

**MID-AMERICA
CARPENTERS**
REGIONAL COUNCIL

*Professional.
Reliable.
Unmatched.*

OUR HISTORY

A Proud Tradition of Excellence

Much has changed in the construction industry but our underlying principle is exactly the same as it was in 1881, when 36 carpenters met in Chicago to improve their lives and their trade. Today, the Carpenters Union is investing millions of dollars each year in state-of-the-art training facilities, member engagement and legislative advocacy, ensuring that we remain a formidable trade union built for the 21st century.

In 1881, professional carpenters from 11 cities met in a Chicago warehouse to form the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC). Over the course of its long and storied history, the union has grown into one of the largest and strongest labor organizations in North America, with more than 500,000 highly trained tradesmen and women.

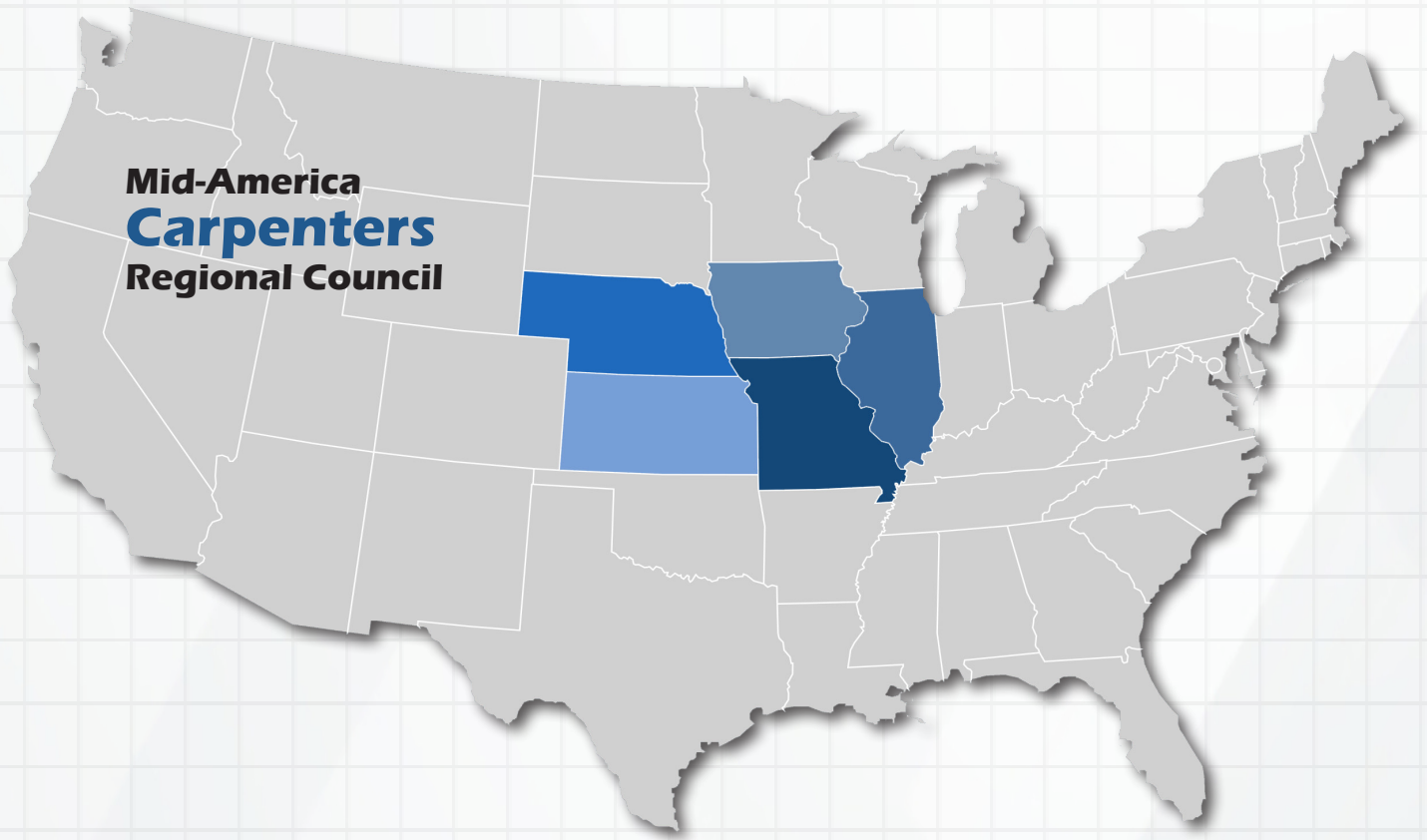
They provide our contractors and business partners with the industry's most skilled, productive and safest workforce.

