

Facts and Myth Busters

Did you know?

Many more people in the skilled trades are retiring than are entering the system. This is cause for alarm. It is projected industry will experience serious skilled shortages as a result of the low numbers of young people entering the skilled trades.

According to Skills Canada, many skilled tradespeople make six-figure incomes with excellent benefits.

On average many skilled tradespeople make more than \$20.00 hour and more than \$40,000 annually.

Today's skilled tradespeople are in demand, are well respected and are essential and important contributors to our economy.

Myth vs. Reality!

MYTH: Skilled trades jobs are boring and repetitive.

REALITY: People in skilled trades jobs work with some of the most up-to-date and sophisticated equipment available; they constantly work on new and exciting projects; they need to be smart and adaptable.

MYTH: Skilled trades jobs are low paying.

REALITY: Most people who work in the skilled trades earn average or better-than-average salaries. Indeed, many make better-than-average salaries, some in excess of \$100,000 a year. Many skilled trades people are entrepreneurs working for themselves with freedom that is unattainable in most fields.

MYTH: Apprenticeship training is not equal to a post secondary education.

REALITY: Apprenticeship = Education. Skilled tradespeople benefit from in-school training offered at approved community colleges training delivery centres as well as valuable on the job training in the workplace. The skills acquired by apprentices are always in demand. In fact, skilled trades people form the foundation of our society. Without their expertise the wheels of industry would halt.