

# CONSTRUCTION INDEX

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The **Construction Index** is a compilation of the prevailing rate wages published by the New York State Department of Labor. Article 8 of the New York State Labor Law requires public work contractors to pay individuals working on public work projects not less than prevailing wage rate.

Using the prevailing wage rate information for each of the 62 New York State counties, the index extracts and records the base rates and supplemental benefits (fringes) for 12 of the building construction trades: Carpenter-Building, Mason-Building, Power Equipment Operator-Building, Ironworker, Laborer-Building, Roofer, Painter, Sheetmetal Worker, Steamfitter, Electrician, Plumber, and Sprinkler Fitter. The wages, found on the alphabetized county sheets, are arranged in a computerized model, based on typical government or institutional construction as designed by OGS, to produce five separate modeled rates: Construction, HVAC (Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning), Plumbing, Electric and a Combined rate. The **Wage Rate Table** reports these five modeled wage rates for each of the 62 counties. These wage rates do not include payroll taxes and insurance (Social Security, Workman's Comp., etc.) which will increase the wages by approximately 30%.

The **Escalation Index** shows both the current and previous combined wage rate and computes the labor escalation rate for that time period.

The **Location Index** uses the Combined Wage Rate to calculate a labor index for the counties using Albany County's rate as the base value equal to 1.00. The material index, based on R.S. Means and other material indices, is recentered with Albany as 1.00. The Total Index combines the labor and material indices to arrive at a Total Index factor. It can be used to adjust total project costs based on location.

The **Asbestos Removal & Abatement Worker Wage Rates** are listed in addition to the **Elevator Constructor & Helper Wage Rates**, which are combined and reported as a team rate.

When using this data, please keep in mind that every effort has been made to insure accuracy. Due to the fact that labor agreements are occasionally negotiated as late as a year or two after the previous one had expired, it is possible that the data contain errors. If you uncover any errors, please notify us ASAP at (518) 486-1540. We thank you in advance. Note that some counties have multiple rates, usually varying by township, for the same trade. In those situations, the rate included in this index is the rate, which covers the majority of the state facilities for that county.