

# Barbers



Occupational Profile

## WHAT THEY DO

Provides customers with barbering services, including cutting, trimming, shampooing, and styling hair. May sell lotions, tonics, and other cosmetic supplies. This career is part of the Human Services cluster and Personal Care Services pathway.

## SKILLS YOU NEED

### Basic Skills:

- Active Listening
- Speaking
- Active Learning

### Transferable Skills (applicable in other careers): High level

- Compiling and recording office and business records
- Computing and totaling charges
- Preparing orders for supplies
- Providing personal care services
- Using simple hand and power tools
- Waiting on customers

### Workplace Skills:

#### High level

- Coordination
- Instructing

#### Medium level

- Judgment and Decision Making
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness

Additional skills for this occupation may be found at <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/career-exploration-resources>

## IS THIS FOR YOU?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model) by people who tend to succeed in this career:

- **Realistic**—You are a “doer”. You like physical activities and projects. You like to find the answers to problems by doing hands-on work instead of talking about solutions.
- **Conventional**—You are a “persuader”. You like to sell things or ideas. Prestige and power are important to you. You like to use your language skills to convince other people of your ideas.
- **Enterprising** – You are a “persuader”. You like to sell things or ideas. Prestige and power are important to you. You like to use your language skills to convince other people of your ideas.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

- **Independence**—It's very important to you that you have friendly co-workers. You want to try out your own ideas and work with little supervision.
- **Relationships** – It's very important to you that you have friendly co-workers. You would like to be of service to others without compromising your sense of right and wrong.

**Aptitudes** reflect a person's ability to acquire skills and knowledge. The following aptitudes are important for success in the career:

- **General Learning Ability**
- **Form Perception**
- **Clerical Perception**

Source: <https://secure.ihaveaplaniowa.gov/>

## ESTIMATED & PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT

Occupational Title	2012 Estimated Employment	2022 Projected Employment	2012-22 Employment Change	Annual Growth Rate (%)	Total Annual Openings
Total, All Occupations	1,758,205	1,955,480	197,275	1.1	61,665
Personal Care & Service Occupations	53,010	63,675	10,665	2.0	2,315
Barbers	400	490	90	2.3	20

Source: <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections-0>

## 2015 WAGE & SALARY (\$)

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Average Salary	Entry Wage	Entry Salary	Experienced Wage	Experienced Salary
Total, All Occupations	19.77	41,122	9.55	19,858	24.88	51,755
Personal Care & Service Occupations	11.14	23,172	8.09	16,832	12.66	26,342
Barbers	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Source: <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections-0>

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

Education	Work Experience	Job Training
Postsecondary	None	None

A high school diploma or equivalent is required for some positions. In addition, every state requires that barbers, hairdressers, and cosmetologists complete a program in a state-licensed barber or cosmetology school. Programs in hairstyling, skin care, and other personal appearance services are available both in high schools and in public or private postsecondary vocational schools. The Iowa Board of Barber Examiners website at [http://access.bridges.com/ext/cp/custom\\_state\\_data/iowa\\_licensed\\_occupations/39-5011.htm](http://access.bridges.com/ext/cp/custom_state_data/iowa_licensed_occupations/39-5011.htm) provides specific licensure and support information for the state of Iowa. Source: <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections-0> and <https://secure.ihaveaplaniowa.gov/>

## NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC)

Skill	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	3
Locating Information	3
Reading for Information	3

This ACT-developed credential demonstrates achievement and a certain level of workplace employability skills. The greater the score, the greater the skill level (Bronze = 3, Silver = 4, Gold = 5, Platinum = 6).

Source: <http://www.act.org/workkeys/analysis/occup.html>

## PRIMARY INDUSTRY SECTORS

(Where are Fitness/Aerobics Instructors Employed?)

Self Employed  
Personal Services

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