

**Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, February 2020–February 2021**  
(not seasonally adjusted)

**Largest Percentage Gains**

<u>Area<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Industry<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>February '20</u>	<u>February '21</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank<sup>3</sup></u>
1 Sierra Vista-Douglas, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	3,500	40%	1,000	1
2 Cleveland, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	2,200	16%	300	2
3 Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,400	3,900	15%	500	3
3 St. George, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,400	9,700	15%	1,300	3
5 Ogden-Clearfield, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,700	22,500	14%	2,800	5
6 Auburn-Opelika, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	3,000	11%	300	6
6 Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,500	3,900	11%	400	6
6 Hanford-Corcoran, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	900	1,000	11%	100	6
9 Boise City, ID	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,100	29,800	10%	2,700	9
9 Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,200	10%	200	9

**Largest Percentage Losses**

<u>Area<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Industry<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>February '20</u>	<u>February '21</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank<sup>3</sup></u>
1 Odessa, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,600	12,400	-40%	-8,200	358
2 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	19,900	12,200	-39%	-7,700	357
3 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	38,000	26,400	-31%	-11,600	356
4 Laredo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,000	3,100	-23%	-900	354
4 Longview, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,000	11,600	-23%	-3,400	354
6 Greeley, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,000	15,900	-21%	-4,100	352
6 Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	Construction	30,900	24,500	-21%	-6,400	352
8 El Centro, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	1,600	-20%	-400	349
8 Danville, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	500	400	-20%	-100	349
8 Abilene, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,400	4,300	-20%	-1,100	349

**Most Jobs Added**

<u>Area<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Industry<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>February '20</u>	<u>February '21</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank<sup>3</sup></u>
1 Sacramento--Roseville--Arden-Arcade, CA	Construction	70,600	73,700	4%	3,100	31
2 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Div.	Construction	102,600	105,400	3%	2,800	42
2 Ogden-Clearfield, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,700	22,500	14%	2,800	5
4 Boise City, ID	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,100	29,800	10%	2,700	9
5 Columbus, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	42,500	44,200	4%	1,700	31
6 San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	Construction	84,000	85,600	2%	1,600	53
7 Austin-Round Rock, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	70,300	71,800	2%	1,500	53
7 Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	39,100	40,600	4%	1,500	31
9 Albuquerque, NM	Mining, Logging, and Construction	24,800	26,200	6%	1,400	18
10 Tacoma-Lakewood, WA Div.	Construction	25,300	26,600	5%	1,300	25
10 St. George, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,400	9,700	15%	1,300	3

**Most Jobs Lost**

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1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	237,400	199,800	-16%	-37,600	341
2 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	157,900	131,200	-17%	-26,700	343
3 Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Div.	Construction	119,400	106,500	-11%	-12,900	303
4 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	38,000	26,400	-31%	-11,600	356
5 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,100	68,900	-13%	-10,200	324
6 Odessa, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,600	12,400	-40%	-8,200	358
6 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	153,400	145,200	-5%	-8,200	210
8 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	19,900	12,200	-39%	-7,700	357
9 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	48,500	41,400	-15%	-7,100	334
10 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	137,200	130,200	-5%	-7,000	210

**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.

<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%.)