

**MONTANA
PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR HEAVY CONSTRUCTION SERVICES 2015**

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MONTANA PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS

The Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, in accordance with Sections 18-2-401 and 18-2-402 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA), has determined the standard prevailing rate of wages for the occupations listed in this publication.

The wages specified herein control the prevailing rate of wages for the purposes of 18-2-401, et seq., MCA. It is required that each employer pay (as a minimum) the rate of wages, including fringe benefits, travel allowance, zone pay and per diem applicable to the district in which the work is being performed as provided in the attached wage determinations.

All Montana Prevailing Wage Rates are available on the internet at www.mtwagehourbopa.com or by contacting the Labor Standards Bureau at (406) 444-5600 or TDD (406) 444-5549.

In addition, this publication provides general information concerning compliance with Montana's Prevailing Wage Law and the payment of prevailing wages. For detailed compliance information relating to public works contracts and payment of prevailing wage rates, please consult the regulations on the internet at www.mtwagehourbopa.com or contact the Labor Standards Bureau at (406) 444-5600 or TDD (406) 444-5549.

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A. Date of Publication

The rate schedule was published with the Secretary of State on December 24, 2014. It is for use in bid solicitations first made on or after January 2, 2015.

B. Definition of Heavy Construction

The Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 24.17.501(4) – (4)(a), Public Works Contracts For Construction Services Subject to Prevailing Rates, states: *“Heavy construction projects include, but are not limited to, those projects that are not properly classified as either ‘building construction’, or ‘highway construction.’*

Heavy construction projects include, but are not limited to, antenna towers, bridges (major bridges designed for commercial navigation), breakwaters, caissons (other than building or highway), canals, channels, channel cut-offs, chemical complexes or facilities (other than buildings), cofferdams, coke ovens, dams, demolition (not incidental to construction), dikes, docks, drainage projects, dredging projects, electrification projects (outdoor), fish hatcheries, flood control projects, industrial incinerators (other than building), irrigation projects, jetties, kilns, land drainage (not incidental to other construction), land leveling (not incidental to other construction), land reclamation, levees, locks and waterways, oil refineries (other than buildings), pipe lines, ponds, pumping stations (prefabricated drop-in units – not buildings), railroad construction, reservoirs, revetments, sewage collection and disposal lines, sewers (sanitary, storm, etc.), shoreline maintenance, ski tows, storage tanks, swimming pools (outdoor), subways (other than buildings), tipples, tunnels, unsheltered piers and wharves, viaducts (other than highway), water mains, waterway construction, water supply lines (not incidental to building), water and sewage treatment plants (other than buildings) and wells.”

C. Definition of Public Works Contract

Section 18-2-401(11)(a), MCA defines “public works contract” as *“...a contract for construction services let by the state, county, municipality, school district, or political subdivision or for nonconstruction services let by the state, county, municipality, or political subdivision in which the total cost of the contract is in excess of \$25,000...”*

D. Prevailing Wage Schedule

This publication covers only Heavy Construction occupations and rates in the specific localities mentioned herein. These rates will remain in effect until superseded by a more current publication. Current prevailing wage rate schedules for Building Construction, Highway Construction and Nonconstruction Services occupations can be found on the internet at www.mtwagehourbopa.com or by contacting the Labor Standards Bureau at (406) 444-5600 or TDD (406) 444-5549.

E. Rates to Use for Projects

Rates to be used on a public works project are those that are in effect at the time the project and bid specifications are advertised.

F. Wage Rate Adjustments for Multiyear Contracts

Section 18-2-417, MCA states:

“(1) Any public works contract that by the terms of the original contract calls for more than 30 months to fully perform must include a provision to adjust, as provided in subsection (2), the standard prevailing rate of wages to be paid to the workers performing the contract.

(2) The standard prevailing rate of wages paid to workers under a contract subject to this section must be adjusted 12 months after the date of the award of the public works contract. The amount of the adjustment must be a 3% increase. The adjustment must be made and applied every 12 months for the term of the contract.

(3) Any increase in the standard rate of prevailing wages for workers under this section is the sole responsibility of the contractor and any subcontractors and not the contracting agency.”

