

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

**Largest Percentage Gains**

Area <sup>1</sup>	Industry <sup>2</sup>	October '17	October '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank <sup>3</sup>
1 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	28,800	36,000	25%	7,200	1
2 New Bedford, MA NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	3,300	22%	600	2
3 Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	2,300	21%	400	3
4 Lewiston, ID-WA	Construction	1,500	1,800	20%	300	4
5 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	74,500	86,200	16%	11,700	5
6 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	47,800	55,000	15%	7,200	6
6 Kansas City, MO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	29,700	34,100	15%	4,400	6
6 Yakima, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,100	4,700	15%	600	6
9 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	117,200	133,900	14%	16,700	9
9 Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	25,400	29,000	14%	3,600	9
9 Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,900	23,900	14%	3,000	9
9 Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Div.	Construction	15,100	17,200	14%	2,100	9
9 Merced, CA	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 <sup>1</sup>	Industry <sup>2</sup>	October '17	October '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank <sup>3</sup>
1 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	39,100	35,200	-10%	-3,900	357
1 Laredo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,100	3,700	-10%	-400	357
3 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,100	13,000	-8%	-1,100	356
4 Charleston, WV	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,500	7,000	-7%	-500	355
5 Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,600	3,400	-6%	-200	353
5 Elmira, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,500	-6%	-100	353
7 Camden, NJ Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,400	22,300	-5%	-1,100	350
7 Springfield, MA-CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,300	11,700	-5%	-600	350
7 Elizabethtown-Fort Knox, KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	1,900	-5%	-100	350
10 Portland-South Portland, ME NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,200	9,800	-4%	-400	347
10 Dothan, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,500	-4%	-100	347
10 Wichita Falls, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	2,700	-4%	-100	347

**Most Jobs Added**

Area <sup>1</sup>	Industry <sup>2</sup>	October '17	October '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank <sup>3</sup>
1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	220,200	245,800	12%	25,600	23
2 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	117,200	133,900	14%	16,700	9
3 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	144,200	157,300	9%	13,100	53
4 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	74,500	86,200	16%	11,700	5
5 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	124,800	135,100	8%	10,300	80
6 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	60,800	68,200	12%	7,400	23
7 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	82,000	89,300	9%	7,300	53
8 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	47,800	55,000	15%	7,200	6
8 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	69,200	76,400	10%	7,200	42
8 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	28,800	36,000	25%	7,200	1

**Most Jobs Lost**

Area <sup>1</sup>	Industry <sup>2</sup>	October '17	October '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank <sup>3</sup>
1 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	39,100	35,200	-10%	-3,900	357
2 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,700	77,600	-3%	-2,100	339
3 Sacramento-Roseville-Arden-Arcade, CA	Construction	62,300	60,800	-2%	-1,500	331
4 Camden, NJ Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,400	22,300	-5%	-1,100	350
4 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,100	13,000	-8%	-1,100	356
6 Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	29,700	28,700	-3%	-1,000	339
6 Newark, NJ-PA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	48,200	47,200	-2%	-1,000	331
8 Birmingham-Hoover, AL	Construction	27,000	26,100	-3%	-900	339
9 Springfield, MA-CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,300	11,700	-5%	-600	350
9 Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	43,000	42,400	-1%	-600	320

**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup>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.

<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 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%.)