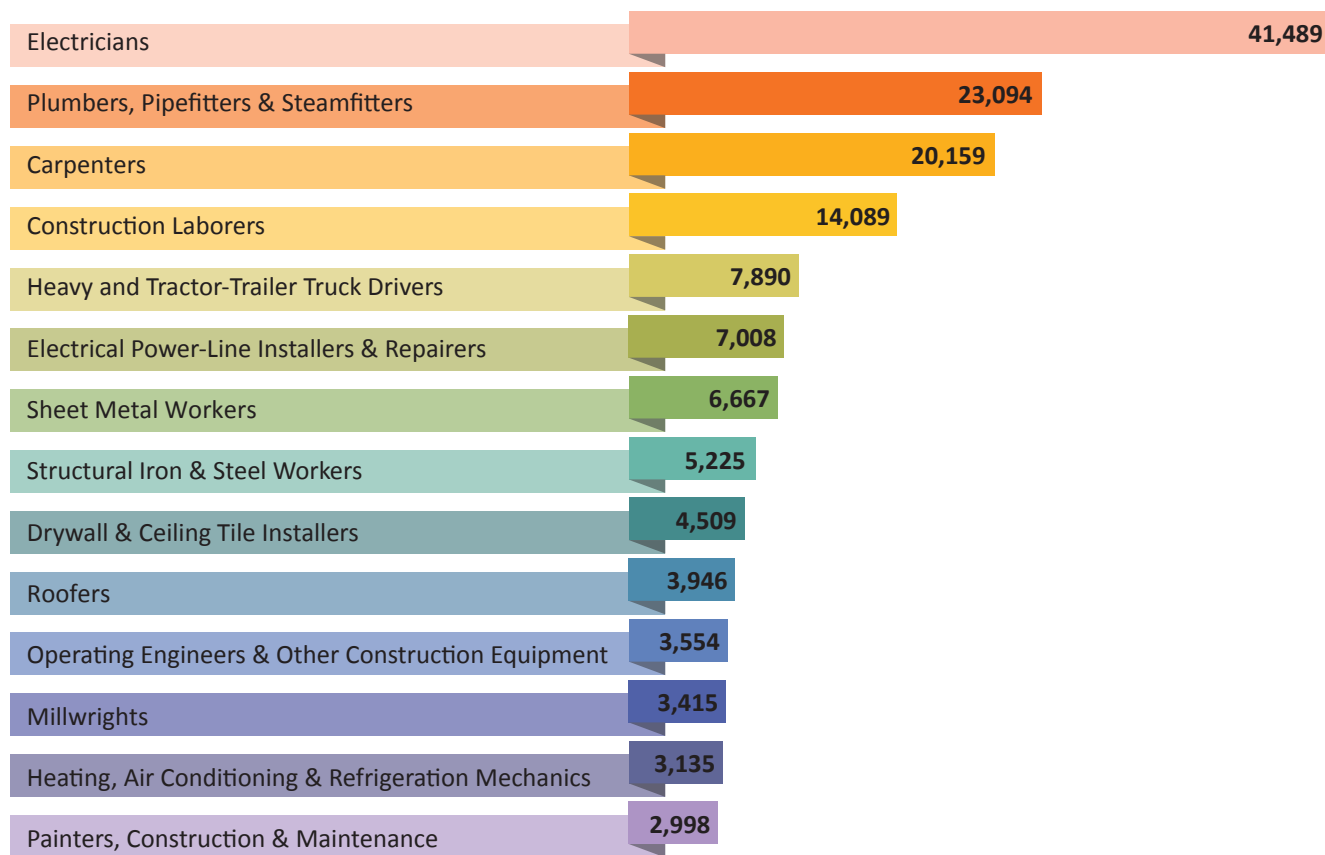


Pushing for more apprenticeships

Electricians and plumbers are among top-sought apprenticeship positions.

Most-active apprentices in 2016



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, *ApprenticeshipUSA*, "Registered Apprenticeship National Results Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 (10/01/2015 to 9/30/2016)," June 2017.



In 2016, the U.S. Labor Department designated \$90 million to expand apprenticeships to, in part, engage industry partnerships and promote diversity. At the time, there were 505,371 active registered apprentices in more than 21,000 programs nationally. Among top registered apprenticeships for 2016: electricians, who accounted for more than 41,000 positions; plumbers, with about 23,000 positions; carpenters, with a share of 20,000 positions; and construction laborers, at about 14,000 positions. In June, the Trump administration through an executive order provided funding for apprenticeship programs by up to \$200 million. Advocates hope to see apprenticeships grow in areas such as information technology, health care, manufacturing and agriculture. However, training through apprenticeships accounts for a fraction of the workforce needs in such high-demand positions.

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