

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

**Largest Percentage Gains**

<u>Area<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Industry<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>August '18</u>	<u>August '19</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank<sup>3</sup></u>
1 Auburn-Opelika, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	3,000	15%	400	1
1 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,800	18,200	15%	2,400	1
3 Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	30,100	34,400	14%	4,300	3
4 Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,600	12,000	13%	1,400	4
4 Logan, UT-ID	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,200	3,600	13%	400	4
4 Tacoma-Lakewood, WA Div.	Construction	25,600	29,000	13%	3,400	4
7 Merced, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,900	12%	300	7
7 Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,500	19,600	12%	2,100	7
7 Punta Gorda, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,200	4,700	12%	500	7
7 Bend-Redmond, OR	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,300	8,200	12%	900	7
7 Sioux Falls, SD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,500	10,600	12%	1,100	7

**Largest Percentage Losses**

<u>Area<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Industry<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>August '18</u>	<u>August '19</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank<sup>3</sup></u>
1 Fairbanks, AK	Construction	3,500	3,200	-9%	-300	357
1 Longview, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,900	13,600	-9%	-1,300	357
3 Houma-Thibodaux, LA	Construction	5,100	4,700	-8%	-400	356
4 Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,800	19,300	-7%	-1,500	351
4 Kankakee, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,400	-7%	-100	351
4 Evansville, IN-KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,500	9,800	-7%	-700	351
4 Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,600	7,100	-7%	-500	351
4 Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,900	2,700	-7%	-200	351
9 San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles-Arroyo Grande, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,100	7,600	-6%	-500	348
9 Elmira, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,600	-6%	-100	348
9 Victoria, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,800	4,500	-6%	-300	348

**Most Jobs Added**

<u>Area<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Industry<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>August '18</u>	<u>August '19</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank<sup>3</sup></u>
1 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	147,300	159,700	8%	12,400	35
2 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	126,000	137,000	9%	11,000	25
3 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	148,400	158,000	6%	9,600	81
4 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	69,500	76,600	10%	7,100	18
5 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	83,200	89,500	8%	6,300	35
6 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	127,600	133,700	5%	6,100	106
7 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	85,400	91,400	7%	6,000	56
8 Oakland-Hayward-Berkeley, CA Div.	Construction	76,500	82,300	8%	5,800	35
9 San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	Construction	86,400	92,100	7%	5,700	56
10 Sacramento-Roseville-Arden-Arcade, CA	Construction	67,600	73,000	8%	5,400	35

**Most Jobs Lost**

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1 Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	65,800	62,900	-4%	-2,900	336
2 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	55,000	52,400	-5%	-2,600	345
3 Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,800	19,300	-7%	-1,500	351
4 Silver Spring-Frederick-Rockville, MD Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	35,700	34,300	-4%	-1,400	336
5 Longview, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,900	13,600	-9%	-1,300	357
5 Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, FL Div.	Construction	48,600	47,300	-3%	-1,300	325
7 Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Div.	Construction	139,900	138,700	-1%	-1,200	302
8 Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	47,200	46,100	-2%	-1,100	313
9 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	27,400	26,500	-3%	-900	325
10 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	41,300	40,500	-2%	-800	313

**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup>**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.

<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 for 358 metro areas, rounded to the nearest 100. Thus, it is not possible to calculate percent changes more accurately than to the nearest whole percent and 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%.)

