



Robert "Bobby" Karry - 76

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Inspiration sustained by discipline is the principle that guides my creativity. Preparing my creative flow by being in a calm environment to wrap my mind around what I must do for the day is the ideal start to every sculpture.

Some days, I'm visiting art stores or small businesses to collect the items I need for the piece I'm working on, while other days I'm covered in paint, clay, or wood chips because I'm shaping and refining ideas into something tangible and breathtaking. Even though the final product is what everyone sees, many forget the long hours, creative blocks, repetitive tasks, and muscle strain that go into being an artist. But in the end, it's all worth it!

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Occupation:

Sculptor

Salary:

\$82,029

Education:

Bachelor's Degree

Job Description:

Fine Artists, Including Painters, Sculptors, and Illustrators create original artwork using any of a wide variety of media and techniques.*



Job Description:

SOC Code: 27-1013

Top Job Skills:

- Customer service
- Cash handling
- Maintain portfolios
- Unloading trucks
- Market artwork

General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
 - Develop project budgets for approval, estimating time lines and material costs
- Interacting With Others
 - Confer with clients
 - Collaborate with engineers, mechanics, and other technical experts as necessary to build and install creations
- Work Output
 - Create sculptures, statues, and other three-dimensional artwork by using abrasives and tools to shape, carve, and fabricate materials such as clay, stone, wood, or metal
 - Integrate and develop visual elements, such as line, space, mass, color, and perspective, to produce desired effects, such as the illustration of ideas, emotions, or moods
 - Submit preliminary or finished artwork or project plans to clients for approval, incorporating changes as necessary

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

SC Works Online Services (SCWOS) is the state's largest job database and provides all of South Carolina's job postings from all major sites, including Monster and Career Builder, in one resource. SCWOS has thousands of positions listed by employers all over the state. To access SCWOS, visit jobs.scworks.org.

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.onet.org).

JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range

\$29,780 - \$94,690



Projected Growth

52/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

280



Required Education

Bachelor's Degree



Work Experience

Typically
Requires None



On-the-Job Training

Long-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
- Upstate
- Upper Savannah
- Lower Savannah
- Catawba

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

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

- Michaels Stores, Inc.
- Keep North Charleston Beautiful
- Richland County School District 2

RELATED OCCUPATIONS*:

- Art Directors
- Craft Artists
- Etchers and Engravers
- Graphic Designers
- Special Effects Artists and Animators

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2026.