

Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, September 2017–September 2018

(not seasonally adjusted)

Largest Percentage Gains

Area ¹	Industry ²	September '17	September '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank ³
1 Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	13,100	16,700	27%	3,600	1
2 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	28,900	35,500	23%	6,600	2
3 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	44,000	53,600	22%	9,600	3
4 Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	2,300	21%	400	4
5 Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	24,300	29,100	20%	4,800	5
6 New Bedford, MA NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	3,300	18%	500	6
7 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	73,200	85,500	17%	12,300	7
7 Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, FL Div	Construction	44,200	51,800	17%	7,600	7
9 West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach, FL Div.	Construction	34,900	40,200	15%	5,300	9
9 Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,600	14,500	15%	1,900	9

Largest Percentage Losses

Area ¹	Industry ²	September '17	September '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank ³
1 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,700	12,600	-14%	-2,100	358
2 Camden, NJ Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,400	20,900	-11%	-2,500	357
3 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	40,300	36,300	-10%	-4,000	356
4 Charleston, WV	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,600	7,100	-7%	-500	355
5 Newark, NJ-PA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	48,100	45,100	-6%	-3,000	352
5 Springfield, MA-CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,600	11,800	-6%	-800	352
5 Elmira, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,600	-6%	-100	352
8 Nashville-Davidson–Murfreesboro–Franklin, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	43,600	41,600	-5%	-2,000	347
8 Birmingham-Hoover, AL	Construction	26,700	25,400	-5%	-1,300	347
8 Ogden-Clearfield, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,200	18,300	-5%	-900	347
8 Laredo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,000	3,800	-5%	-200	347
8 Elizabethtown-Fort Knox, KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	1,900	-5%	-100	347

Most Jobs Added

Area ¹	Industry ²	September '17	September '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank ³
1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	214,400	243,900	14%	29,500	11
2 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	116,400	131,000	13%	14,600	18
3 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	141,600	155,700	10%	14,100	46
4 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	73,200	85,500	17%	12,300	7
5 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	121,800	132,800	9%	11,000	56
6 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	44,000	53,600	22%	9,600	3
7 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	60,000	67,600	13%	7,600	18
7 Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, FL Div	Construction	44,200	51,800	17%	7,600	7
9 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	82,700	89,700	8%	7,000	71
10 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	153,900	160,600	4%	6,700	189

Most Jobs Lost

Area ¹	Industry ²	September '17	September '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank ³
1 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	40,300	36,300	-10%	-4,000	356
2 Newark, NJ-PA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	48,100	45,100	-6%	-3,000	352
3 Camden, NJ Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,400	20,900	-11%	-2,500	357
4 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,700	12,600	-14%	-2,100	358
4 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,300	77,200	-3%	-2,100	336
6 Nashville-Davidson–Murfreesboro–Franklin, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	43,600	41,600	-5%	-2,000	347
7 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	68,100	66,400	-2%	-1,700	330
8 Birmingham-Hoover, AL	Construction	26,700	25,400	-5%	-1,300	347
9 Ogden-Clearfield, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,200	18,300	-5%	-900	347
9 Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	29,800	28,900	-3%	-900	336

Footnotes:

¹**Industry:** 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 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. Because BLS reports employment rounded to 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%.)