

# Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters

**\$45,540 - \$93,350**

## SAFE WATER = SAFE FUTURE.

Plumbers aren't just workers who fix leaky faucets and unclog drains: they are highly skilled tradepeople who keep homes, hospitals, and businesses running smoothly.

Whereas plumbers are responsible for ensuring existing pipe systems stay in working order, pipefitters and steamfitters install, assemble, fabricate, maintain, and repair mechanical piping systems.

In 2022, Nebraska employed about 4,300 plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters. Employment is projected to grow 8% over ten years.

The median salary for a plumber in Nebraska is **\$62,880 per year**, which can grow based on specialization or experience.

## Pathways Into Plumbing

- Minimum requirement of high school diploma or GED.
- Apprenticeship opportunities exist that offer paid, hands-on training, such as Steamfitters & Plumbers 464 and Plumbers Local No. 16.
- Trade schools and community colleges offer programs that typically take up to 2 years.



## Training Programs

- [Steamfitters & Plumbers 464](#)
- [Plumbers Local #16](#)
- [Metropolitan Community College \(Omaha\)](#)
- [Northeast Community College \(Norfolk\)](#)
- [Southeast Community College \(Lincoln\)](#)
- [Western Nebraska Community College \(Scottsbluff\)](#)

## Possible Employers

Nebraska's plumbing professionals are in demand across a wide range of industries. These employers include local plumbing contractors, construction and remodeling firms, facility maintenance and property management, and manufacturing and industrial plants. Be sure to check job posting sites for available openings.