

Tapers

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Description: Seal joints between plasterboard or other wallboard to prepare wall surface for painting or papering.

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Sample of Reported Job Titles: Drywall Finisher, Drywall Mechanic, Drywall Taper

Job Zone

Title: 2 - Some Preparation Needed

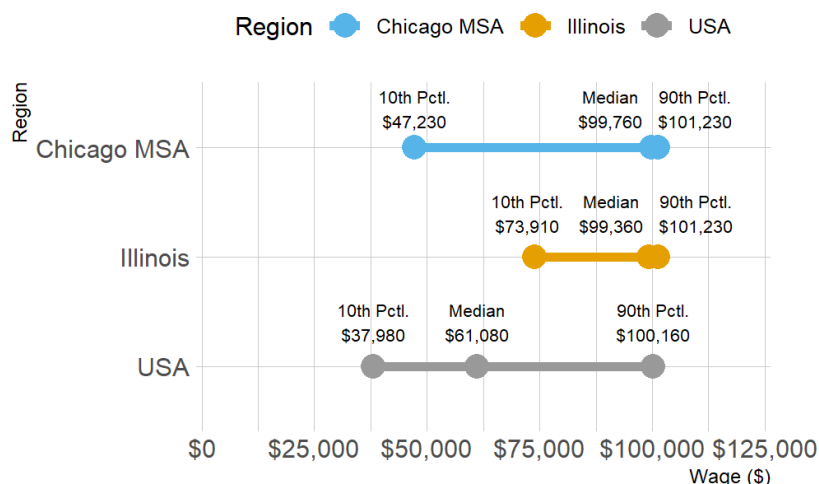
Education: Usually require a high school diploma.

Experience: Some previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed.

Training: A few months to one year of working with experienced employees needed. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

Hot Technologies: Intuit QuickBooks, Microsoft Dynamics, Microsoft Office Suite

Region	Employment	Location Quotient	Median Wage
Chicago MSA	510	1.17	\$99,760
Illinois	570	0.98	\$99,360
USA	14,580	—	\$61,080



Top 5 Core Tasks According to Current Job Holders

Importance
Frequency (out of 100)

Spread sealing compound between boards or panels or over cracks, holes, nail heads, or screw heads, using trowels, broadknives, or spatulas.

Hourly or more

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Press paper tape over joints to embed tape into sealing compound and to seal joints.

Daily

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Seal joints between plasterboard or other wallboard to prepare wall surfaces for painting or papering.

Daily

85

Apply additional coats to fill in holes and make surfaces smooth.

Daily

85

Spread and smooth cementing material over tape, using trowels or floating machines to blend joints with wall surfaces.

Daily

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