

CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK UPDATE

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**WORKFORCE
SNAPSHOT**

As New York's building industry booms, the construction workforce continues to grow and reflect the city's diversity, employing well over a quarter of a million workers.

The numbers used in this report are from the Current Population Survey (CPS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This survey represents New York City's construction industry workforce, those who live and/or work in the five boroughs at construction businesses and other establishments with secondary construction activities such as the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. This data is from the latest available CPS for 2017, when the city's construction boom began accelerating. Data for 2018 or beyond, is not available.

263,821 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE FIVE BOROUGHS IN A CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY OCCUPATION.

DEMOGRAPHICS



RESIDENCE: 73.7 percent of all workers engaged in NYC construction reside in the five boroughs.



GENDER: Nine percent of all construction industry workers in NYC are women, a number that has increased for the first time since 2010.



RACE-ETHNICITY: 64.4 percent of all construction workers identify as nonwhite.



CITIZENSHIP: 44.6 percent of workers that identified their citizenship status indicated they were not citizens.



LANGUAGE: 56.9 percent of workers indicated English was not their primary language, with the vast majority of them preferring Spanish.

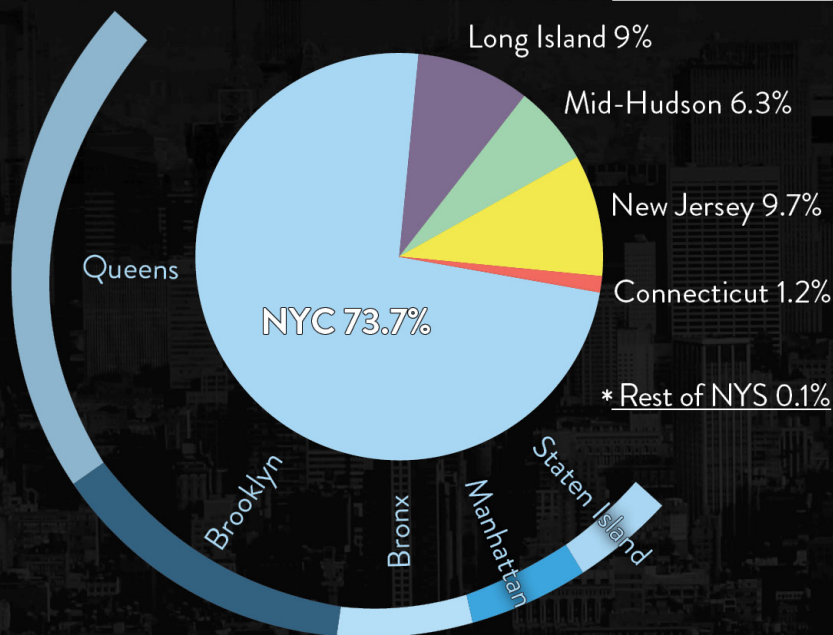


AGE: 17.5 percent of NYC construction workers are 55 years old or older, with 77.3 percent between 25 and 54 years old and 4.9 percent 24 years old or younger.

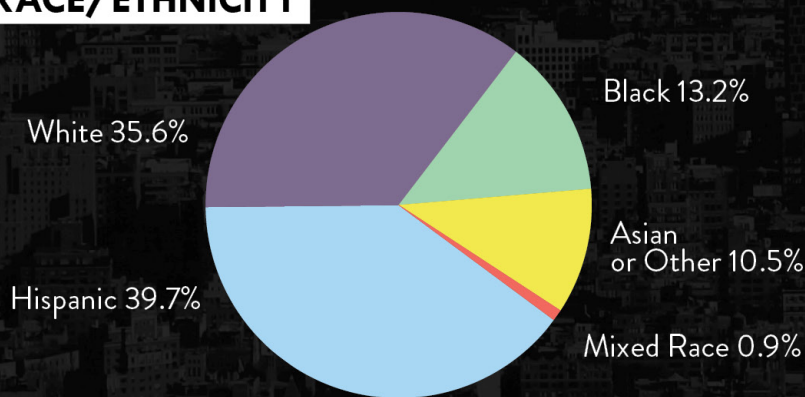


EDUCATION: 80.3 percent of workers have a high school diploma and 36.6 percent have some college education or higher.