The UBC believes in developing and training the total professional, someone who is not only a technical expert in his/her craft but who also demonstrates effective communication and leadership qualities.

The Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council, an affiliate of the UBC, is one of the union's largest councils, with 58,000 members and 17 training centers across Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska.

Thanks to our large footprint, we're able to provide more opportunities for union carpenters, contractors and developers throughout the Midwest.





OUR TERRITORY

From Chicago to Omaha, the Mid-America Carpenters stands as one of the largest and most active trade unions in the Midwest. With over 58,000 members, we have the strength and market share that keeps the regional construction industry running at peak efficiency without the shortages and disruptions seen in other parts of the country.



WHAT WE DO

One Trade / Many Crafts

Residential Carpenter

Residential carpenters primarily build new homes, apartments and condominiums. They assemble the frameworks of residences, build the partitions, install the drywall, windows, garage doors, flooring and insulation. They also do the finish work like cabinets, stairs and hardware. Residential carpenters are on a job from start to finish and have experience in nearly every aspect of the construction.

Siding Installer

Siders measure, saw, level and install all types of siding and soffit materials on the exteriors of houses and many other types of buildings. Soffit and fascia come in many forms: cedar, vinyl, aluminum, or fiber cement.

Roofing Mechanic

Roofing mechanics install shingles and other materials needed to protect the interior of a structure. Carpenter roofers install and maintain steep sloped roofs covered with asphalt or other shingling materials that encompass a very broad spectrum of shingle types and styles.

Insulation Installer

They install fiberglass, cellulose, open and closed-cell foam insulation in the walls and ceilings. Insulation installers put in fire-stopping materials whenever buildings require them. Most insulators work for either a residential insulation company or a commercial builder.

Form Carpenter (Concrete)

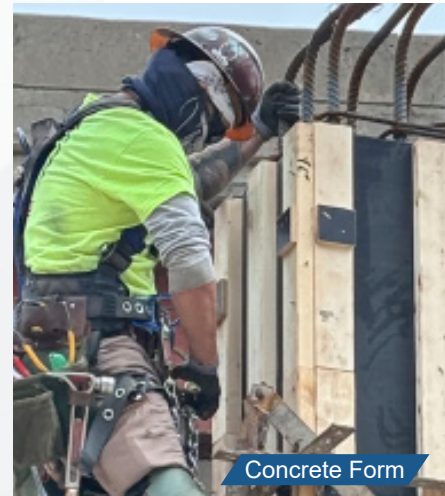
A concrete form carpenter builds the temporary wooden or metal structure (known as formwork) that holds wet concrete in place until it hardens. They meticulously measure, cut and assemble these molds according to blueprints, ensuring they can withstand immense hydraulic pressure. Their precise work creates the foundational skeleton for everything from large commercial foundations to bridges and high-rise walls.

Drywall Installer

These carpenters handle the installation of drywall, trim and acoustical ceilings. Drywall installers are responsible for laying out the site and erecting the metal studs that the drywall attaches to. They are also involved in soundproofing a room, but more importantly they make sure that all the work meets fire safety requirements.



Residential



Concrete Form



Drywall



Flooring Installer

A flooring installer does the installation of carpeting, hardwood flooring, soft tile and linoleum-type products made of vinyl, rubber or cork. Synthetic sports floors, turf-type material and many other resilient products are also the work of a flooring installer. They are trained in preparing subfloors and the proper choice of materials to ensure a smooth and level floor. Flooring installers must work from the specifications of architects and be proficient in geometrical inlaid designs in residential and commercial applications such as hospitals and schools. Proper maintenance and cleaning is also a big part of their work.



Interior Systems

Interior systems carpenters specialize in assembling complex systems such as acoustical ceilings, metal framing, wall partitions, and office furniture. Work sites are often occupied commercial and public buildings, so these tradespeople are adept at minimizing disruptions to client operations. They carefully protect furnishings and adjust schedules to ensure tenants are not inconvenienced.



