

March 8, 2021

TO: State Construction Craft Laborer Apprenticeship Advisory Committee Members and Consultants

FROM: Owen Smith, Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards; Owen.Smith@dwd.wisconsin.gov

SUBJECT: State Construction Craft Laborer Apprenticeship Advisory Committee meeting

DATE: Wednesday, March 24, 2021

TIME: 1:00 PM

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Record attendees.
3. Review the roster.

4. For action:

- a. Approve the minutes.
- b. Discontinue accepting TABE scores from applicants.
- c. Review the state standards.

5. Discussion Items

- a. Registered apprenticeship during COVID-19
- b. Mandatory registration in BASERS, effective July 1, 2021
- c. Implementing revisions to CFR 29.30
- d. [Biden Administration Bolsters Registered Apprenticeship](#)
- e. [National Apprenticeship Act 2021](#)
- f. [Wisconsin Apprenticeship Completer Report](#)
- g. Implementing Transition to Trainer and Teaching Transition to Trainer
- h. Supportive services and OJL reimbursement for registered apprentices
- i. Applicant outreach campaign and revisions to www.WisconsinApprenticeship.org
- j. Apprenticeship Completion Award Program
- k. BAS leadership and personnel changes
- l. 2021 National Apprenticeship Week
- m. Other

6. WTCS Update
7. Review the program participants.
8. Schedule the next meeting.
9. Adjourn.

**Draft Minutes of the
Construction Craft Laborer
State Apprenticeship Advisory Committee**

September 23, 2020
Webinar

Members Present	Organization/Employer
Dehnhoff, Brian	Laborers Local 268
Denewellis, Jennifer	Michels Corporation
Foye, Jim	Laborers Local 464
Griffith, Tracey (Co-Chair)	Payne & Dolan
Marcelle, Tony	Laborers' Local 330
Schmitt, John (Co-Chair)	WI Laborers' District Council
Members Absent	Organization/Employer
Grohmann, Gert	AGC of Greater Milwaukee
Hoerke, Damien	McCabe Construction, Inc.
Jensen, Clark	Laborers Local 140
Miller, Kent	WI Laborers District Council
Neira, Anthony	Laborers Local 113
Peterson, Timothy	James Peterson Sons, Inc.
Topp, John	ACEA
Consultants & Guests	Organization/Employer
Johnson, Joshua	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Kasper, Andrew	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Myles, Tommy	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Pratt, Dawn	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Smith, Owen	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Tourdot, Kelly	Associated Builders & Contractors
Wiatt, Ray	Laborers Training Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.. by John Schmidt, Committee Co-Chair, in conformance with the Wisconsin open meeting laws.
2. Mr. Owen Smith recorded attendance. A quorum was present.
3. The Employer vacancies left by Mr. Zignego and Mr. Hunter Bohne will be filled by Associated Builders & Contractors. The Employee vacancy left by Mr. Craig Zeigler will be filled by labor. Mr. Tim Peterson is a new Employer member. Tracey Griffith is the Co-Chair of the Employee side.

4. Special Topics: Modernizing Youth Apprenticeship curriculum

Mr. Smith reported that the state youth apprenticeship staff and Worldwide Instructional Design System are revising all youth apprenticeship curriculum to ensure it meets the needs of industry and aligns with applicable registered apprenticeships. He noted that the project will include revising the Architecture & Construction youth apprenticeship; 10 of the 12 competencies apply to all construction occupations. He encouraged attendees to participate validate the curriculum.

The state committee stated it has no concerns about youth apprenticeship itself, but the committee expressed concern that other occupations use certified pre-apprentices and youth apprentices to perform the work of the Construction Craft Laborer occupation. The committee support youth apprenticeship and wants to continue discussing it. The timing, however, is not optimal; many employers, especially those that perform vertical construction, face lay-offs due the pandemic.

