# Washington Labor Market Report 2022



**THE PROBLEM:** Over the last few decades, there has been a concerted effort to channel **all K-12 students** to **community colleges** and **four-year universities.** 

## Trade Skill Gap



Almost 900 positions (from just the top 10 ten skill gap categories) remained unfilled due to a **lack of skill**. Construction jobs led the way.

## Workforce Gap



...of construction firms have **trouble filling** both salaried and hourly craft positions.



...of employers anticipate labor shortages to be the **biggest hurdle** in the next year.



**THE SOLUTION:** State-registered **apprenticeships** can provide an excellent career path for **students of all levels** who are willing to work for their career.

## Big Opportunities

1,792

There are nearly 1,800 jobs with a minimum education level set as a high school diploma or equivalent.

	PREVAILING WAGE <sup>2</sup>	ANNUAL DEMAND <sup>3</sup>
Plumber	\$93.69/HR	1,301
Sheet Metal	\$91.83/HR	436
Electrician	\$87.80/HR	2,593
Iron Worker	\$78.53/HR	268
Cement Mason	\$67.41/HR	586

14,008

14,000 **trade workers** are needed annually, with forecasted annual growth.

## No Student Debt

### Registered Apprenticeship

Earn a paycheck, benefits, job training, and college credit.



\$0

(plus \$280,000 in wages and benefits)



#### 4-year College Degree

Tuition payments and no guarantee of a job in your field of study.



-\$35,397









The Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council, as part of a Career Connect Washington grant, is circulating a youth survey throughout Washington State and is asking for your help and support. We are looking for youth input from Freshman through Senior year of high school. The purpose of this survey is to help better understand the needs and ways to communicate apprenticeship opportunities to youth in Washington. The findings from this survey will be used to raise awareness for post-secondary options, such as state registered apprenticeship programs. We are requesting that surveys be completed no later than 6/17/22. Thank you in advance for your help and support. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Randall Friesen at: Randall@wabuildingtrades.org

The survey will take about 2 minutes to complete.

Please scan the QR code to participate:

