

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

**Largest Percentage Gains**

<u>Area</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Industry</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>June '17</u>	<u>June '18</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank</u> <sup>3</sup>
1 Merced, CA	Mining, logging, and construction	2,500	3,200	28%	700	1
2 Midland, TX	Mining, logging, and construction	27,500	34,200	24%	6,700	2
3 Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH	Mining, logging, and construction	1,600	1,900	19%	300	3
4 Leominster-Gardner, MA NECTA	Mining, logging, and construction	2,200	2,600	18%	400	4
4 New Bedford, MA NECTA	Mining, logging, and construction	2,800	3,300	18%	500	4
6 Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ	Mining, logging, and construction	5,600	6,500	16%	900	6
7 Evansville, IN-KY	Mining, logging, and construction	10,100	11,600	15%	1,500	7
7 Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Div.	Mining, logging, and construction	3,300	3,800	15%	500	7
7 Corvallis, OR	Mining, logging, and construction	1,300	1,500	15%	200	7
10 Kalamazoo-Portage, MI	Mining, logging, and construction	6,500	7,400	14%	900	10
10 Bend-Redmond, OR	Mining, logging, and construction	6,600	7,500	14%	900	10
10 Provo-Orem, UT	Mining, logging, and construction	23,800	27,100	14%	3,300	10
10 Wenatchee, WA	Mining, logging, and construction	2,800	3,200	14%	400	10
10 Eau Claire, WI	Mining, logging, and construction	4,300	4,900	14%	600	10

**Largest Percentage Losses**

<u>Area</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Industry</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>June '17</u>	<u>June '18</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank</u> <sup>3</sup>
1 Columbia, SC	Mining, logging, and construction	20,800	18,700	-10%	-2,100	357
1 Hanford-Corcoran, CA	Mining, logging, and construction	1,000	900	-10%	-100	357
3 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, logging, and construction	40,800	37,400	-8%	-3,400	354
3 Kokomo, IN	Mining, logging, and construction	1,200	1,100	-8%	-100	354
3 Bloomsburg-Berwick, PA	Mining, logging, and construction	1,200	1,100	-8%	-100	354
6 Camden, NJ Div.	Mining, logging, and construction	23,500	21,900	-7%	-1,600	352
6 Wichita Falls, TX	Mining, logging, and construction	3,000	2,800	-7%	-200	352
8 Newark, NJ-PA Div.	Mining, logging, and construction	48,200	45,400	-6%	-2,800	348
8 Ogden-Clearfield, UT	Mining, logging, and construction	19,200	18,000	-6%	-1,200	348
8 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	Mining, logging, and construction	14,300	13,500	-6%	-800	348
8 Longview, WA	Mining, logging, and construction	3,500	3,300	-6%	-200	348

**Most Jobs Added**

<u>Area</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Industry</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>June '17</u>	<u>June '18</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank</u> <sup>3</sup>
1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	217,300	236,600	9%	19,300	41
2 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	114,500	127,600	11%	13,100	22
3 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, logging, and construction	142,300	154,500	9%	12,200	41
4 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	122,000	130,400	7%	8,400	83
5 New York City, NY	Mining, logging, and construction	151,400	159,700	5%	8,300	141
6 Midland, TX	Mining, logging, and construction	27,500	34,200	24%	6,700	2
7 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, logging, and construction	82,700	89,200	8%	6,500	62
8 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	47,000	53,100	13%	6,100	15
9 Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Div.	Construction	133,900	139,800	4%	5,900	170
9 Northern Virginia, VA	Mining, logging, and construction	75,100	81,000	8%	5,900	62

**Most Jobs Lost**

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1 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, logging, and construction	40,800	37,400	-8%	-3,400	354
2 Newark, NJ-PA Div.	Mining, logging, and construction	48,200	45,400	-6%	-2,800	348
3 Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN	Mining, logging, and construction	43,500	41,200	-5%	-2,300	344
4 Columbia, SC	Mining, logging, and construction	20,800	18,700	-10%	-2,100	357
5 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, logging, and construction	68,900	67,100	-3%	-1,800	332
6 Camden, NJ Div.	Mining, logging, and construction	23,500	21,900	-7%	-1,600	352
7 Ogden-Clearfield, UT	Mining, logging, and construction	19,200	18,000	-6%	-1,200	348
8 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	Mining, logging, and construction	14,300	13,500	-6%	-800	348
8 Columbus, OH	Mining, logging, and construction	42,100	41,300	-2%	-800	327
10 Montgomery County-Bucks County-Chester County, PA D	Mining, logging, and construction	54,400	53,800	-1%	-600	319

**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup>**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.

<sup>2</sup>**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.

<sup>3</sup>**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%.)