Director Johnson thanked the committee and encouraged members to maintain its interest in youth apprenticeship because many occupations from many sectors support the program; the Bureau does not want to see construction occupations get left behind. He noted that construction occupations were the last to express interest in youth apprenticeship due to valid concerns over jobsite requirements. He reiterated that many sectors of the economy have strong youth apprenticeship programs.

Several members of the state committee volunteered to review the youth apprenticeship competencies.

5. Old Business

a. For action: approve the minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

b. Registered apprenticeship during COVID-19

Director Johnson reported that 1,000 less apprentices are registered than this time last year. The most noticeable declines are in the service and utility sectors; construction was affected the least. He noted that the decline more represents the absence of new apprentice contracts than the cancellation of existing contracts.

Director Johnson noted that Bureau staff have been working from through since March and will continue through 2020. He thanked all attendees for their organizations' support for virtual meetings and continuing business as usual, to the extent possible.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

c. Implementing revisions to CFR 29.30

Director Johnson reported the Bureau's current efforts to implement CFR 29.30. The Bureau continues to update the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Manual with laws that were passed since the manual was last revised,

such as CFR 29.30. The Bureau drafted the new discrimination and harassment complaint form and disability disclosure form for apprentices and revised the quality assessment for all sponsors.

The discrimination form and quality assessment form will be reviewed by the WI Apprenticeship Advisory Council at its year-end meeting. The disability disclosure form has been in circulation for the past few months and the response rate has been high.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

d. Federal grants to expand registered apprenticeship

Director Johnson reported that the WAGE\$ grant concluded in September. The Bureau met most of its goals with exception of enrollment in some new occupations, which is not a surprise because enrollment in new occupations grows slowly.

The first and second rounds of the state expansion grant expire on October 30. Round two includes reimbursements to sponsors that hire underrepresented populations and graduates of certified pre-apprenticeship programs; the reimbursements cover certain costs of on-the-job learning. Reimbursements will be issued on a first come, first served basis. The related policies are pending approval of the Department of Administration populations.

The Bureau received a fourth round of federal grant funding, totaling \$9 million. The grant goals include the following: register 3,000 new apprentices; increase underrepresented populations in registered apprenticeship; align related instruction for specific registered apprenticeships with curriculum in technical diploma and associate degree programs; incentivize sponsoring registered apprentices; fund an extensive, applicant-focused outreach campaign; and hire an Apprenticeship Navigator for the northeast and four new Apprenticeship Training Representatives for specific sectors, excluding construction.

Director Johnson noted that he was excited that the Department of Labor awarded the grant to the Bureau after the retirement of former director, Karen Morgan. He considered the grant a sign of faith in his leadership. Forty-two states received a base of \$450,000, and only eight states received more than \$8 million.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

e. Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs)

Director Johnson reported that IRAPs were implemented this year and the standards recognition entities, or approving bodies, were announced on the Department of Labor website this September. The Bureau, with the support of the WI Department of Workforce Development, maintains it will not approve IRAPs in Wisconsin. Instead, the Bureau will offer flexible registered apprenticeships.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

f. Applicant outreach campaign and revisions to www.WisconsinApprenticeship.org

Director Johnson reported that the applicant outreach campaign to be funded by the new federal grant will include a complete redesign of the Bureau website. The new website will look and function like a business website, not a government website, and be much more user-friendly to career seekers, potential sponsors, and current sponsors and apprentices.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

g. Apprenticeship Completion Award Program

Director Johnson reviewed the most recent reimbursement statistics. He reiterated that ACAP has continued to be a clear example of bipartisan support for registered apprenticeship for several years.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

h. Other

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

6. New Business

a. Mandatory registration in BASERS

Director Johnson reported that he has proposed that all current and future sponsors must register in and perform contract actions through BASERS as of July 1, 2021. Sponsors that do not comply will not be permitted to register new apprentices. He will discuss the proposal with the WI Apprenticeship Advisory Council at its upcoming meeting. The objective of the proposal is to position BASERS as the central contract and communication portal between the Bureau and all sponsors, now and in the future.

