

**Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, September 2025–September 2026**  
 (not seasonally adjusted)

Total 360 Areas: 180 (50%) with gains, 118 (33%) with losses, 62 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +1.3% (seasonally adjusted).

**Most Jobs Added**

| <u>Area<sup>1</sup></u>                    | <u>Industry<sup>2</sup></u>       | <u>September '25</u> | <u>September '26</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>gain/loss</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>% change</u> | <u>Rank<sup>3</sup> based on:</u> |                 |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                            |                                   |                      |                      |                                     |                                    | <u>gain/loss</u>                  | <u>% change</u> |
| 1 Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands, TX       | Construction                      | 255,500              | 269,300              | 13,800                              | 5%                                 | 1                                 | 46              |
| 2 Baton Rouge, LA                          | Construction                      | 46,400               | 58,700               | 12,300                              | 27%                                | 2                                 | 1               |
| 3 St. Louis, MO-IL                         | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 80,300               | 91,000               | 10,700                              | 13%                                | 3                                 | 6               |
| 3 Columbus, OH                             | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 62,400               | 73,100               | 10,700                              | 17%                                | 3                                 | 2               |
| 5 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI  | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 99,700               | 107,300              | 7,600                               | 8%                                 | 5                                 | 15              |
| 6 Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ                | Construction                      | 178,000              | 183,900              | 5,900                               | 3%                                 | 6                                 | 95              |
| 7 Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 83,900               | 89,500               | 5,600                               | 7%                                 | 7                                 | 21              |
| 8 Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX         | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 93,900               | 98,100               | 4,200                               | 4%                                 | 8                                 | 65              |
| 9 San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA       | Construction                      | 53,700               | 57,700               | 4,000                               | 7%                                 | 9                                 | 21              |
| 10 Fort Worth-Arlington-Grapevine, TX Div. | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 87,400               | 91,300               | 3,900                               | 4%                                 | 10                                | 65              |
| 10 Indianapolis-Carmel-Greenwood, IN       | Construction                      | 71,600               | 75,500               | 3,900                               | 5%                                 | 10                                | 46              |

**Most Jobs Lost**

| <u>Area<sup>1</sup></u>                   | <u>Industry<sup>2</sup></u>       | <u>September '25</u> | <u>September '26</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>gain/loss</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>% change</u> | <u>Rank<sup>3</sup> based on:</u> |                 |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                           |                                   |                      |                      |                                     |                                    | <u>gain/loss</u>                  | <u>% change</u> |
| 1 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Div.  | Construction                      | 109,800              | 104,700              | -5,100                              | -5%                                | 360                               | 340             |
| 2 Jersey City-White Plains, NY-NJ         | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 71,200               | 66,700               | -4,500                              | -6%                                | 359                               | 352             |
| 3 Oakland-Fremont-Berkeley, CA Div.       | Construction                      | 72,000               | 67,600               | -4,400                              | -6%                                | 358                               | 352             |
| 4 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA    | Construction                      | 109,600              | 105,700              | -3,900                              | -4%                                | 357                               | 329             |
| 5 Lakewood-New Brunswick, NJ Div.         | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 55,500               | 51,900               | -3,600                              | -6%                                | 356                               | 352             |
| 6 Pittsburgh, PA                          | Construction                      | 61,400               | 58,000               | -3,400                              | -6%                                | 355                               | 352             |
| 7 Sacramento-Roseville-Folsom, CA         | Construction                      | 75,700               | 73,400               | -2,300                              | -3%                                | 354                               | 307             |
| 8 Arlington-Alexandria-Reston, VA-WV Div. | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 95,300               | 93,200               | -2,100                              | -2%                                | 353                               | 279             |
| 9 San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA      | Construction                      | 88,600               | 86,900               | -1,700                              | -2%                                | 352                               | 279             |
| 10 Corpus Christi, TX                     | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 27,700               | 26,200               | -1,500                              | -5%                                | 351                               | 340             |