G. Fringe Benefits

Section 18-2-412, MCA states:

“(1) To fulfill the obligation...a contractor or subcontractor may:

(a) pay the amount of fringe benefits and the basic hourly rate of pay that is part of the standard prevailing rate of wages directly to the worker or employee in cash;

(b) make an irrevocable contribution to a trustee or a third person pursuant to a fringe benefit fund, plan, or program that meets the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or that is a bona fide program approved by the U. S. department of labor; or

(c) make payments using any combination of methods set forth in subsections (1)(a) and (1)(b) so that the aggregate of payments and contributions is not less than the standard prevailing rate of wages, including fringe benefits and travel allowances, applicable to the district for the particular type of work being performed.

(2) The fringe benefit fund, plan, or program described in subsection (1)(b) must provide benefits to workers or employees for health care, pensions on retirement or death, life insurance, disability and sickness insurance, or bona fide programs that meet the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or that are approved by the U. S. department of labor.”

Fringe benefits are paid for all hours worked (straight time and overtime hours). However, fringe benefits are not to be considered a part of the hourly rate of pay for calculating overtime, unless there is a collectively bargained agreement in effect that specifies otherwise.

H. Dispatch City

Dispatch City is the courthouse in the city from the following list which is closest to the center of the job: Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell, and Missoula.

I. Zone Pay

Zone pay is not travel pay. It is an amount added to the base pay, the combined sum then becomes the new base wage rate to be paid for all hours worked on the project. Zone pay shall be determined by measuring the road miles one way over the shortest practical maintained route from the dispatch city to the center of the job.

J. Computing Travel Benefits

Travel pay, also referred to as travel allowance, shall be paid for travel both to and from the job site, except those with special provisions listed under the classification. The rate is determined by measuring the road miles one direction over the shortest practical maintained route from the dispatch city or the employee's home, whichever is closer, to the center of the job.

K. Per Diem

Per Diem typically covers the costs associated with board and lodging expenses. Per diem is paid when an employee is required to work at a location outside the daily commuting distance and is required to stay overnight or longer.

L. Apprentices

Wage rates for apprentices registered in approved federal or state apprenticeship programs are contained in those programs. Additionally, section 18-2-416(2), MCA states, “...*The full amount of any applicable fringe benefits must be paid to the apprentice while the apprentice is working on the public works contract.*” Apprentices not registered in approved federal or state apprenticeship programs will be paid the appropriate journey level prevailing wage rate when working on a public works contract.

M. Posting Notice of Prevailing Wages

Section 18-2-406, MCA, provides that contractors, subcontractors, and employers who are “...*performing work or providing construction services under public works contracts, as provided in this part, shall post in a prominent and accessible site on the project or staging area, not later than the first day of work and continuing for the entire duration of the project, a legible statement of all wages and fringe benefits to be paid to the employees.*”

N. Employment Preference

Sections 18-2-403 and 18-2-409, MCA require contractors to give preference to the employment of bona fide Montana residents in the performance of work on public works contracts.

O. Welder Rates

Welders receive the rate prescribed for the craft performing an operation to which welding is incidental.

P. Foreman Rates

Rates are no longer set for foremen. However, if a foreman performs journey level work, the foreman must be paid at least the journey level rate.

WAGE RATES

BOILERMAKERS

Wage	Benefit
\$30.00	\$29.45

Duties Include: Bulk storage tanks and bolted steel tanks.

Travel:

0-120 mi. free zone
>120 mi. federal mileage rate/mi. in effect when travel occurs.

Special Provision: Travel is paid only at the beginning and end of the job.

Per Diem:

0-70 mi. free zone
>70-120 mi. \$55.00/day
>120 mi. \$70.00/day

BRICK, BLOCK, AND STONE MASONS

Wage	Benefit
\$25.74	\$12.25

Travel:

0-45 mi. free zone
>45-60 mi. \$25.00/day
>60-90 mi. \$55.00/day
>90 mi. \$65.00/day

CARPENTERS

Wage	Benefit
\$27.00	\$11.57

Zone Pay:

0-30 mi. free zone
>30-50 mi. base pay + \$4.00/hr.
>50 mi. base pay + \$6.00/hr.