The state committee and consultants confirmed that all local committees have registered in BASERS and perform all contract actions through it. The state committee reported the program works very well.

b. For action: revising state standards, including applicant assessment requirements, ASVAB

Mr. Smith reported that all state committees will review their state standards throughout 2021 to ensure all recent legislative and policy updates have been incorporated and all content is current. State construction committees will also review their applicant assessment requirements

The training coordinators reported that the ACT and Accuplacer scores for applicants work well.

Mr. Smith reported that several state construction committees asked the Bureau to research whether the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery would be a feasible alternative for veterans, in lieu of the local assessments. Mr. Smith reported, however, that the ASVAB is a categorically different assessment than the Accuplacer and ACT and is not used by the Wisconsin Technical College System. He asked attendees whether they prefer the Bureau research the topic further.

The training coordinators recommended requiring all applicants to take the same assessments.

c. 2020 Meeting of National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors

Director Johnson reported that the NASTAS Conference will be held virtually throughout the week of September 29.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

d. 2020 National Apprenticeship Week

Director Johnson reported that National Apprenticeship Week will occur the week of November 8. Sponsors and stakeholders are encouraged to host virtual events and provide the access information to the Bureau for inclusion on the master calendar.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

e. 2021 Biennial Apprenticeship Conference

Director Johnson reported that he and the WI Apprenticeship Advisory Council voted to postpone the conference until the spring of 2022 due to COVID-19.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

f. Revising Transition to Trainer and Teaching Transition to Trainer

Director Johnson reported that the Wisconsin Technical College System is revising both courses to align them with current training needs, remove outdated content, enhance their delivery online, and broaden the pool of potential instructors. The project is scheduled to finish by the end of the year; the courses are projected to be implemented in early 2021.

Mr. Wiatt asked whether currently certified instructors of Transition to Train will remain certified to teach the revised version. Mr. Smith answered that all current, active instructors will be required to complete a refresher course on the new curriculum by the end of 2021.

g. BAS leadership and personnel changes

Director Johnson reported several personnel changes: ATR Chris Landreman accepted a new position with DWD Job Service; Darla Burton from youth apprenticeship accepted a new position; and Liz Pusch is the new BAS section chief. The Bureau will hire six new positions through its recent grant award.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

h. Other

Attendees did not have additional topics.

6. WTCS Update

No WTCS representative was present. Mr. Smith encouraged attendees to review the written summary.

7. Review the program participants.

Participants included 373 apprentices and 130 employers with a contract in active or unassigned status on September 1, 2020.

8. The Bureau will schedule the next meeting via online survey.

9. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Owen Smith, Program & Policy Analyst

Employment and Salary Data

2018-19 Apprenticeship Completion



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Employment Location



Employment Location 2016-17



Employment Location 2017-18



Employment Location 2018-19



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Salary Data 2016-17 VS 2017-18 VS 2018-19



2016-17



\$85,273
MEDIAN SALARY FOR
CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

\$81,613
MEDIAN SALARY FOR
SERVICE SECTOR

\$65,515
MEDIAN SALARY FOR
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

2017-18



\$83,818
MEDIAN SALARY FOR
CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

\$85,169
MEDIAN SALARY FOR
SERVICE SECTOR

\$67,595
MEDIAN SALARY FOR
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

2018-19



\$87,145
MEDIAN SALARY FOR
CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

\$85,273
MEDIAN SALARY FOR
SERVICE SECTOR

\$69,259
MEDIAN SALARY FOR
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

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Training & Instruction Satisfaction