Pile Drivers

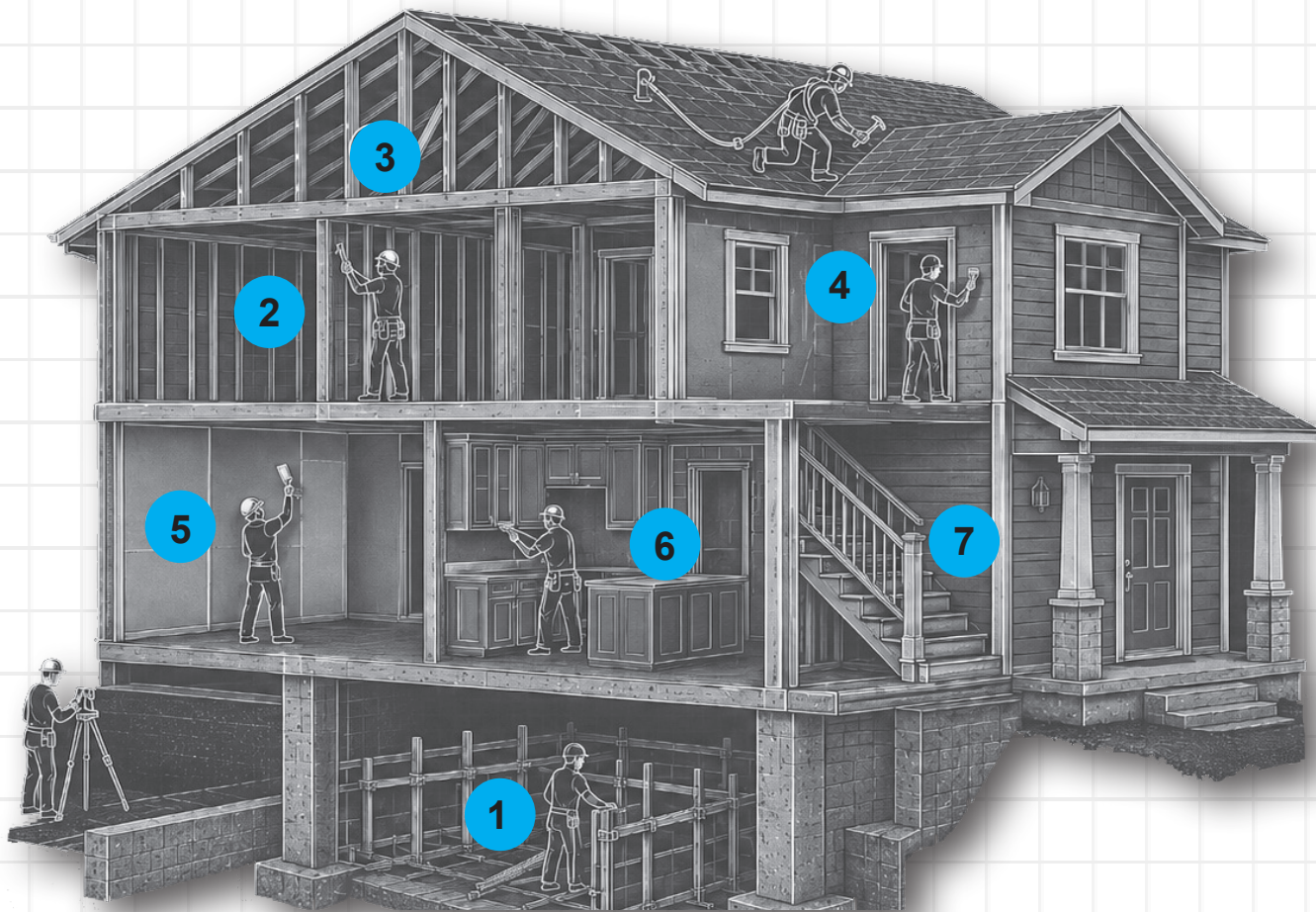
Pile drivers drive steel, concrete or wood piling into the earth during the early stages of construction. Skill is crucial to both a project's success and the safety of workers, since the piling is necessary to hold back the earth during excavations. UBC pile drivers are experts in this challenging job, beginning with pre-installation inspection of the job site using static and dynamic testing. They are skilled at determining load-carrying capacities and accommodating lateral, compression or tension loads. Some of our members are also commercial divers, responsible for the underwater construction required by many industries.

General Carpentry

General carpenters bring blueprints to life. They provide the crucial foundation for concrete, exteriors, roofs and scaffolding, while also crafting fine trim and finish work. These professionals work with a variety of materials in every kind of structure. They are skilled at laying out, measuring, cutting and joining materials together. They are highly trained to work quickly and safely, while delivering the kind of quality that contractors and their customers expect.

Blueprint for Success

From foundation to roof, professional carpenters touch virtually every part of a home's construction.



