

SALARY GUIDE

2026 Masonry & Concrete Salary Guide

National wage benchmarks for the 10 most-recruited masonry and concrete roles, sourced from BLS data via O*NET OnLine — with every proxy classification and data gap labeled, not hidden.

How to read this guide.

Every wage figure below is sourced from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics via O*NET OnLine — the same BLS-sourced wage data reflected on our Masonry & Concrete industry page. These are **national figures for the closest matching BLS occupational classification**, not internal placement data, and not a substitute for a live local wage check.

Several masonry and concrete roles don't map to a single, distinct BLS occupation, and this trade's national dataset doesn't carry a published growth or state-level breakdown the way some larger trades do. Where a number doesn't exist in our sourced data, we say so explicitly below — we don't fabricate a figure to fill the gap.

By role, BLS-sourced via O*NET OnLine.

ROLE	MEDIAN ANNUAL	MEDIAN HOURLY	BASIS
Bricklayer / Mason	~\$62,120	~\$29.87	Brickmasons and Blockmasons (BLS 47-2021)
Concrete Finisher	~\$57,020	~\$27.41	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers (BLS 47-2051)
Restoration Mason*	~\$62,120 (proxy)	~\$29.87 (proxy)	Same code as Bricklayer/Mason — no distinct restoration classification
Concrete Form Setter / Carpenter**	Not in our sourced data	—	Carpenters (BLS 47-2031) — no dedicated form-setting code
Masonry Foreman***	Not in our sourced data	—	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers (BLS 47-1011)
Concrete Pump Operator****	Not in our sourced data	—	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators (BLS 47-2073)
Estimator	Not in our sourced data	—	Cost Estimators (BLS 13-1051)
Project Manager	Not in our sourced data	—	Construction Managers (BLS 11-9021)
Precast Concrete Technician	Not in our sourced data	—	Molders, Shapers, and Casters, Except Metal and Plastic (BLS 51-9195)
Concrete Testing Technician	Not in our sourced data	—	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians (BLS 17-3022); ACI Field Testing credential is the qualifying credential, not a wage code

Figures reflect current BLS-sourced wage data via O*NET OnLine, matching the figures published on our Masonry & Concrete industry page.

*No separate BLS code exists for the restoration/tuckpointing specialty — it shares the Brickmasons and Blockmasons classification. Restoration work commands more in practice due to scarcer skill, but we don't have a distinct published figure to cite for that premium.

, *, **** — Proxy classifications as noted; we do not have a national median wage figure sourced and verified for these three roles at the time of writing. Rather than estimate one, we're flagging the gap directly.

We don't have a verified state-by-state breakdown for this trade — so we're not going to invent one.

Some trades we cover carry a full state-level BLS wage breakdown; masonry and concrete, as tracked in our sourced data, does not. Wages for brickmasons/blockmasons and cement masons/concrete finishers almost certainly move by metro and cost of living the way every trade does — but without a verified state-level figure to cite, publishing an estimate here would be a guess dressed up as data. We'd rather tell you that plainly than fabricate a number.

If you need metro-specific context for a live search, that's a conversation worth having directly rather than reading off a guessed regional table.

RELATED TRADES CONTEXT

Stonemasons sit in the same small, specialized bracket.

Stonemasons are tracked by BLS as their own separate, comparatively small occupation — distinct from brickmasons/blockmasons and from cement masons/concrete finishers, even though the work overlaps in practice on many commercial jobs.

~\$57,390 median annual (~\$27.59/hour) for Stonemasons, per BLS-sourced wage data via O*NET OnLine — useful context if you're benchmarking a candidate whose background spans stone and brick work.

Why three separate numbers instead of one "masonry" figure

There is no single "masonry" wage figure because BLS tracks brickmasons/blockmasons, cement masons/concrete finishers, and stonemasons as three separate occupations with three separate medians. Treating them as one blended number would obscure real differences — cement masons and concrete finishers run meaningfully below brickmasons and blockmasons, for instance — so we keep them separate here rather than average them into something less accurate.

