



Abel Reyes - 35

“Installing ceiling and walls was not a job I would have thought of. I fell into it through a summer job, but over the years, I realized, this is a skill you have to learn to do well, and, when it's done right, it's what makes a project finally look like a home or a business. It feels great to finish the A-to-Z steps from planning, measuring, and cutting, to installing.

I show up after all the grading, foundation work, framing, electrical, and plumbing is in, and when I leave, it's a whole different place — ready for painters and decorators to add their final touches.”

Occupation:

Ceiling Installer

Salary:

\$46,749

Education:

Typically
Requires None

Job Description:

Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers apply plasterboard or other wallboard to ceilings or interior walls of buildings. Apply or mount acoustical tiles or blocks, strips, or sheets of shock-absorbing materials to ceilings and walls of buildings to reduce or reflect sound. Materials may be of decorative quality. Includes lathers who fasten wooden, metal, or rockboard lath to walls, ceilings, or partitions of buildings to provide support base for plaster, fireproofing, or acoustical material.*

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Job Description:

SOC Code: 47-2081

Top Job Skills:

- Read blueprints
- Assemble or install metal framing
- Cut fixture or border tiles to size
- Apply or mount tile
- Fasten metal to structural frameworks

General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
 - Determine methods of installation, material, or tool requirements
- Interacting With Others
 - Coordinate work with drywall finishers
- Work Output
 - Measure and mark surfaces to lay out work
 - Fit and fasten wallboard or drywall into position on wood or metal frameworks
 - Cut metal or wood framing and trim to size, using cutting tools
 - Hang drywall panels on metal frameworks of walls and ceilings in buildings
 - Apply cement to backs of tiles
 - Install blanket insulation
 - Wash concrete surfaces before mounting tile

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

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Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O*NET.org](https://www.o*net.org).

JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range

\$36,410 - \$46,170



Projected Growth

68/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

560



Required Education

Typically
Requires None



Work Experience

Typically
Requires None



On-the-Job Training

Moderate-Term
On-the-job Training

*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Midlands
- Trident
- Greenville
- Lower Savannah
- Lowcountry

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

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- Precision Walls Inc.
- DPR Construction, Inc.
- R&R Integrated Solutions
- Sevan Multi-Site Solutions

RELATED OCCUPATIONS:

- Carpenters
- Insulation Workers, Floor, Ceiling, and Wall
- Plasterers and Stucco Masons
- Tapers
- Sheet Metal Workers
- Floor Layers, Except Carpet, Wood, and Hard Tiles

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2025.