1 Concrete Forms & Footing

Forms, footings and foundation

2 Floor/Wall Framing

Studs, plates, joists and blocking

3 Roof Framing & Sheathing

Trusses, rafters and sheathing

4 Windows, Doors & Trim

Installation, casing, base, interior and exterior trim

5 Drywall & Interior Finishes

Hanging, taping and finishing

6 Cabinets/Millwork

Kitchen, bath, built-ins and trim work

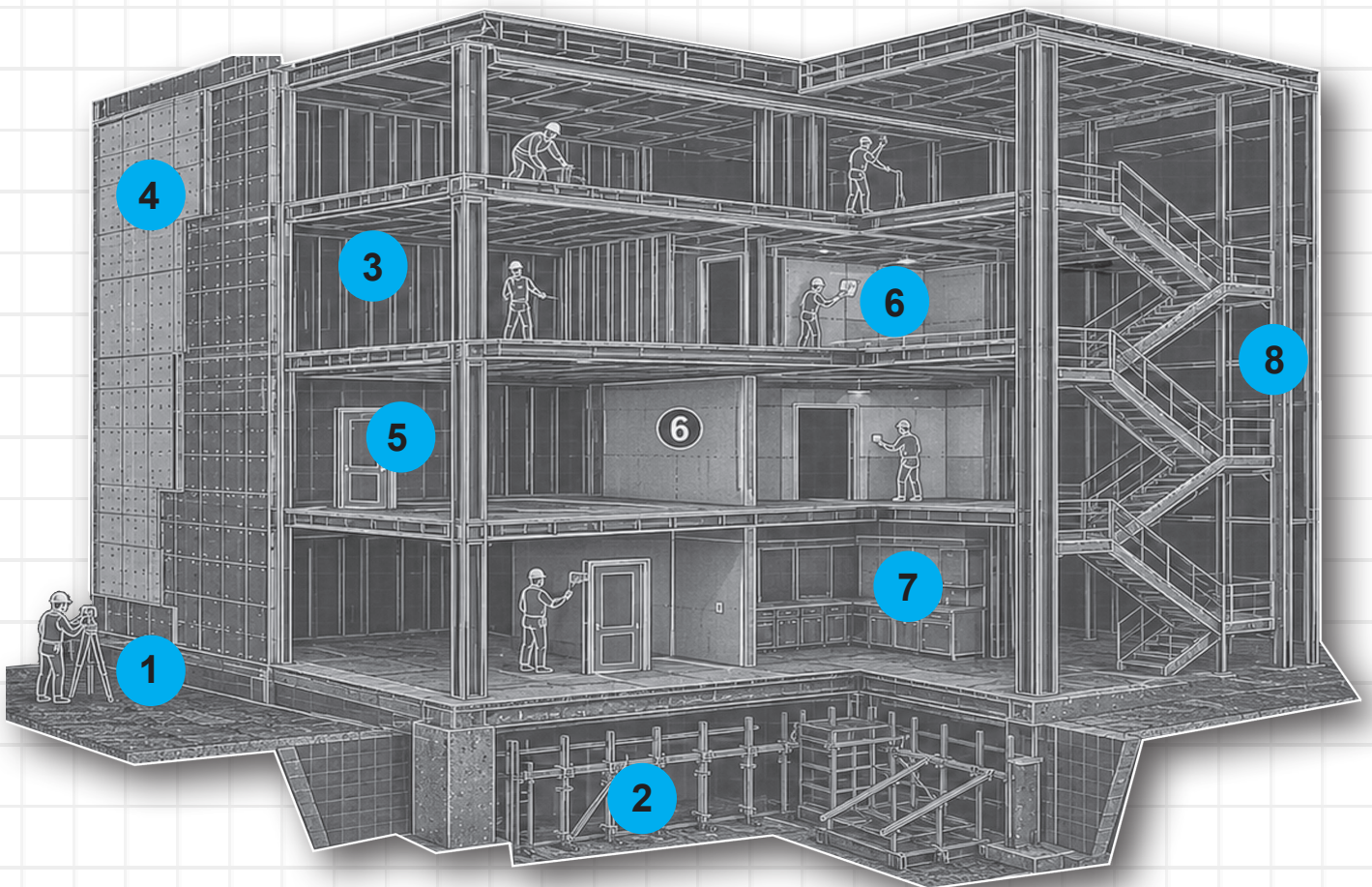
7 Stairs, Railings & Finish Carpentry

Stairs, railings, handrails and finish details

Beginning to End

On commercial projects, carpenters are some of the first crews on site, and among the last to leave.