2016-17 Apprenticeship Completers

96%
OF APPRENTICES WERE
SATISFIED
WITH THEIR ON-THE-JOB
TRAINING

96% OF APPRENTICES WERE
SATISFIED WITH THEIR
PAID-RELATED INSTRUCTION

2017-18 Apprenticeship Completers



96% OF APPRENTICES WERE
SATISFIED WITH THEIR
PAID-RELATED INSTRUCTION

2018-19 Apprenticeship Completers



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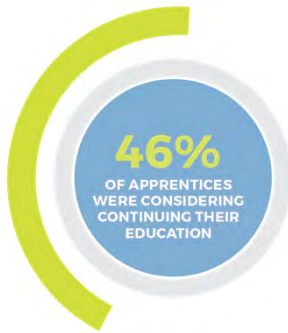
Continuing Education



2016-17 Apprenticeship Completers

2017-18 Apprenticeship Completers

2018-19 Apprenticeship Completers



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Looking ahead...



- DWD-BAS will be reorganizing instructional program groups into new industry sectors: currently Construction, Industrial, and Service. This will at some point affect future version of the report, which WTCS will adapt to match DWD-BAS guidelines.
- Please keep WTCS in mind if you have captured apprenticeship-related imagery, especially regarding new apprenticeship programs and those featuring demographic minorities.
- Contact: nancy.nakkoul@wtcsystem.edu or dan.arneson@wtcsystem.edu

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Distribution



- WTCS will be distributing a web link in lieu of printing a physical report this year, please bookmark and share widely the link to the electronic version of the most recent Apprenticeship Completion report, which again demonstrates strong outcomes and the value of Wisconsin's earn-while-you-learn apprenticeship model to individuals and employers. The link will be distributed to the following:
 - DWD - Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
 - Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council
 - State Trade Committees (Apprenticeship Advisory)
 - WTCS Board Members
 - WTCS Apprenticeship Coordinators
 - College Marketing Teams
 - WI High Schools - Counselors

Online at: www.wtcsystem.edu->About Us->Publications and Resources

Direct Link: <https://www.wtcsystem.edu/2018-19-WTCS-Apprenticeship-Completer-Report>

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March 1, 2021

Dear Apprenticeship Sponsor:

Last summer, our agency advised you via letter that within one year, by July 1, 2021, all apprenticeship sponsors will be required to register in the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards Electronic Registration System (BASERS) and use the interface to enroll incoming apprentices. At its February 9, 2021 meeting, the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council affirmed its support for our agency's BASERS policy and the July 1 deadline.

Sponsors who have not yet registered in BASERS, or those who need further assistance using the platform, should contact their Apprenticeship Training Representative promptly. The ATRs can provide the necessary technical assistance to meet the July 1, 2021 deadline.

BASERS is an intuitive, self-service website for sponsors developed as part of a national initiative toward registered apprenticeship expansion and modernization. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has only underscored the benefits of conducting business through a virtual system like BASERS, which connects stakeholders across the state without the need for face-to-face contact.

The benefits of BASERS, once a sponsor has registered, are as follows:

- Faster creation and approval of contracts;
- Increased access to information about a sponsor's own program;
- The capacity to initiate and track contract actions such as cancellations, work assignments, and completions;
- The ability to ensure records are accurate before finalization.

Thank you for your continued support of Wisconsin Apprenticeship.

Sincerely,



Joshua A. Johnson, State Director
Wisconsin Apprenticeship

February 24, 2021

Dear Apprenticeship Employers:

The [link](#) is now live to access information on applying for on-the-job learning reimbursements through Wisconsin Apprenticeship grant funds. Follow the instructions offered in the [link](#) and review the information in this email regarding eligibility. The deadline for submitting questions regarding this announcement is March 5th at 2 p.m. CST. Awards may be made as soon as March 15th. Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. Questions can be sent to our grants mailbox at dwddetgrants@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

The on-the-job learning reimbursements are part of a Wisconsin grant initiative, using federal grant funds, to help defray the extraordinary costs of training apprentices. Employers may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reimbursement for each apprentice that they hired between July 1, 2019 and January 30, 2021, as long as the apprentice meets one of the following criteria:

- The apprentice previously completed a Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship program in any career cluster; or
- The apprentice previously completed a state certified pre-apprenticeship program in any job sector. A detailed list of Wisconsin certified pre-apprenticeship programs can be found [here](#); or
- The apprentice was hired to work in the IT, Healthcare, Bio-Tech, Transportation, Agriculture or Financial Services sectors.

Employers may only receive one on-the-job learning reimbursement per apprentice that meets the qualifying criteria and cannot request reimbursement for the same apprentice more than once.

Thank you for being valued Wisconsin apprenticeship employers and sponsors.

Sincerely,



Joshua Johnson, State Director
Wisconsin Apprenticeship

Dear Wisconsin Apprentices:

Wisconsin Apprenticeship has federal grant funds available to provide supportive services to registered apprentices. Up to \$600 may be available to each Wisconsin registered apprentice to assist with the following apprenticeship-related costs:

- Uniforms or work clothing
- Tools
- Required physicals
- Books
- Test fees
- Mileage
- Bus passes
- Parking permits
- Childcare
- Rent & housing costs

Apprentices who began their apprenticeship between July 1, 2019 and March 31, 2022 are eligible. Reimbursements will be awarded to applicants through March 31, 2022, or until the funding runs out. Apprentices must contact the following organizations, according to location, to determine if they qualify:

**Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Walworth,
Washington, Waukesha and Ozaukee
counties**

Employ Milwaukee
Jose Galvan
Jose.galvan@employmilwaukee.org
2342 North 27th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Office 414-270-1743
Cell 414-852-1914

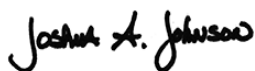
All other Wisconsin counties

South Central Workforce Development Board
Jeff Kennedy
jkennedy@wdbscw.org
3513 Anderson Street Ste 104
Madison, WI 53704

Office 608-249-9001 Ext. 230

Thank you for being valued Wisconsin apprentice.

Sincerely,



Joshua Johnson, State Director
Wisconsin Apprenticeship

ACAP Reimbursement Requests With Approvals Processed During (Time Period) - Summary

Apprenticeship Completion Award Program (ACAP)

Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards

Division of Employment and Training

3/2/21 08:40 AM

Filters Applied: Determination Date between 7/1/20 and 3/2/21, Fiscal Year(s)= FY21

Type	Fiscal Year	# of RRs	\$Approved	\$Denied
Year One	21		\$97,137.35	\$328,547.82
Year One Totals		404	\$97,137.35	\$328,547.82
Completion	21		\$179,424.43	\$771,505.80
Completion Totals		329	\$179,424.43	\$771,505.80
Report Totals		733	\$276,561.78	\$1,100,053.62



WTCS System-Wide Activity Update February 2021

2021 WTCS-BAS Apprenticeship Completion Report

The 2021 WTCS-BAS Apprenticeship Completer Report is now available online. The report contains employment, wage and training satisfaction outcomes for apprentices completing their programs in 2018-19. It can be found here: [2021 WTCS-BAS Apprentice Completer Report](#)

- Of the 1,195 completers surveyed, 365 (31%) responded. In the prior year report, 1143 completers were surveyed and response rate was 43%.
- Respondents reported a 95% satisfaction rate for on-the-job training and 97% for classroom instruction.
- Median salary across all trades increased to \$81,072, an increase of approximately \$800 more than the prior year.
- Respondents indicating an interest in continuing education beyond apprenticeship decreased from 44% last year to 35% this year.

