**Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, May 2017–May 2018**
(not seasonally adjusted)

## Largest Percentage Gains

| | Area[1] | Industry[2] | May '17 | May '18 | 12-month % change | 12-month gain/loss | Rank[3] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Merced, CA | Mining, logging, and construction | 2,400 | 3,100 | 29% | 700 | 1 |
| 1 | Midland, TX | Mining, logging, and construction | 26,700 | 34,500 | 29% | 7,800 | 1 |
| 3 | Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ | Mining, logging, and construction | 5,400 | 6,500 | 20% | 1,100 | 3 |
| 4 | New Bedford, MA NECTA | Mining, logging, and construction | 2,700 | 3,200 | 19% | 500 | 4 |
| 4 | Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH | Mining, logging, and construction | 1,600 | 1,900 | 19% | 300 | 4 |
| 6 | Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Div. | Mining, logging, and construction | 3,200 | 3,700 | 16% | 500 | 6 |
| 7 | Corvallis, OR | Mining, logging, and construction | 1,300 | 1,500 | 15% | 200 | 7 |
| 7 | Wenatchee, WA | Mining, logging, and construction | 2,700 | 3,100 | 15% | 400 | 7 |
| 9 | Vallejo-Fairfield, CA | Construction | 10,100 | 11,500 | 14% | 1,400 | 9 |
| 9 | Greeley, CO | Construction | 17,000 | 19,300 | 14% | 2,300 | 9 |
| 9 | Leominster-Gardner, MA NECTA | Mining, logging, and construction | 2,100 | 2,400 | 14% | 300 | 9 |
| 9 | Kalamazoo-Portage, MI | Mining, logging, and construction | 6,400 | 7,300 | 14% | 900 | 9 |
| 9 | Kingston, NY | Mining, logging, and construction | 2,800 | 3,200 | 14% | 400 | 9 |
| 9 | Medford, OR | Construction | 4,200 | 4,800 | 14% | 600 | 9 |

## Largest Percentage Losses

| | Area[1] | Industry[2] | May '17 | May '18 | 12-month % change | 12-month gain/loss | Rank[3] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bloomington, IL | Mining, logging, and construction | 3,500 | 3,000 | -14% | -500 | 358 |
| 2 | Columbia, SC | Mining, logging, and construction | 20,900 | 18,600 | -11% | -2,300 | 357 |
| 3 | Hanford-Corcoran, CA | Mining, logging, and construction | 1,000 | 900 | -10% | -100 | 355 |
| 3 | Pocatello, ID | Mining, logging, and construction | 2,000 | 1,800 | -10% | -200 | 355 |
| 5 | Camden, NJ Div. | Mining, logging, and construction | 23,200 | 21,100 | -9% | -2,100 | 354 |
| 6 | Auburn-Opelika, AL | Mining, logging, and construction | 2,600 | 2,400 | -8% | -200 | 349 |
| 6 | Fairbanks, AK | Construction | 2,600 | 2,400 | -8% | -200 | 349 |
| 6 | Newark, NJ-PA Div. | Mining, logging, and construction | 47,200 | 43,300 | -8% | -3,900 | 349 |
| 6 | Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ | Mining, logging, and construction | 40,200 | 36,900 | -8% | -3,300 | 349 |
| 6 | Springfield, OH | Mining, logging, and construction | 1,300 | 1,200 | -8% | -100 | 349 |

## Most Jobs Added

| | Area[1] | Industry[2] | May '17 | May '18 | 12-month % change | 12-month gain/loss | Rank[3] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div. | Mining, logging, and construction | 139,700 | 153,900 | 10% | 14,200 | 33 |
| 2 | Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ | Construction | 112,000 | 123,500 | 10% | 11,500 | 33 |
| 3 | Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX | Construction | 218,100 | 229,500 | 5% | 11,400 | 138 |
| 4 | Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA | Construction | 120,500 | 129,700 | 8% | 9,200 | 59 |
| 5 | New York City, NY | Mining, logging, and construction | 150,000 | 158,000 | 5% | 8,000 | 138 |
| 6 | Midland, TX | Mining, logging, and construction | 26,700 | 34,500 | 29% | 7,800 | 1 |
| 7 | Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div. | Construction | 46,700 | 53,000 | 13% | 6,300 | 15 |
| 8 | Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL | Construction | 73,300 | 79,500 | 8% | 6,200 | 59 |
| 9 | Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO | Mining, logging, and construction | 100,400 | 106,300 | 6% | 5,900 | 113 |
| 10 | Oakland-Hayward-Berkeley, CA Div. | Construction | 70,300 | 75,500 | 7% | 5,200 | 78 |
| 10 | San Diego-Carlsbad, CA | Construction | 78,800 | 84,000 | 7% | 5,200 | 78 |
| 10 | Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA | Construction | 96,900 | 102,100 | 5% | 5,200 | 138 |

## Most Jobs Lost

| | Area[1] | Industry[2] | May '17 | May '18 | 12-month % change | 12-month gain/loss | Rank[3] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Newark, NJ-PA Div. | Mining, logging, and construction | 47,200 | 43,300 | -8% | -3,900 | 349 |
| 2 | Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ | Mining, logging, and construction | 40,200 | 36,900 | -8% | -3,300 | 349 |
| 3 | Columbia, SC | Mining, logging, and construction | 20,900 | 18,600 | -11% | -2,300 | 357 |
| 4 | Camden, NJ Div. | Mining, logging, and construction | 23,200 | 21,100 | -9% | -2,100 | 354 |
| 5 | Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN | Mining, logging, and construction | 43,000 | 41,100 | -4% | -1,900 | 333 |
| 6 | Calvert-Charles-Prince George's, MD | Mining, logging, and construction | 36,100 | 34,700 | -4% | -1,400 | 333 |
| 7 | St. Louis, MO-IL | Mining, logging, and construction | 67,100 | 65,800 | -2% | -1,300 | 319 |
| 8 | Baton Rouge, LA | Construction | 52,300 | 51,100 | -2% | -1,200 | 319 |
| 9 | Columbus, OH | Mining, logging, and construction | 40,800 | 40,000 | -2% | -800 | 319 |
| 9 | Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX | Mining, logging, and construction | 19,800 | 19,000 | -4% | -800 | 333 |
| 9 | Ogden-Clearfield, UT | Mining, logging, and construction | 18,700 | 17,900 | -4% | -800 | 333 |
| 9 | Toledo, OH | Mining, logging, and construction | 15,600 | 14,800 | -5% | -800 | 342 |

**Footnotes:**

[1]**Area:** Metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are designated by the Office of Management and Budget. MSAs generally cover one or more entire counties or county equivalents or New England City and Town Area (NECTA) in the six New England states. There are 11 MSAs with more than 2,500,000 people. Employment in these MSAs is presented in two or more divisions (Div.) or subdivisions rather than for the MSA as a whole. See Metro Divisions tab for employment in those metros and each of their divisions. Click here for a list of counties in each MSA and division.

[2]**Industry:** The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) only reports construction employment combined with mining and logging in most metros, because of small sample sizes or to preserve confidentiality for industries with few employers. Metro data is not seasonally adjusted.

[3]**Rank:** BLS currently provides construction (or combined construction, mining and logging) employment data, rounded to the nearest 100 employees, for 358 metro areas. AGC calculated rankings based on the 12-month percent change, rounded to the nearest whole percent. Because BLS reports employment rounded to the nearest 100, it is not possible to calculate percent changes more accurately than to the nearest whole percent. Thus, all metro areas with the same whole-percent change in employment are ranked the same. (Exception: Employment changes of less than 0.5% are shown and ranked based on the nearest 0.1%.)