- 1 Site Layout & Temporary Work**
Setup, safety, access
- 2 Concrete Formwork**
Slab, wall & column forms
- 3 Exterior/Interior Framing**
Studs, blocking, framing
- 4 Sheathing & Backing**
Plywood, OSB, backing
- 5 Door, Frame & Hardware Installation**
Doors, frames, hardware
- 6 Drywall & Ceilings**
Hanging, finishing, ceilings
- 7 Millwork & Finish Carpentry**
Casework, trim, counters
- 8 Stair & Specialty Carpentry**
Stairs, railings, assemblies





TRAINED FOR THE JOB

Highest Skilled. Most Experienced.

The mission of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters is to provide our contractors with the best trained and highest qualified people on every job site. Our experienced instructors spent years in the field perfecting their craft and they pass down that knowledge to future generations using world-class curriculum developed at the Carpenters International Training Center, a 1.2 million-square-foot learning campus in Las Vegas.



Professional carpentry is a lifelong career. After graduating from our training program, union carpenters continue to upgrade their skills, learning the industry's newest materials and latest techniques.

Our profession is constantly evolving and improving. And so are we.

For four years, apprentices split their time between classrooms and job sites. At our 17 regional training centers across the Midwest, we teach them the fundamentals of the trade, while on the job they learn to put that education into practice working alongside seasoned carpenters. After working 6,000 hours and successfully completing the required training courses, they graduate to journey-level status.

Knowing that learning is more than just the “hard skills,” we also offer our members a wealth of advanced training in the areas of leadership, effective communications, team building and mentoring. For the remainder of their time as a union carpenter they have access to years of expert coaching from men and women who have devoted their careers to helping fellow brothers and sisters in the trade reach their full potential. We want every member to feel pride in being a part of the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council.

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT

We Practice What We Preach

It's no surprise that construction consistently ranks among the most dangerous professions. Heavy equipment, power tools, ladders and tight, crowded conditions would make any job difficult.

But it's a recipe for disaster when workers aren't paying attention or don't have proper safety training.

Numerous studies have shown that non-union job sites routinely have the most reported accidents and safety violations.

That's not a job, it's just a fact.

Without the benefit of a comprehensive and accredited training program, those workers simply don't know, or have never been taught, the importance of safety

goggles, harnesses, steel toe boots and the countless other precautions that ensure we all go home safe and sound at the end of each day.

From their first week as a new apprentice, union carpenters are inundated with safety protocols and OSHA standards by our team of full-time safety instructors. They routinely assist on job sites to help contractors maintain safety compliance.

We teach safety in the classroom, organize safety talks on job sites, and encourage our members to notify us of any unsafe conditions. The harm to workers and the added cost to contractors due to lax safety is just not worth the risk.

If it's worth doing right, it's worth doing safe.

***Construction is a dangerous job.
Accidents happen when work crews don't know
or don't follow proper safety techniques. At the Mid-America
Carpenters Regional Council, there is no cutting corners.
Safety is always job #1.***





LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Strong Alone. Unstoppable Together.®

The 58,000 members of the MACRC also serve as community advocates. Every year we contribute tens of thousands of hours of volunteer labor building homes, parks, playgrounds and other community improvements. We take pride in being leaders where we live, work and volunteer.

Civic and public engagement is a big part of what we do at the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council, going back to our earliest history.

We are politically active at the local, state and federal levels, forging relationships with the elected officials we support to ensure that all areas of government are working to create jobs for our members. We leverage those relationships to help build your network and create work opportunities in both the public and private sector.

Our brand of participatory politics doesn't end on Election Day, either. Our members regularly attend public hearings when projects overseen by our signatory contractors and developers are on the agenda. We provide testimony, rally support, and have had countless successes helping builders like you get projects approved at every stage in the process — from the bidding, to zoning board approval, and all the way through to ground breaking.

Labor is traditionally among the most politically active groups in America, taking a stand on policies, regulations, elections and all manner of public discourse.





We're Built on Partnerships

Our business is to help you grow your business. Signatory Contractors know the Carpenters Union provides the best skilled and most efficient crews working today.



"Being signatory to Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council is invaluable. The advanced level of training they provide has been a cornerstone of Toro Construction's ability to provide high-quality craftsmanship and productivity. In return, we've been able to provide rewarding career opportunities for generations of skilled carpenters."

**Luis Vazquez, Vice President
Toro Construction**



"House of Doors has been a signatory contractor for more than 60 years. Our business simply could not thrive the way it has without the strong partnership of the Carpenters Union, because it's a system that benefits all parties involved."

**Philip Salb, President
House of Doors**



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