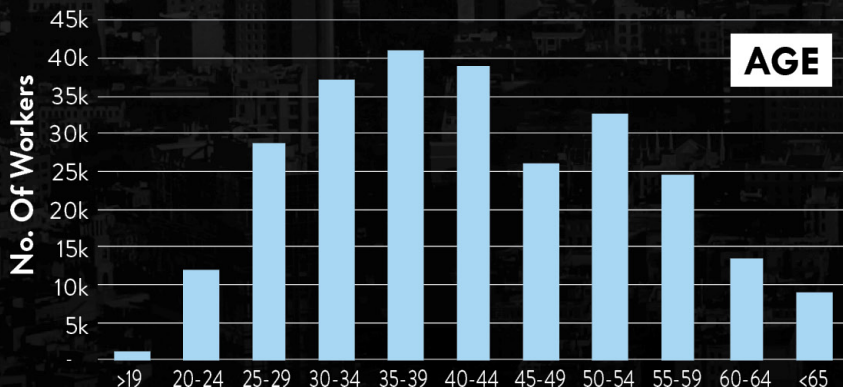
RESIDENCE



RACE/ETHNICITY



AGE



EMPLOYMENT



EARNINGS: 56.9 percent of all NYC construction workers reported earnings of less than \$50,000 per year, with 27.8 percent between \$50,000 and \$100,000 and 15.4 percent at more than \$100,000.



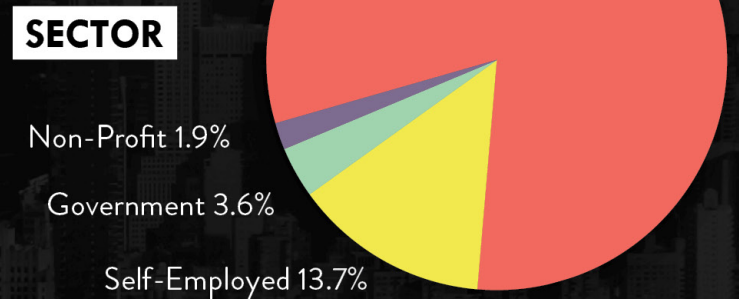
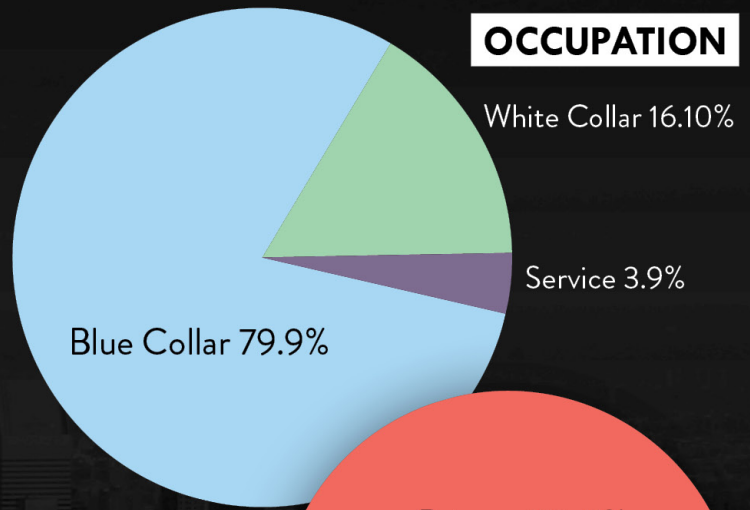
OCCUPATION: 79.9 percent of all workers engaged in the construction industry are blue collar workers, including construction, installation, material moving and production workers.



SECTOR: 80.8 percent of NYC construction industry workers are employed in the private sector.



HEALTH INSURANCE: 43.9 percent of workers, primarily blue-collar, do not have health insurance.



EARNINGS



THE BUILDING INDUSTRY SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE STRIDES IT HAS MADE TOWARDS CREATING A MORE DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE, ESPECIALLY AS THE SHARE OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION HAS INCREASED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ALMOST A DECADE. TO ENSURE MEANINGFUL AND LASTING CHANGE, WE MUST CONTINUE IMPROVING MWBE PROGRAMS, RECRUITMENT PROCESSES AND MENTORSHIP INITIATIVES.

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