

# Prevailing Wage and Productive Construction Workers

# ALL 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PREVAILING WAGE AND... PRODUCTIVE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

**1. The Truth:** Prevailing wage laws promote a skilled, highly-trained construction workforce.

**2. Fast Fact:** Prevailing wage repeal reduces registered apprenticeship programs by 40%.

**3. Fast Fact:** Construction workers in prevailing wage law states are up to 30% more productive than their counterparts in states without the law.

**4. Fast Fact:** States without prevailing wage laws had an 18% higher fatality rate from 2008-2013.

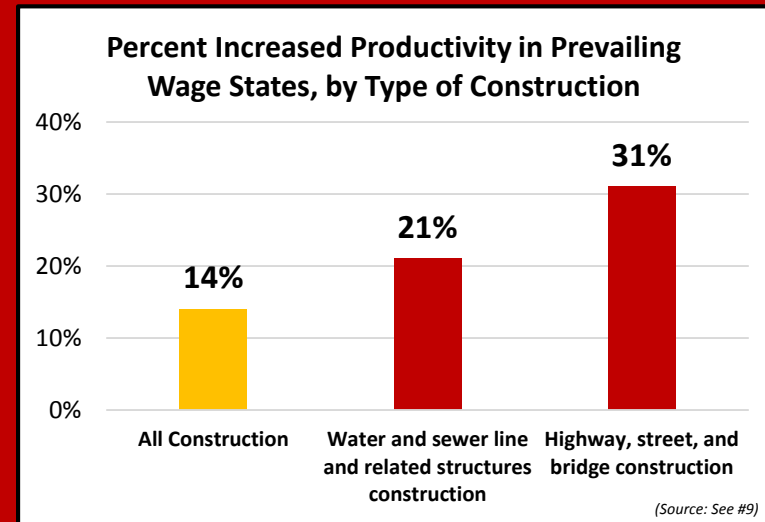
**5. Fast Fact:** Registered apprenticeship graduates earn \$240,000 more over their lifetime compared to comparable workers.

**6. This Quote:** *“Construction operates the largest privately financed system of higher education in the country.”*

–Peter Philips (2015)

**10. The Takeaway:** Prevailing wage fosters safe, productive *careers* – not just seasonal construction jobs.

## 7. This Chart:



Prevailing wage workers are more productive.

**8. This Study:** [Kentucky's Prevailing Wage Law: An Economic Impact Analysis](#) by Peter Philips, University of Utah (2014).

**9. This Study:** [Indiana's Common Construction Wage Law: An Economic Impact Analysis](#) by Peter Philips, University of Utah (2015).