumber  
Average Hourly Wage

**VS**

**\$7.25**  
Wisconsin Minimum  
Hourly Wage



**\$78,450**  
Experienced Level Salary

**\$66,580**  
Average Salary

**\$42,820**  
Entry Level Salary

**+9%**  
Job outlook through 2022  
in Wisconsin

Data source: Wisconsin WorkNet, 2015

**7,717**  
Jobs expected through 2022  
in Wisconsin



## TRADE UP

### TRAIN FOR THE TRADE AS AN APPRENTICE

Plumbers train through a 5-year apprenticeship program, consisting of at least 8,000 hours in the trade with on the job training and classroom instruction. Apprentices completing the apprenticeship requirements must take and pass the State licensure exam to become a Licensed Journeyman Plumber.



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