

Metro Atlanta TOP JOBS

SKILLED TRADES



Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers

Standard Occupational Classification Code: 499021

Also known as: A/C Tech; HVAC Installer; HVAC Mechanic; HVAC Specialist; Refrigeration Mechanic; Refrigeration Operator; Refrigeration Technician; Service Technician; Systems Mechanic; Transportation Refrigeration Technician (Transportation Refrigeration Tech)

Are you good at ...

- Paying attention to detail?
- Analytical Thinking and using logic to address work-related issues?
- Being reliable, responsible, and dependable?
- Showing a sense of independence?
- Taking initiative?

A Day in the Life

Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers install or repair heating, central air conditioning, HVAC, or refrigeration systems, including oil burners, hot-air furnaces, and heating stoves. They test electrical circuits or components for proper functioning. They service heating, ventilation or air-conditioning (HVAC) systems or components. They repair worn, damaged, or defective mechanical parts. They replace worn, damaged, or defective mechanical parts. They confer with customers or users to assess problems. They install heating, ventilation, or air conditioning (HVAC) equipment. They adjust equipment to ensure optimal performance. They determine operational compliance with regulations or standards.

They interpret blueprints, specifications, or diagrams to inform installation, development or operation activities. They braze metal parts or components and connect electrical components or equipment. They document operational activities. They inspect systems to determine if they are operating properly. They install energy-efficient heating, ventilation, or air conditioning (HVAC) equipment.

How do I get into this top job?

This job requires a Postsecondary non-degree award. Once you have graduated you will need about one year of on-the-job training to do the job. Training programs may be expensive, but you might not have to pay for all of it yourself. If you are low income, ask your job coach, career counselor, training program, or workforce development specialist about assisting you with your training expenses. It might be free!



What they earn in Metro Atlanta:

Entry Wage: **\$13.74**
Median Wage: **\$19.24**



What makes this a Top Job?

They're in high demand. The Georgia Dept. of Labor estimates there will be 520 openings per year through 2026! Additionally, this job pays above average wages.



Educational Requirement

low mid high

Postsecondary
Non-Degree Award



On-the-Job Training

low mid high

Long-term
On-the-job Training



Related Occupations

Check out these similar careers on O*NET online:

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