**Largest Percentage Gains**

| <u>Area<sup>1</sup></u>               | <u>Industry<sup>2</sup></u>       | <u>September '25</u> | <u>September '26</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>gain/loss</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>% change</u> | <u>Rank<sup>3</sup> based on:</u> |                 |
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|                                       |                                   |                      |                      |                                     |                                    | <u>gain/loss</u>                  | <u>% change</u> |
| 1 Baton Rouge, LA                     | Construction                      | 46,400               | 58,700               | 12,300                              | 27%                                | 2                                 | 1               |
| 2 Columbus, OH                        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 62,400               | 73,100               | 10,700                              | 17%                                | 3                                 | 2               |
| 3 Lafayette, LA                       | Construction                      | 10,900               | 12,500               | 1,600                               | 15%                                | 29                                | 3               |
| 4 Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 11,400               | 13,000               | 1,600                               | 14%                                | 29                                | 4               |
| 4 Shreveport-Bossier City, LA         | Construction                      | 8,800                | 10,000               | 1,200                               | 14%                                | 40                                | 4               |
| 6 St. Louis, MO-IL                    | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 80,300               | 91,000               | 10,700                              | 13%                                | 3                                 | 6               |
| 7 Amherst Town-Northampton, MA        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 2,500                | 2,800                | 300                                 | 12%                                | 84                                | 7               |
| 8 Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, LA      | Construction                      | 5,300                | 5,900                | 600                                 | 11%                                | 57                                | 8               |
| 9 Mobile, AL                          | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 14,200               | 15,600               | 1,400                               | 10%                                | 34                                | 9               |
| 9 New Orleans-Metairie, LA            | Construction                      | 24,000               | 26,400               | 2,400                               | 10%                                | 22                                | 9               |
| 9 Omaha, NE-IA                        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 35,400               | 38,800               | 3,400                               | 10%                                | 14                                | 9               |
| 9 Pinehurst-Southern Pines, NC        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 2,000                | 2,200                | 200                                 | 10%                                | 107                               | 9               |
| 9 Columbia, SC                        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 19,000               | 20,900               | 1,900                               | 10%                                | 25                                | 9               |

**Largest Percentage Losses**

| <u>Area<sup>1</sup></u>                   | <u>Industry<sup>2</sup></u>       | <u>September '25</u> | <u>September '26</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>gain/loss</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>% change</u> | <u>Rank<sup>3</sup> based on:</u> |                 |
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|                                           |                                   |                      |                      |                                     |                                    | <u>gain/loss</u>                  | <u>% change</u> |
| 1 Anchorage, AK                           | Construction                      | 13,400               | 12,000               | -1,400                              | -10%                               | 350                               | 360             |
| 2 Niles, MI                               | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 2,300                | 2,100                | -200                                | -9%                                | 284                               | 359             |
| 3 Hanford-Corcoran, CA                    | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 1,300                | 1,200                | -100                                | -8%                                | 243                               | 358             |
| 4 Fairbanks-College, AK                   | Construction                      | 2,800                | 2,600                | -200                                | -7%                                | 284                               | 356             |
| 4 Gainesville, GA                         | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 5,400                | 5,000                | -400                                | -7%                                | 327                               | 356             |
| 6 Oakland-Fremont-Berkeley, CA Div.       | Construction                      | 72,000               | 67,600               | -4,400                              | -6%                                | 358                               | 352             |
| 6 Lakewood-New Brunswick, NJ Div.         | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 55,500               | 51,900               | -3,600                              | -6%                                | 356                               | 352             |
| 6 Pittsburgh, PA                          | Construction                      | 61,400               | 58,000               | -3,400                              | -6%                                | 355                               | 352             |
| 6 Jersey City-White Plains, NY-NJ         | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 71,200               | 66,700               | -4,500                              | -6%                                | 359                               | 352             |
| 10 Sierra Vista-Douglas, AZ               | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 2,100                | 2,000                | -100                                | -5%                                | 243                               | 340             |
| 10 Napa, CA                               | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 4,200                | 4,000                | -200                                | -5%                                | 284                               | 340             |
| 10 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Div. | Construction                      | 109,800              | 104,700              | -5,100                              | -5%                                | 360                               | 340             |
| 10 Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC         | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 15,300               | 14,500               | -800                                | -5%                                | 347                               | 340             |
| 10 Macon-Bibb County, GA                  | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 4,300                | 4,100                | -200                                | -5%                                | 284                               | 340             |
| 10 Savannah, GA                           | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 9,800                | 9,300                | -500                                | -5%                                | 334                               | 340             |
| 10 Evansville, IN                         | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 9,400                | 8,900                | -500                                | -5%                                | 334                               | 340             |
| 10 Atlantic City-Hamilton, NJ             | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 8,700                | 8,300                | -400                                | -5%                                | 327                               | 340             |
| 10 Trenton-Princeton, NJ                  | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 6,200                | 5,900                | -300                                | -5%                                | 307                               | 340             |
| 10 Corpus Christi, TX                     | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 27,700               | 26,200               | -1,500                              | -5%                                | 351                               | 340             |
| 10 Longview-Kelso, WA                     | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 4,100                | 3,900                | -200                                | -5%                                | 284                               | 340             |
| 10 Wenatchee- East Wenatchee, WA          | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 3,800                | 3,600                | -200                                | -5%                                | 284                               | 340             |

**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. Employment in these MSAs is presented in two or more divisions (Div). MSA totals are shown but not included in rankings to avoid double counting of the divisions.

<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. AGC attributes all employment in these metros to construction. 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, for 360 metro areas. 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%.)

<sup>4</sup>**New York City:** BLS posts mining, logging, and construction data for the New York-Jersey City-White Plains metro division and for the New York City "special area," which is part of the metro division. To avoid double counting, these tables treat New York City and Jersey City-White Plains (excluding NYC) as separate areas.