

UA Local 553 — pay scale rate sheet

Plumbers & Pipefitters · Alton, IL · Effective January 1, 2026

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UA Local 553 pays plumber/pipefitter (bond, calhoun, greene, jersey, macoupin (south of rt 108), and... members \$51.61/hr in straight-time wages, and \$73.06/hr once benefit and fringe contributions are added, effective January 1, 2026 per the U.S. Department of Labor Davis-Bacon general wage determination IL20260001 (rev 5), building construction, PLUM0553-001 01/01/2026: base rate \$51.61 plus printed fringes \$21.45 wage determination. Rates change with each contract cycle — confirm the current step with the Alton, IL hall before quoting an offer.

Wage detail

Base hourly wage **\$51.61/hr**

Straight-time plumber/pipefitter (bond, calhoun, greene, jersey, macoupin (south of rt 108), and... rate on the current wage determination, before fringes.

Total package **\$73.06/hr**

Wage plus all employer-paid benefit and fringe contributions per hour worked.

Approximate annual wage **\$103,220/yr**

Derived: base hourly × 2,000 hours. Actual earnings depend on hours dispatched, overtime and travel.

Effective date **January 1, 2026**

Date this rate took effect under the agreement, as printed on the U.S. Department of Labor Davis-Bacon general wage determination IL20260001 (rev 5), building construction, PLUM0553-001 01/01/2026: base rate \$51.61 plus printed fringes \$21.45 wage determination.

Classification/PIPEFITTER (BOND, CALHOUN, GREENE, JERSEY, MACOUPIN (SOUTH OF RT 108), AND...

Rate applies to this classification only. Apprentice steps, foremen and shift work are paid on separate lines of the wage determination.

Benefits & fringe contributions

Roughly 29% of the UA Local 553 package is employer-paid benefits and fringes rather than wages, which is why the package figure and a take-home hourly rate are not the same number.

Benefit & fringe contributions **\$21.45/hr**

Printed as the fringe line on U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division determination IL20260001, schedule PLUM0553-001.

What the contributions fund **Health & welfare, pension, annuity, training and industry funds**

Standard fund categories in mechanical and electrical agreements. The exact split between funds is set in the local's agreement — the hall or fund office publishes the schedule.

Paid on **Every hour worked**

Fringe contributions are made per hour worked, so they scale with dispatched hours and are paid to the funds rather than to the member.

Source & currency

Source: U.S. Department of Labor Davis-Bacon general wage determination IL20260001 (rev 5), building construction, PLUM0553-001 01/01/2026: base rate \$51.61 plus printed fringes \$21.45 — <https://sam.gov/wage-determination/IL20260001/5#local-553>

High confidence. Read directly from the primary source (U.S. Department of Labor Davis-Bacon general wage determination IL20260001 (rev 5), building construction, PLUM0553-001 01/01/2026: base rate \$51.61 plus printed fringes \$21.45) and cross-checked at build time. Highest confidence for offer benchmarking.

Last cross-checked against the source on Oct 1, 2026.

Source document: U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division Davis-Bacon Act determination IL20260001 (mod 5), published 2026-05-21.

Schedule line PLUM0553-001 — Building construction, scope: Counties listed on IL20260001.

Classification as printed: PLUMBER/PIPEFITTER (BOND, CALHOUN, GREENE, JERSEY, MACOUPIN (SOUTH OF RT 108), AND MONTGOMERY (SOUTHWEST OF RT 127) COUNTIES)

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