

Worker Shortage Hammers Builders

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U.S. builders shed more than 2 million jobs during and after the housing bust. Now they say they can't find enough carpenters, electricians, plumbers and other craftsmen for a growing pipeline of work.

One result of their predicament: They're among the industries seeing signs of wage pressures, forcing firms in the industry to boost compensation, step up recruitment and turn toward labor-saving technologies.

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