

# Mission Critical: Building Engineers Are in High Demand



**At the foundation of every well-run building are building engineers — the people who make sure all building systems are functioning as they should.**

Problem-solving, effective communication, and an understanding of building systems — HVAC, electrical, and plumbing — are at the core of this career. Jobs as building engineers offer the ability to earn and learn. Employers typically provide education and training, and these high-paying careers are open to those without a college degree.

Advancement and career growth are front and center in this field. Even if you start at the entry level, you can work your way to building engineer, chief engineer,

and even director of engineering. The ability to adapt quickly to new technologies and methods will help you advance. As a building engineer, you will be the main cog that keeps the building running smoothly.

## **Earnings and Opportunities Available**

There are more than 1,200 building operations jobs available in the DMV annually:

- Maintenance Tech: Average salary \$59K
- Operating Engineer: Average salary \$86K
- Chief/Lead Engineer: Average salary \$98K
- Director of Engineering/Operations: Average salary \$167K

*Data Sources: AOBA-PMA 2021 Wage and Benefits Survey, CEL & Associates, Inc.; 2021 National Real Estate Compensation Survey, Lightcast*

