

CAREER PROFILES

Upholsterers:

Upholsterers cover furniture, fixtures, and similar items with fabric, leather, or other upholstery materials.

Wage/Salary Information:

\$32,000 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$20.78/hour is the median wage reported locally.

Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Sewing
- Detail oriented
- Manual dexterity
- Blueprint reading
- Customer service oriented

Job Duties:

Upholsterers discuss upholstery fabric, colour, and style with customers and provide cost estimates for upholstering furniture or other items. Upholsterers lay out, measure, and cut upholstery materials according to sketches or design specifications and replace worn-out webbing, springs, and other furniture parts using hand and power tools. They operate sewing machines or sew upholstery materials by hand to seam cushions and join sections of covering materials and install padding and underlays and fasten covering materials to furniture frames. Upholsterers may also repair furniture frames and refinish wood surfaces.

Working Conditions:

Work takes place in a controlled indoor environment.

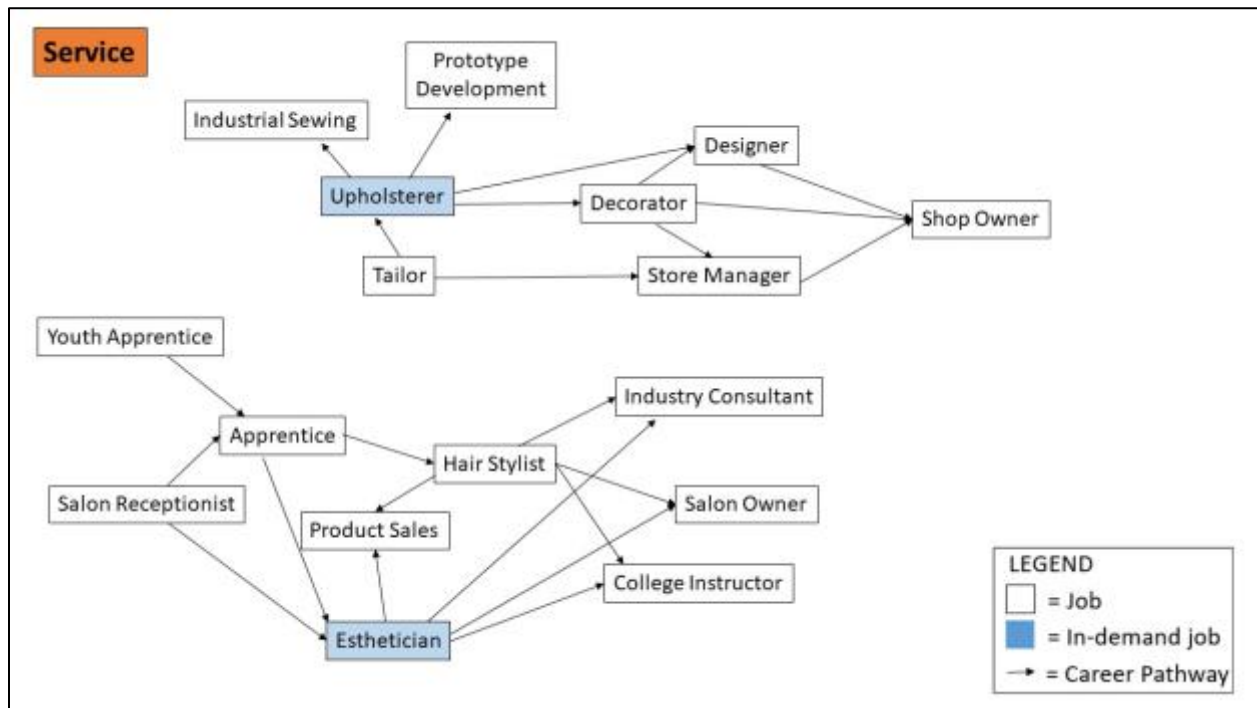
Working with equipment, machinery or power/hand tools may be a source of injury.
There may be airborne particles such as textile dust in the workplace.

Career Pathways:

Progression to supervisory positions is possible with experience.

Upholsterers are employed by furniture, aircraft, motor vehicle, and other manufacturing companies, furniture retail outlets, and repair shops, or they may be self-employed. Below are potential career pathways for Upholsterers:

- Aircraft Interior Technician
- Automobile Upholsterer
- Custom Upholsterer
- Furniture Upholsterer
- Upholsterer
- Upholstery Repairer



Education and Training Pathways:

There is currently no formal training program for this career. Employers may provide on the job training to teach the skills and competencies needed for the job.