

Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, February 2018–February 2019
(not seasonally adjusted)

Largest Percentage Gains

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '18	February '19	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank ³
1 Monroe, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	2,300	28%	500	1
2 St. Cloud, MN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,300	6,300	19%	1,000	2
3 Chico, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,800	4,500	18%	700	3
4 South Bend-Mishawaka, IN-MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,800	5,600	17%	800	4
4 Yuba City, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,700	17%	400	4
6 Cleveland-Elyria, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	33,600	39,000	16%	5,400	6
7 Janesville-Beloit, WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	3,200	14%	400	7
7 Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,400	1,600	14%	200	7
9 Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,300	18,400	13%	2,100	9
9 Port St. Lucie, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,900	12,300	13%	1,400	9
9 Punta Gorda, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,000	4,500	13%	500	9
9 Auburn-Opelika, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,700	13%	300	9
9 Columbus, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,800	13%	200	9

Largest Percentage Losses

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '18	February '19	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank ³
1 Danville, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	500	400	-20%	-100	358
2 Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,000	-17%	-400	357
3 Bloomington, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,300	-12%	-300	356
4 Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,500	4,900	-11%	-600	355
5 Altoona, PA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,900	2,600	-10%	-300	354
6 Kansas City, KS	Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,600	17,800	-9%	-1,800	351
6 Springfield, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,200	2,900	-9%	-300	351
6 Springfield, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,100	1,000	-9%	-100	351
9 Corpus Christi, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	26,300	24,400	-7%	-1,900	344
9 Evansville, IN-KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,000	9,300	-7%	-700	344
9 San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles-Arroyo Grande, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,600	7,100	-7%	-500	344
9 Santa Fe, NM	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	2,600	-7%	-200	344
9 Muncie, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,400	-7%	-100	344
9 Battle Creek, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,400	1,300	-7%	-100	344
9 Bloomsburg-Berwick, PA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,400	1,300	-7%	-100	344

Most Jobs Added

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '18	February '19	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank ³
1 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	119,800	131,700	10%	11,900	21
2 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	121,200	130,900	8%	9,700	40
3 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	140,600	148,200	5%	7,600	102
4 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Div.	Construction	98,000	103,800	6%	5,800	79
5 Cleveland-Elyria, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	33,600	39,000	16%	5,400	6
6 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	79,900	85,100	7%	5,200	58
7 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	77,600	82,100	6%	4,500	79
8 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	60,500	64,800	7%	4,300	58
9 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	216,600	220,800	2%	4,200	187
10 Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	104,400	108,000	3%	3,600	157

Most Jobs Lost

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '18	February '19	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank ³
1 Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine, CA Div.	Construction	104,700	101,400	-3%	-3,300	309
2 San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	Construction	49,200	46,600	-5%	-2,600	334
3 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	Construction	101,700	99,200	-2%	-2,500	300
4 Corpus Christi, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	26,300	24,400	-7%	-1,900	344
5 Kansas City, KS	Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,600	17,800	-9%	-1,800	351
6 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	26,900	25,400	-6%	-1,500	340
7 Calvert-Charles-Prince George's, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	33,700	32,500	-4%	-1,200	323
8 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	71,400	70,600	-1%	-800	290
8 Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	62,700	61,900	-1%	-800	290
10 Evansville, IN-KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,000	9,300	-7%	-700	344
10 Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,700	16,000	-4%	-700	323

Footnotes:

¹Area: 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.

²Industry: 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.

³Rank: 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%.)