

# Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations

This occupational group includes janitors, maids and housekeeping cleaners, pest control, landscaping, pesticide handlers, tree trimmers, and grounds maintenance workers.

## Cognitive and mental requirements

The qualifications that workers need to use judgment, make decisions, interact with others, and adapt to changes in jobs.

In 2022, more than basic people skills were required for 13.3 percent of building and grounds cleaning and maintenance workers, and basic people skills were required for 86.7 percent.

Table 1. Percentage of building and grounds cleaning and maintenance workers with cognitive and mental requirements, 2022

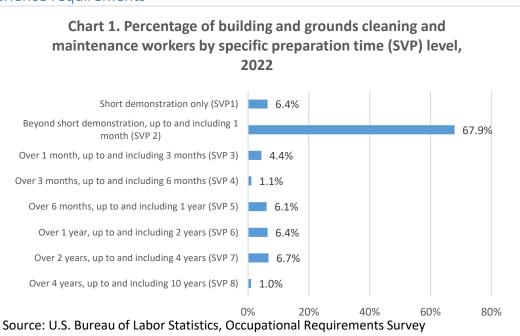
Requirement	Yes	No
Pace: Pause control	71.5	28.5
Interaction with general public	57.0	43.0
Working around crowds	2.7	97.3
Work review: Supervising others	8.3	91.7
Work review: Presence of supervisor	44.6	55.4
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey	·	

### Education, training, and experience requirements

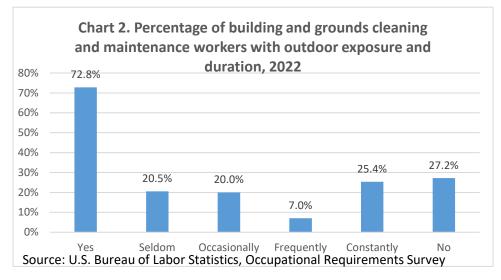
The minimum level of formal education required, credentials necessary, on-thejob training, and prior work experience necessary for average performance in jobs.

In 2022, credentials were required for 29.1 percent of building and grounds cleaning and maintenance workers. Prior work experience was required for 21.2 percent and on-the-job training was required for 90.6 percent.

No minimum education was required for 68.7 percent of building and grounds cleaning and maintenance workers.







#### **Environmental conditions**

The various tangible or concrete hazards or difficulties that are in the vicinity of where jobs' critical tasks are performed.

In 2022, 99.5 percent of building and grounds cleaning and maintenance workers were not exposed to extreme cold, and 98.4 percent were not exposed to extreme heat. Wetness was not present for 23.0 percent, 91.0 percent were not exposed to heavy vibrations, and 27.2 percent were not exposed to the outdoors.

#### Physical demands

Refer to the physical activities required to perform tasks in jobs. The presence and, in some cases, duration of these activities are published.

In 2022, reaching at or below the shoulder was required for 97.7 percent of building and grounds cleaning and maintenance workers and was not required for 2.3 percent. For 8.3 percent of workers, reaching at or below the shoulder was seldom performed, for 52.5 percent reaching at or below the shoulder occurred occasionally, 32.7 percent frequently, and 4.1 percent reaching at or below the shoulder occurred constantly.

Performing work in low postures was required for 97.6 percent of building and grounds cleaning and maintenance workers and was not required for 2.4 percent. For 31.3 percent of workers, stooping was required to perform low work.

The choice to sit or stand when performing critical tasks was available to 8.6 percent of building and grounds cleaning and maintenance workers. On average, workers spent 12.2 percent of the workday sitting and 87.8 percent of the workday standing.

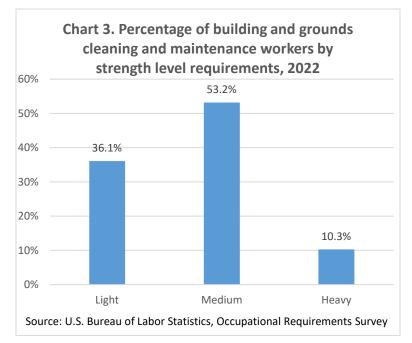


Table 2. Percentage of building and grounds cleaning and maintenance workers with physical demands, 2022

Requirement	Yes	No
Choice of sitting or standing	8.6	91.4
Driving	36.1	63.9
Climbing structure-related ramps or stairs	40.2	59.8
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey		