

SAFETY NEWS



Feature Project

S&S Middle School Sadler, Texas

Director: Scott Barnes
 Project Manager: Carlos Sida
 Asst. Project Manager: Sam Ozuna
 Superintendent: Joe Abbott
 Contract Amount: \$16,000,000
 Architect: Claycomb Architects
 Owner: S&S CISD

Description:

New construction of a ground-up middle school located adjacent to the existing district high school. This 73,500 SF facility will feature classrooms, cafeteria/kitchen space, administrative offices, and more. The project is currently underway with an expected completion date in November 2019.

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Women In Construction

By: Adam Shurtleff

The number of women employed in the U.S. construction industry grew substantially, by 81.3% from 1985 to 2007. However, due to a loss of over 2.5 million construction jobs from 2007 to 2010, there has been a sharp decline of women working.

As illustrated below in Table 1, since its peak in 2007, more than 300,000 women workers left the construction industry by 2010. While only 9% of U.S. construction workers are women, which is a relatively small percentage compared to other industries (see Table 2), there were still over 800,000 women workers employed in construction (i.e., managerial, professional, administrative, and production employees) in 2010. Of those, approximately 200,000 were employed in production occupations, such as laborers, plumbers, electricians, etc.

TABLE 1

Number of Women Workers in Construction
1985-2010

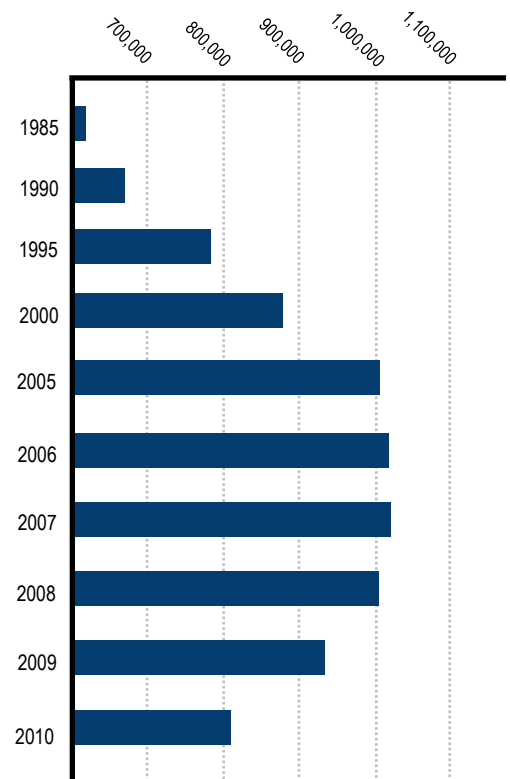
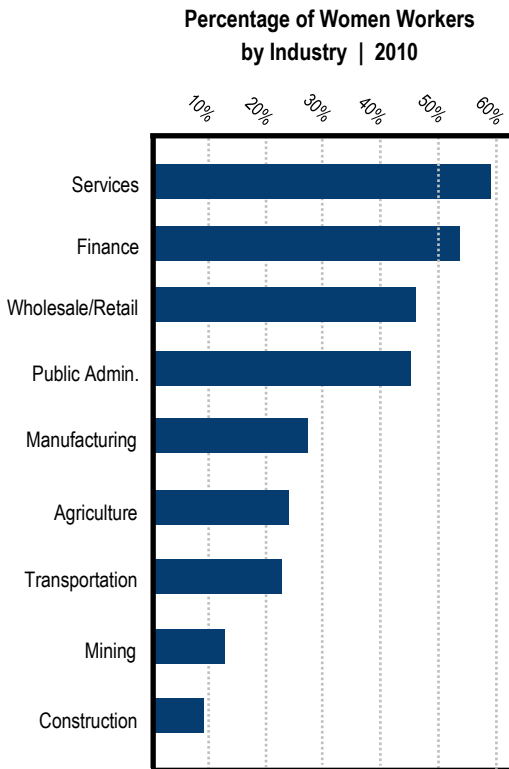


TABLE 2



The chart above depicts the percentage of women workers within the identified industries.

In addition to the primary safety and health hazards faced by all construction workers, there are safety and health issues specific to female construction workers. These safety and health hazards in construction create barriers to women entering and remaining in this field.

How OSHA Can Help

Workers have a right to a safe workplace. The law requires employers to provide their employees with working conditions that are free of known dangers. OSHA provides information, training, and assistance to workers and employers.

If you think your job is unsafe or you have questions, contact OSHA at 1-800-321-OSHA (6742). It's confidential. We can help. For other valuable worker protection information, such as Workers' Rights, Employer Responsibilities, and other services OSHA may offer, visit OSHA's Workers' page.

OSHA will continue to conduct inspections in response to complaints and/or referrals. Workers may file a complaint to have OSHA inspect their workplace if they believe that their employer is not following the OSHA standards if there is a serious hazard. Employees can file a complaint with OSHA

by calling 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) or by printing out the complaint form and mailing or faxing the completed form to your local OSHA area office. Complaints that are signed by an employee are more likely to result in an inspection.

Training Courses

In line with BTC's commitment of leading the industry with a proactive safety mindset we will be participating in upcoming safety training courses. Here are some highlights regarding the following additional training:

Asbestos Awareness

Through this course you will be learning about exposure limits, respiratory protection, health hazards, asbestos types and characteristics, and additional important information regarding asbestos. This course will be provided to the field employees and project managers.

ALICE

Through this course you will be learning tactic and procedures regarding an active shooter event. You will be participating in online training as well as live training events. This course is being provided to all BTC employees.

These training courses will be required to be completed by the end of 2019. If you have any suggestions as to any additional training you are interested in or would like to be involved in any way, please notify Adam Shurtleff.