

PREVAILING WAGE FACTS



Repealing Prevailing Wage Will Have Negative Impact on Veterans¹

Repealing prevailing wage will disproportionately affect Missouri veterans and their families. Protect the veterans who have put their lives on the line to protect us. Learn the facts and take action today!

Veterans are more likely to work in construction than non-veterans.

- Veterans account for 5.8 percent of the overall workforce nationwide but comprise 6.9 percent of all blue-collar construction workers.
- In Missouri, 6.73% of the workforce are veterans, and 10.48% are employed in the construction industry.

The United States military promotes skilled trade apprenticeship.

- From 2014 to 2024, construction is expected to be the second-fastest growing industry in America.
- The U.S. military has responded to these employment projections through the United States Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP). USMAP now accounts for 21.4 percent of all registered apprentices in the United States.
- Active military members are over 3.7 times more likely to be enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program than civilian workers.
- As the construction industry grows and replaces retiring workers, apprentices from the military will become an increasingly important source of skilled construction labor.

Prevailing wage improves economic outcomes for veteran workers. Prevailing wage standards make construction employment more attractive for veterans. Strong or average prevailing wage laws at the state level:

- Increase veteran employment in blue-collar construction occupations;
- Increase the annual incomes of veteran blue-collar construction workers by 7.0 to 10.7 percent;
- Increase employer-provided health coverage for veterans in construction by 11.2 to 14.6 percent;
- Veteran poverty was reduced up to 31 percent for those working in construction;
- Support 7,767 veteran-owned construction firms that would go out of business if the laws were repealed.

**CONTACT YOUR SENATOR NOW at 1-800-208-3499 and tell them to protect
Prevailing Wage and our veterans!**

¹ *The Impact of Prevailing Wage Laws on Military Veterans: An Economic and Labor Market Analysis* By Frank Manzo IV, MPP; Bob Bruno, PhD; and Kevin Duncan, PhD May 2016 <http://action.votevets.org/page/-/prevailing%20wage%20full.pdf>