

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

Largest Percentage Gains

| Area ¹ | Industry ² | August '17 | August '18 | 12-month % change | 12-month gain/loss | Rank ³ |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Merced, CA | Mining, Logging and Construction | 2,500 | 3,300 | 32% | 800 | 1 |
| 2 New Bedford, MA NECTA | Mining, Logging and Construction | 2,700 | 3,400 | 26% | 700 | 2 |
| 3 Midland, TX | Mining, Logging and Construction | 28,600 | 35,600 | 24% | 7,000 | 3 |
| 4 Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH | Mining, Logging and Construction | 1,800 | 2,200 | 22% | 400 | 4 |
| 5 Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ Div. | Mining, Logging and Construction | 17,300 | 20,500 | 18% | 3,200 | 5 |
| 6 Yakima, WA | Mining, Logging and Construction | 4,100 | 4,800 | 17% | 700 | 6 |
| 7 Bellingham, WA | Mining, Logging and Construction | 8,000 | 9,300 | 16% | 1,300 | 7 |
| 8 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV | Construction | 59,000 | 67,700 | 15% | 8,700 | 8 |
| 9 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div. | Construction | 47,200 | 53,800 | 14% | 6,600 | 9 |
| 9 Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA | Mining, Logging and Construction | 20,800 | 23,800 | 14% | 3,000 | 9 |
| 9 Greeley, CO | Mining, Logging and Construction | 17,800 | 20,300 | 14% | 2,500 | 9 |
| 9 Wenatchee, WA | Mining, Logging and Construction | 2,900 | 3,300 | 14% | 400 | 9 |
| 9 Kankakee, IL | Mining, Logging and Construction | 1,400 | 1,600 | 14% | 200 | 9 |

Largest Percentage Losses

| Area ¹ | Industry ² | August '17 | August '18 | 12-month % change | 12-month gain/loss | Rank ³ |
|--|----------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ | Mining, Logging and Construction | 40,800 | 36,300 | -11% | -4,500 | 357 |
| 1 Camden, NJ Div. | Mining, Logging and Construction | 23,800 | 21,200 | -11% | -2,600 | 357 |
| 3 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA | Mining, Logging and Construction | 14,700 | 13,400 | -9% | -1,300 | 356 |
| 4 Ogdens-Clearfield, UT | Mining, Logging and Construction | 19,500 | 18,000 | -8% | -1,500 | 353 |
| 4 Dothan, AL | Mining, Logging and Construction | 2,600 | 2,400 | -8% | -200 | 353 |
| 4 Bloomsburg-Berwick, PA | Mining, Logging and Construction | 1,200 | 1,100 | -8% | -100 | 353 |
| 7 Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN | Mining, Logging and Construction | 30,000 | 28,100 | -6% | -1,900 | 352 |
| 8 Newark, NJ-PA Div. | Mining, Logging and Construction | 48,200 | 45,800 | -5% | -2,400 | 350 |
| 8 Nashville-Davidson–Murfreesboro–Franklin, TN | Mining, Logging and Construction | 43,600 | 41,500 | -5% | -2,100 | 350 |
| 10 St. Louis, MO-IL | Mining, Logging and Construction | 68,900 | 66,300 | -4% | -2,600 | 347 |
| 10 Anchorage, AK | Construction | 11,300 | 10,800 | -4% | -500 | 347 |
| 10 Charleston, WV | Mining, Logging and Construction | 7,400 | 7,100 | -4% | -300 | 347 |

Most Jobs Added

| Area ¹ | Industry ² | August '17 | August '18 | 12-month % change | 12-month gain/loss | Rank ³ |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX | Construction | 214,400 | 243,300 | 13% | 28,900 | 14 |
| 2 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div. | Mining, Logging and Construction | 141,600 | 155,200 | 10% | 13,600 | 43 |
| 2 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ | Construction | 115,900 | 129,500 | 12% | 13,600 | 18 |
| 4 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA | Construction | 121,000 | 132,400 | 9% | 11,400 | 62 |
| 5 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV | Construction | 59,000 | 67,700 | 15% | 8,700 | 8 |
| 6 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL | Construction | 74,800 | 83,400 | 11% | 8,600 | 24 |
| 7 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div. | Mining, Logging and Construction | 83,900 | 91,100 | 9% | 7,200 | 62 |
| 8 Midland, TX | Mining, Logging and Construction | 28,600 | 35,600 | 24% | 7,000 | 3 |
| 9 Northern Virginia, VA | Mining, Logging and Construction | 75,100 | 81,900 | 9% | 6,800 | 62 |
| 10 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div. | Construction | 47,200 | 53,800 | 14% | 6,600 | 9 |

Most Jobs Lost

| Area ¹ | Industry ² | August '17 | August '18 | 12-month % change | 12-month gain/loss | Rank ³ |
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| 2 Camden, NJ Div. | Mining, Logging and Construction | 23,800 | 21,200 | -11% | -2,600 | 357 |
| 2 St. Louis, MO-IL | Mining, Logging and Construction | 68,900 | 66,300 | -4% | -2,600 | 347 |
| 4 Newark, NJ-PA Div. | Mining, Logging and Construction | 48,200 | 45,800 | -5% | -2,400 | 350 |
| 5 Nashville-Davidson–Murfreesboro–Franklin, TN | Mining, Logging and Construction | 43,600 | 41,500 | -5% | -2,100 | 350 |
| 6 Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN | Mining, Logging and Construction | 30,000 | 28,100 | -6% | -1,900 | 352 |
| 7 Ogdens-Clearfield, UT | Mining, Logging and Construction | 19,500 | 18,000 | -8% | -1,500 | 353 |
| 8 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA | Mining, Logging and Construction | 14,700 | 13,400 | -9% | -1,300 | 356 |
| 9 Calvert-Charles-Prince George's, MD | Mining, Logging and Construction | 36,600 | 35,700 | -2% | -900 | 329 |
| 10 Columbus, OH | Mining, Logging and Construction | 42,000 | 41,200 | -2% | -800 | 329 |

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%.)