CEMENT MASONS

Wage	Benefit
\$21.43	\$9.41

Duties Include:

Smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, or curbs. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters.

Zone Pay:

0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$2.95/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$4.75/hr.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATORS GROUP 1

Wage	Benefit
\$24.32	\$11.40

Zone Pay:
0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$3.50/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$5.50/hr.

This group includes but is not limited to:

Air Compressor; Auto Fine Grader; Belt Finishing; Boring Machine (Small); Cement Silo; Crane, A-Frame Truck Crane; Crusher Conveyor; DW-10, 15, and 20 Tractor Roller; Farm Tractor; Forklift; Form Grader; Front-End Loader, under 1 cu. yd; Oiler, Heavy Duty Drills; Herman Nelson Heater; Mucking Machine; Oiler, All Except Cranes/Shovels; Pumpman.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATORS GROUP 2

Wage	Benefit
\$25.54	\$11.40

Zone Pay:
0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$3.50/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$5.50/hr.

This group includes but is not limited to:

Air Doctor; Backhoe\Excavator\Shovel, up to and incl. 3 cu. yds; Bit Grinder; Bituminous Paving Travel Plant; Boring Machine, Large; Broom, Self-Propelled; Concrete Travel Batcher; Concrete Float & Spreader; Concrete Bucket Dispatcher; Concrete Finish Machine; Concrete Conveyor; Distributor; Dozer, Rubber-Tired, Push, & Side Boom; Elevating Grader\Gradall; Field Equipment Serviceman; Front-End Loader, 1 cu. yd up to and incl. 5 cu. yds; Grade Setter; Heavy Duty Drills, All Types; Hoist\Tugger, All; Hydralift Forklifts & Similar; Industrial Locomotive; Motor Patrol (except finish); Mountain Skidder; Oiler, Cranes\Shovels; Pavement Breaker, EMSCO; Power Saw, Self-Propelled; Pugmill; Pumpcrete\Grout Machine; Punch Truck; Roller, other than Asphalt; Roller, Sheepsfoot (Self-Propelled); Roller, 25 tons and over; Ross Carrier; Rotomill, under 6 ft; Trenching Machine; Washing /Screening Plant

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATORS GROUP 3

Wage	Benefit
\$26.00	\$11.40

Zone Pay:
0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$3.50/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$5.50/hr.

This group includes but is not limited to:

Asphalt Paving Machine; Asphalt Screed; Backhoe\Excavator\Shovel, over 3 cu. yds; Cableway Highline; Concrete Batch Plant; Concrete Curing Machine; Concrete Pump; Cranes, Creter; Cranes, Electric Overhead; Cranes, 24 tons and under; Curb Machine\Slip Form Paver; Finish Dozer; Front-End Loader, over 5 cu. yds; Mechanic\Welder; Pioneer Dozer; Roller Asphalt (Breakdown & Finish); Rotomill, over 6 ft; Scraper, Single, Twin, or Pulling Belly-Dump; YO-YO Cat.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATORS GROUP 4

Wage	Benefit
\$27.00	\$11.40

Zone Pay:
0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$3.50/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$5.50/hr.

This group includes but is not limited to:
Asphalt/Hot Plant Operator; Cranes, 25 tons up to and incl. 44 tons; Crusher Operator; Finish Motor Patrol; Finish Scraper.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATORS GROUP 5

Wage	Benefit
\$28.00	\$11.40

Zone Pay:
0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$3.50/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$5.50/hr.

This group includes but is not limited to:
Cranes, 45 tons up to and incl. 74 tons.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATORS GROUP 6

Wage	Benefit
\$29.00	\$11.40

Zone Pay:
0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$3.50/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$5.50/hr.

This group includes but is not limited to:
Cranes, 75 tons up to and incl. 149 tons; Cranes, Whirley (All).

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATORS GROUP 7

Wage	Benefit
\$30.00	\$11.40

Zone Pay:
0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$3.50/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$5.50/hr.