MyWTCS Website Re-Design and Launch: New Apprenticeship Resources for [Preparing to Teach Transition to Trainer \(PT2TT2T\)](#)

MyWTCS is an intranet site for the Wisconsin Technical College System and stakeholders. Launched in February 2021, the newly re-designed site includes a new look and improved functionality and features, including additional apprenticeship resources such as the administrative guidance and teacher trainer course offerings for the Transition to Trainer course. The site can be found at: <https://mywtcs.wtcsystem.edu/>

New Proactive Approach to Revisions of Apprenticeship Related Instruction offered through the WTCS

Starting in 2021, the WTCS and BAS have adopted a 5-year cycle revision framework for all systemwide apprenticeship curriculum where related instruction is offered at more than one WTCS college. Approximately sixty systemwide apprenticeship programs have a documented curriculum standard model that will form the foundation for review of program and course outcomes and competencies. Apprenticeship faculty, industry sponsors and State Apprenticeship Trade Advisory Committees will be engaged in the review process. This proactive approach will ensure that learning remains current with industry needs and technological advancements. Program assignment within the 5-year cycle will remain fluid.

2020-21	2021-22
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carpentry (All)• Wastewater Treatment• Electrical (All)• Industrial Manufacturing Technician• IT-Service Desk• IT-Software Developer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HVAC (ABC)• Industrial Pipefitter• Mechatronics• Barber/Cosmetology• Bricklaying/Masonry• IT Cybersecurity• IT Data Analyst• Broadband Technician

Apprenticeship in New Sectors: Snapshot of Program Growth Past Five and Current Years

New Wisconsin Apprenticeship Programs in New Industries

2016	Arborist MILW MSTC	Mechatronics Tech WCTC BTC GTC LTC MILW SWTC MPTC CVTC	IT-Software Developer MSTC CVTC NTC MPTC MDSN	
2017				
2018	Organic Vegetable Farm Manager NWTC	Data Analyst CVTC NTC MILW MDSN MPTC	IT-Service Desk Technician WCTC CVTC NTC MDSN MPTC	Financial Services Representative MILW CVTC MPTC
2019	Broadband Technician WITC	Medical Assistant NTC	Biotechnology Lab Support Assistant MDSN	
2020	Facilities Maintenance Technician MILW	Cybersecurity Analyst MDSN	Pharmacy Technician MILW	
2021	Roadway Maintenance Technician CVTC	Industrial Metrology Technician FVTC	Culinary Apprenticeship MILW	



State Committee Report - Construction

State Construction Craft Laborer Comm

This summary counts employers and apprentices with contract(s) active or unassigned on 3/1/2021 in trade(s) associated with this committee.

Sponsor Name Trade	Apprentices									Employers				
	Total	Minority		Female		Union		Non- Union		Total	W/Union Appr		W/Non-Union Appr	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%
1	2	3	3a	4	4a	5	5a	6	6a	7	8	8a	9	9a
All Sponsors Total	307	82	26.7	20	6.5	298	97.1	9	2.9	115	110	95.7	5	4.3
ABC of Wisconsin (All)	9	4	44.4	0	0.0			9	100.0	5			5	100.0
Construction Craft Laborer (0186946358001)	9	4	44.4	0	0.0			9	100.0	5			5	100.0
Fox Valley Area Laborers JAC	16	2	12.5	0	0.0	16	100.0			11	11	100.0		
Construction Craft Laborer (0186946358001)	16	2	12.5	0	0.0	16	100.0			11	11	100.0		
Northwest WI Constr Craft Laborers JAC	44	0		1	2.3	44	100.0			19	19	100.0		
Construction Craft Laborer (0186946358001)	44	0		1	2.3	44	100.0			19	19	100.0		
SE WI Construction Craft Laborers JAC	113	51	45.1	9	8.0	113	100.0			44	44	100.0		
Construction Craft Laborer (0186946358001)	113	51	45.1	9	8.0	113	100.0			44	44	100.0		
South Central Constr Craft Laborers JAC	79	19	24.1	8	10.1	79	100.0			34	34	100.0		
Construction Craft Laborer (0186946358001)	79	19	24.1	8	10.1	79	100.0			34	34	100.0		
SW WI Area Const Craft Laborers JAC	46	6	13.0	2	4.3	46	100.0			17	17	100.0		
Construction Craft Laborer (0186946358001)	46	6	13.0	2	4.3	46	100.0			17	17	100.0		