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Concrete Form Setter / Carpenter — closest to BLS "Carpenters" (SOC 47-2031), a broad occupation that covers far more than form-setting. There is no dedicated BLS code for the form-setting specialty specifically, and we don't have a verified wage figure isolated to just that specialty.

Masonry Foreman — closest to BLS "First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers" (SOC 47-1011), which covers foremen across all construction trades, not masonry specifically. No masonry-specific foreman wage figure exists in our sourced data.

Concrete Pump Operator — closest to BLS "Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators" (SOC 47-2073), a broad equipment-operator category. We don't have a figure isolated to pump operation specifically.

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Estimator — closest to BLS "Cost Estimators" (SOC 13-1051), which spans every industry that produces bids, not masonry and concrete specifically.

Project Manager — closest to BLS "Construction Managers" (SOC 11-9021), which spans all of commercial construction, not masonry/concrete scopes specifically.

Precast Concrete Technician — closest to BLS "Molders, Shapers, and Casters, Except Metal and Plastic" (SOC 51-9195), a broad category covering precast concrete alongside other cast materials.

Concrete Testing Technician — closest to BLS "Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians" (SOC 17-3022). The ACI Field Testing Technician credential is the qualifying credential most state DOTs and specs require — it is a credential, not a separate BLS wage classification.

Base wage is the start of the conversation, not the end of it.

Especially for field crews, total compensation typically includes more than the base hourly or annual figure captured in BLS wage data:

- **Weather-dependent scheduling structure.** Concrete work in particular is weather-sensitive — how a contractor handles downtime and rescheduled pours materially affects actual take-home pay and predictability.
- **Specialty-skill recognition.** Whether restoration, precast, or testing work is paid as the specialty it is, versus treated the same as general masonry.
- **Tool and equipment allowances.** Vary widely by employer and worth confirming explicitly rather than assuming.
- **Credential support.** ACI Field Testing Technician exam and renewal costs, where a role requires the credential.

When benchmarking an offer against this guide's medians, weigh the full package, not just the base figure.

USING THIS GUIDE

Benchmark honestly — including against the roles we couldn't fully price.

For the three roles with a real BLS-sourced median — bricklayer/mason, concrete finisher, and restoration mason (as a proxy) — compare your actual offer directly against the figures above. For the roles without a verified figure in our data, benchmark against the closest proxy classification's general market rate where you can find one independently, and treat any number you get from elsewhere with the same scrutiny we're asking you to apply to this guide.

If you're not sure where a specific role should land, that's exactly the kind of question a specialized recruiting partner should be able to help you think through honestly — including telling you when the data simply isn't there.

We don't have a published BLS time-to-fill figure for this trade — and the referral-driven nature of hiring here makes generic time-to-fill benchmarks especially unreliable.

Time-to-fill data isn't part of the OEWS or Occupational Outlook Handbook release, so we don't have a BLS-sourced figure to cite here for any of the 10 roles. What we can say directionally, based on how this trade sources talent: because so much of masonry and concrete hiring runs through referral networks rather than open postings, a role that looks "hard to fill" by job-board metrics alone may simply be invisible to that channel — the real constraint is whether you have access to the trade relationships this labor pool actually moves through.

Specialty roles — restoration, precast, testing — pull from an even smaller slice of that already-small, referral-sourced pool.

What we can and can't say side-by-side.

OCCUPATION	NATIONAL MEDIAN (BLS VIA O*NET ONLINE)
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	~\$62,120
Stonemasons	~\$57,390
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	~\$57,020

These are the three masonry/concrete-adjacent occupations for which our sourced data carries a verified national median. The remaining seven roles in our 10-role recruiting list rely on broader proxy classifications (Carpenters, First-Line Supervisors, Operating Engineers, Cost Estimators, Construction Managers, Molders/Shapers/Casters, and Civil Engineering Technologists) for which we do not have an isolated, role-specific wage figure to responsibly publish here.



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