This group includes but is not limited to:
Cranes, 150 tons up to and incl. 250 tons; Cranes, over 250 tons—add \$1.00 for every 100 tons over 250 tons; Crane, Tower (All); Crane Stiff-Leg or Derrick; Helicopter Hoist.

CONSTRUCTION LABORERS GROUP 1/FLAG PERSON FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL

Wage	Benefit
\$20.08	\$8.65

Zone Pay:
0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$3.05/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$4.85/hr.

CONSTRUCTION LABORERS GROUP 2

Wage	Benefit
\$23.47	\$8.65

This group includes but is not limited to:

General Labor; Asbestos Removal; Burning Bar; Bucket Man; Carpenter Tender; Caisson Worker; Cement Mason Tender; Cement Handler (dry); Chuck Tender; Choker Setter; Concrete Worker; Curb Machine-lay Down; Crusher and Batch Worker; Heater Tender; Fence Erector; Landscape Laborer; Landscaper; Lawn Sprinkler Installer; Pipe Wrapper; Pot Tender; Powderman Tender; Rail and Truck Loaders and Unloaders; Ripraper; Sign Erection; Guardrail and Jersey Rail; Spike Driver; Stake Jumper; Signalman; Tail Hoseman; Tool Checker and Houseman and Traffic Control Worker.

Zone Pay:

0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$3.50/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$5.50/hr.

CONSTRUCTION LABORERS GROUP 3

Wage	Benefit
\$24.34	\$8.65

This group includes but is not limited to:

Concrete Vibrator; Dumpman (Grademan); Equipment Handler; Geotextile and Liners; High-Pressure Nozzleman; Jackhammer (Pavement Breaker) Non-Riding Rollers; Pipelayer; Posthole Digger (Power); Power Driven Wheelbarrow; Rigger; Sandblaster; Sod Cutter-Power and Tamper.

Zone Pay:

0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$3.50/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$5.50/hr.

CONSTRUCTION LABORERS GROUP 4

Wage	Benefit
\$25.00	\$8.65

This group includes but is not limited to:

Hod Carrier***; Water Well Laborer; Blaster; Wagon Driller; Asphalt Raker; Cutting Torch; Grade Setter; High-Scaler; Power Saws (Faller & Concrete) Powderman; Rock & Core Drill; Track or Truck Mounted Wagon Drill and Welder incl. Air Arc.

Zone Pay:

0-30 mi. free zone
>30-60 mi. base pay + \$3.50/hr.
>60 mi. base pay + \$5.50/hr.

***Hod Carriers will receive the same amount of travel and/or subsistence pay as bricklayers when requested to travel.

DIVER

	Wage	Benefit
Stand-By	\$36.02	\$12.89
Diving	\$72.04	\$12.89

Depth Pay (Surface Diving)

0-20 ft.	free zone
>20-100 ft.	\$2.00 per ft.
>100-150 ft.	\$3.00 per ft.
>150-220 ft.	\$4.00 per ft.
>220 ft.	\$5.00 per ft.

Diving In Enclosures

0-25 ft.	free zone
>25-300 ft.	\$1.00 per ft.

Zone Pay:

0-30 mi. free zone
>30-50 mi. base pay + \$4.00/hr.
>50 mi. base pay + \$6.00/hr.

DIVER TENDER

	Wage	Benefit
Stand-By	\$35.02	\$12.89

The tender shall receive 2 hours at the straight time pay rate per shift for dressing and/or undressing a Diver when work is done under hyperbaric conditions.

Zone Pay:

0-30 mi. free zone
>30-50 mi. base pay + \$4.00/hr.
>50 mi. base pay + \$6.00/hr.

ELECTRICIANS

	Wage	Benefit
	\$30.73	\$13.20

Travel:

0-18 mi. free zone
>18-60 mi. federal mileage rate/mi. in effect when travel occurs and employee uses own vehicle.
> 60 mi. \$75.00/day in lieu of any other travel allowance.

INSULATION WORKERS-MECHANICAL (HEAT AND FROST)

	Wage	Benefit
	\$32.32	\$17.57

Duties Include:

Insulate pipes, ductwork or other mechanical systems.

