

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

**Largest Percentage Gains**

Area <sup>1</sup>	Industry <sup>2</sup>	December '17	December '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank <sup>3</sup>
1 Weirton-Stuebenville, WV-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	2,300	28%	500	1
2 Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	18,400	22,700	23%	4,300	2
2 Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	11,300	13,900	23%	2,600	2
2 Lewiston, ID-WA	Construction	1,300	1,600	23%	300	2
5 Detroit-Dearborn-Livonia, MI Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	21,500	25,800	20%	4,300	5
6 Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	18,900	22,400	19%	3,500	6
6 New Bedford, MA NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	3,100	19%	500	6
8 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	46,800	54,800	17%	8,000	8
8 Kankakee, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,200	1,400	17%	200	8
10 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	30,000	34,900	16%	4,900	10
10 Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,500	6,400	16%	900	10

**Largest Percentage Losses**

Area <sup>1</sup>	Industry <sup>2</sup>	December '17	December '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank <sup>3</sup>
1 Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,500	3,200	-9%	-300	358
2 Abilene, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,500	4,200	-7%	-300	355
2 Wichita Falls, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,900	2,700	-7%	-200	355
2 Elmira, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,400	-7%	-100	355
5 Charleston, WV	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,100	6,700	-6%	-400	354
6 Urban Honolulu, HI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,600	26,100	-5%	-1,500	350
6 Longview, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,600	13,900	-5%	-700	350
6 McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,600	8,200	-5%	-400	350
6 Laredo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,000	3,800	-5%	-200	350
10 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	36,900	35,600	-4%	-1,300	344
10 Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,500	7,200	-4%	-300	344
10 Victoria, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,500	4,300	-4%	-200	344
10 Dothan, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	2,400	-4%	-100	344
10 Bloomington, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	2,400	-4%	-100	344
10 Casper, WY	Construction	2,700	2,600	-4%	-100	344

**Most Jobs Added**

Area <sup>1</sup>	Industry <sup>2</sup>	December '17	December '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank <sup>3</sup>
1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	221,400	240,800	9%	19,400	58
2 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	141,400	159,100	13%	17,700	21
3 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	118,400	134,600	14%	16,200	14
4 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	75,500	86,900	15%	11,400	12
5 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	125,600	136,300	9%	10,700	58
6 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,600	89,700	13%	10,100	21
7 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	46,800	54,800	17%	8,000	8
8 Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson, IN	Construction	49,800	56,600	14%	6,800	14
9 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	48,100	54,300	13%	6,200	21
10 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	67,000	73,000	9%	6,000	58

**Most Jobs Lost**

Area <sup>1</sup>	Industry <sup>2</sup>	December '17	December '18	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank <sup>3</sup>
1 Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine, CA Div.	Construction	104,600	101,800	-3%	-2,800	337
2 San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	Construction	81,000	79,100	-2%	-1,900	330
3 Urban Honolulu, HI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,600	26,100	-5%	-1,500	350
4 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	36,900	35,600	-4%	-1,300	344
4 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	Construction	100,100	98,800	-1%	-1,300	325
6 Richmond, VA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	39,800	38,600	-3%	-1,200	337
7 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	65,500	64,400	-2%	-1,100	330
8 Longview, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,600	13,900	-5%	-700	350
9 Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,600	17,000	-3%	-600	337
10 San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	Construction	52,200	51,800	-1%	-400	325

**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%.)