

Roofers

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■ Key Facts

\$50,970

Median Salary

166,700

Employment

+6.0%

Growth Rate

■ Requirements & Salary Range

Education: No formal educational credential

■ Automation Risk Assessment

Medium Risk - 35.0% probability of being automated in the next 10-20 years.

This job has some routine elements but still requires human judgment and interaction.

■■ Work-Life Balance

7.4/10 - Good work-life balance

■ Personality Fit (RIASEC)

Higher scores indicate better personality fit for this career type.

Realistic	9.4/10	Investigative	5.8/10
Artistic	4.0/10	Social	5.0/10
Enterprising	5.0/10	Conventional	6.0/10

■ Top Skills Required

Ability to work at heights, Attention to detail, Balance, Manual dexterity, Math skills, Physical stamina, Physical strength

✓ Strengths

- High Demand
- Flexible Work
- Continuous Learning

■ Challenges

- Burnout Risk
- Rapid Technological Change

■ What They Do

Roofers are skilled construction tradespeople who install, repair, and replace **roofs that protect buildings from weather and environmental damage**. Their work ensures structures remain safe, energy-efficient, and structurally sound. Roofers work with a variety of materials and techniques, often at heights and in outdoor conditions, making their role essential to both residential and commercial construction.

This career is well suited for individuals who enjoy hands-on work, physical activity, and working outdoors.

What Do Roofers Do?

Roofers perform tasks related to installing and maintaining roofing systems.

Common responsibilities include:

- Installing roofing materials such as shingles, tiles, metal, or membranes
- Removing old or damaged roofing materials
- Measuring and cutting materials to fit roofs accurately
- Sealing joints, flashing, and penetrations to prevent leaks
- Inspecting roofs for damage or wear
- Repairing leaks and structural issues
- Following safety procedures while working at heights

Types of Roofing Work

Roofers may specialize based on materials or project types:

- Residential Roofers: Install and repair roofs on homes.
- Commercial Roofers: Work on flat or low-slope commercial buildings.
- Metal Roofers: Install and maintain metal roofing systems.
- Shingle and Tile Roofers: Work with asphalt, slate, or clay tiles.
- Waterproofing and Membrane Specialists: Focus on leak prevention and insulation.

Skills and Abilities Needed

Roofers combine physical skill with technical knowledge.

Core Professional Skills

Personal Qualities That Matter

Education and Training Pathway

Most roofers learn through hands-on training:

- No Formal Education Required (typical): Skills learned on the job
- On-the-Job Training or Apprenticeships: Learning under experienced roofers
- Safety Training and Certification: Required for fall protection and equipment use
- Trade or Vocational Programs (optional): Helpful for advancement
- Continued Skill Development: Learning new materials and techniques

Where Do Roofers Work?

Roofers work across construction and maintenance environments:

- Residential Construction Sites
- Commercial and Industrial Buildings
- Roofing and Construction Companies
- Maintenance and Repair Services

- Self-Employed or Contract Work

Work is primarily outdoors and may be seasonal in some climates.

How Much Do Roofers Earn?

Earnings vary by experience, region, and specialization:

- Entry-Level Roofers: Typically earn hourly wages
- Experienced or Specialized Roofers: Often earn higher pay
- Crew Leaders or Roofing Contractors: May earn more with leadership or business ownership

Compensation may include overtime and benefits.

Is This Career Difficult?

Roofing is physically demanding and safety-critical. Roofers must lift heavy materials, maintain balance at heights, and work in heat, cold, or wind. The challenge lies in maintaining safety, precision, and endurance in demanding conditions.

Who Should Consider Becoming a Roofer?

This career may be a strong fit if you:

- Enjoy hands-on, outdoor work
- Are physically fit and comfortable with heights
- Value skilled trade work
- Are safety-conscious and disciplined
- Want a practical career with steady demand

How to Prepare Early

- Build physical strength, balance, and endurance
- Learn basic construction and measurement skills
- Practice safe tool use and ladder safety
- Explore trade schools or roofing apprenticeships
- Gain experience through construction labor roles

Roofers protect homes and buildings by turning raw materials into durable shelter—combining skill, strength, and safety awareness to keep structures secure against the elements year after year.

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