Travel:

All Districts

0-30 mi. free zone
>30-40 mi. \$20.00/day
>40-50 mi. \$30.00/day
>50-60 mi. \$40.00/day
>60 mi. \$45.00/day + \$0.56/mi. if transportation is not provided / \$0.20/mi. if in company vehicle.
>60 mi. \$77.00/day on jobs requiring an overnight stay + \$0.56/mi. if transportation is not provided / \$0.20/mi. if in company vehicle.

IRONWORKERS-STRUCTURAL STEEL AND REBAR PLACERS

Wage	Benefit
\$26.50	\$20.73

Travel:
0-45 mi. free zone
>45-85 mi. \$45.00/day
>85 mi. \$75.00/day

Duties Include:

Structural steel erection; assemble prefabricated metal buildings; cut, bend, tie, and place rebar; energy producing windmill type towers; metal bleacher seating; handrail fabrication and ornamental steel.

LINE CONSTRUCTION – EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

Wage	Benefit
\$30.12	\$12.75

Zone Pay:
0-25 mi. \$30.00/day
>25 mi. \$60.00/day

LINE CONSTRUCTION – GROUNDMAN

Wage	Benefit
\$24.30	\$12.03

Zone Pay:
0-25 mi. \$30.00/day
>25 mi. \$60.00/day

LINE CONSTRUCTION – LINEMAN

Wage	Benefit
\$40.63	\$13.84

Zone Pay:
0-25 mi. \$30.00/day
>25 mi. \$60.00/day

MILLWRIGHTS

Wage	Benefit
\$30.00	\$11.57

Zone Pay:
0-30 mi. free zone
>30-50 mi. base pay + \$4.00/hr.
>50 mi. base pay + \$6.00/hr.

PAINTERS

Wage	Benefit
\$23.76	\$15.28

Travel:
0-120 mi. free zone
>120 mi. \$45.00/day.

PILE BUCKS

Wage	Benefit
\$27.00	\$11.57

Duties Include:

Set up crane; set up hammer; weld tips on piles; set leads; insure piles are driven straight with the use of level or plum bob. Give direction to crane operator as to speed, and direction of swing. Cut piles to grade.

Zone Pay:

0-30 mi. free zone
>30-50 mi. base pay + \$4.00/hr.
>50 mi. base pay + \$6.00/hr.

PLUMBERS, PIPEFITTERS, AND STEAMFITTERS

Wage	Benefit
\$33.21	\$15.11

Travel:

0-70 mi. free zone
>70 mi. \$0.55/mi. if transportation is not provided.

Special Provision:

If employee travels back and forth from home to job site, the employee will receive compensation for no more than two trips.

Per Diem:

\$90.00/day

SHEET METAL WORKERS/HVAC

Wage	Benefit
\$27.33	\$14.44

Duties Include:

Testing and balancing, commissioning and retro-commissioning, of all air-handling equipment and duct work.

Travel:

0-51 mi. free zone
>51mi. \$0.25/mi. in employer vehicle
\$0.65/mi. in employee vehicle

Per Diem:

\$60.00/day

TEAMSTERS GROUP 1

Wage	Benefit
\$20.39	\$9.16

Pilot car driver.

Zone Pay:

0-25 mi. free zone
>25-50 mi. base pay + \$2.50/hr.
>50 mi. base pay + \$3.00/hr.

TEAMSTERS GROUP 2

Wage	Benefit
\$26.06	\$9.16

This group includes but is not limited to:

Combination Truck and Concrete Mixer and Transit Mixer; Dry Batch Trucks; Distributor Driver; Dumpman; Dump Trucks and similar equipment; Dumpster; Flat Trucks; Lumber Carriers; Lowboys; Pickup; Powder Truck Driver; Power Boom; Serviceman; Service Truck/Fuel Truck/Tireperson; Truck Mechanic; Trucks with Power Equipment; Warehouseman, Partsman, Cardex and Warehouse Expeditor; Water Trucks.

Zone Pay:

0-25 mi. free zone
>25-50 mi. base pay + \$2.50/hr.
>50 mi. base pay + \$3.00/hr.