

**CITY OF HOUSTON**  
**Labor Classifications and Prevailing Wage Rates**  
**For**  
**2009 Building Construction**

Worker Classification	Ratio	Base Rate	Fringe Benefit	Wage Total
Asbestors Worker/Insulator	Ratio 1/1 - Apprentice	\$19.93	\$8.30	\$28.23
Asbestos Abatement Worker	Ratio 1/3 -Helper \$9.10	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$14.00
Boilermaker	Ratio 5/1 - Apprentice	\$25.02	\$14.46	\$39.48
Brick Layer	Ratio 1/3 - Apprentice	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$18.00
Carpenter (including acoustical ceiling work)	Ratio 2/1 - Apprentice	\$21.00	\$6.43	\$27.43
Cement Mason/Concrete Finisher	Ratio 1/3 - Apprentice	\$12.83	\$0.00	\$12.83
Drywall Finisher/Taper	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$8.54	\$12.13	\$1.01	\$13.14
Drywall Hanger, incl. metal studs installation	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$9.46	\$12.96	\$1.59	\$14.55
Electrician	Ratio 3/2 - Apprentice	\$24.85	\$7.61	\$32.46
Elevator Mechanic	Ratio 1/1 - Apprentice	\$32.73	\$16.50	\$49.23
Formbuilder/Formsetter	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$7.67	\$11.82	\$0.00	\$11.82
Glazier	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$11.51	\$14.92	\$2.78	\$17.70
Insulator (Batt and Foam)	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$6.50	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Ironworker (Reinforcing)	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$7.83	\$12.06	\$0.00	\$12.06
Ironworker (Structural)	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$10.19	\$15.68	\$0.00	\$15.68
Lather	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$13.38	\$16.90	\$3.61	\$20.51
Painter (Brush, Roller, and Spray)	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$7.42	\$11.17	\$0.00	\$11.17
Pipe Fitter (HVAC pipe only)	Ratio 1/3 Apprentice	\$27.07	\$9.56	\$36.63
Pipe Fitters (Excluding HVAC)	Ratio 1/3 - Helper \$12.40	\$19.20	\$8.23	\$27.43
Plasterer	Ratio 1/3 - Apprentice	\$19.42	\$1.00	\$20.42
Plumber	Ratio 2/1 - Apprentice	\$27.79	\$8.84	\$36.63
Roofer	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$7.85	\$11.51	\$0.57	\$12.08
Sheet Metal Worker (including HVAC duct and system installation)	Ratio 3/1 - Apprentice	\$24.20	\$9.28	\$33.48
Sprinkler Fitter (Fire sprinklers)	Ratio 1/1 - Apprentice	\$25.30	\$13.30	\$38.60
Tile Finisher	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$8.08	\$12.00	\$0.43	\$12.43
Tile Setter	Ratio 1/3 Helper \$10.91	\$15.70	\$1.09	\$16.79
Truck Driver		\$10.78	\$1.57	\$12.35
<b>Laborers:</b>				
Common Laborer		\$9.29	\$0.00	\$9.29
Mason Tender - Brick		\$10.13	\$0.00	\$10.13
Mason Tender - Cement		\$9.86	\$0.00	\$9.86
Pipe Layer		\$12.35	\$0.00	\$12.35
Plaster Tender		\$12.90	\$2.51	\$15.41
<b>Power Equipment Operator:</b>				
Asphalt Paver		\$13.50	\$0.25	\$13.75
Backhoe		\$12.54	\$0.00	\$12.54
Crane		\$17.95	\$3.56	\$21.51
Forklift		\$15.46	\$5.15	\$20.61
Slab and Wall Saw		\$15.54	\$3.83	\$19.37
<b>Welders</b> - Receive prevailing rate for craft to which welding is incidental				
* When Apprentices are shown, Helpers cannot be utilized				