

Occupational Profile
Painters and Paperhangers
OES (Occupational Employment Statistics) CODE: 87402

Cameron County		Hidalgo/Starr/Willacy Counties	
Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010	Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010
300	360	510	610
Absolute Change		Absolute Change	
#	%	#	%
60	20	100	19.6
Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement	Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement
No	1:1	No	1:1
Hourly Wage 2002		Hourly Wage 2002	
Mean	Median	Mean	Median
\$8.90	\$8.42	\$9.90	\$8.27

Job Description:

Painters apply paint, stain, varnish, and other finishes to buildings and other structures. They choose the right paint or finish for the surface to be covered, taking into account durability, ease of handling, method of application, and customers wishes. Painters first prepare the surfaces to be covered so the paint will adhere properly. This may require removing the old coat by stripping, sanding, wire brushing, burning, or water and abrasive blasting. Painters and paperhangers also wash walls and trim to remove dirt and grease, fill nail holes and cracks, sandpaper rough spots, and brush off dust to prepare the wall for painting or for applying wall paper.

Average Education Required

Employees in these occupations usually need several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training, and/or vocational training.

Related Occupations

Painters and paperhangers apply various coverings to decorate and protect wood, drywall, metal, and other surfaces. Other occupations in which workers apply paints and similar finishes include billboard posterers, metal sprayers, undercoaters, and transportation equipment painters.

Industrial Employment Patterns		
Industry Code	Industry	Percent of Employees
8820	Self-employed & Unpaid Family Workers	42.6%
1720	Painting & Paper Hanging	25.1%
1790	Miscellaneous Special Trade Contractors	4.7%
6510	Real Estate Operators & Lessors	3.5%
1540	Nonresidential Building Construction	3.4%
1520	Residential Building Construction	2.0%

Skills Required

- Equipment Selection -- Determining the kind of tools and equipment needed to do a job
- Operation and Control -- Controlling operations of equipment or systems