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

Largest Percentage Gains

Area[1]	Industry[2]	February '20	May '21	15-month % change	15-month gain/loss	Rank[3]
1 Fargo, ND-MN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,400	10,700	45%	3,300	1
2 Sierra Vista-Douglas, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	3,600	44%	1,100	2
3 Bay City, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,100	1,500	36%	400	3
4 St. Cloud, MN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,100	8,100	33%	2,000	4
4 Battle Creek, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	2,000	33%	500	4
6 Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,400	4,500	32%	1,100	6
7 Buffalo-Cheektowaga-Niagara Falls, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	18,100	23,200	28%	5,100	7
7 Bismarck, ND	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,900	5,000	28%	1,100	7
7 Eau Claire, WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,200	4,100	28%	900	7
10 Kankakee, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,100	1,400	27%	300	10

Largest Percentage Losses

Area[1]	Industry[2]	February '20	May '21	15-month % change	15-month gain/loss	Rank[3]
1 Odessa, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,600	12,300	-40%	-8,300	358
2 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	19,900	12,700	-36%	-7,200	357
3 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	38,000	28,400	-25%	-9,600	356
4 Laredo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,000	3,100	-23%	-900	355
5 Longview, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,000	11,700	-22%	-3,300	354
6 San Angelo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,900	3,100	-21%	-800	353
7 Greeley, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,000	16,100	-20%	-3,900	351
7 Abilene, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,400	4,300	-20%	-1,100	351
9 Victoria, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,600	3,000	-17%	-600	350
10 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	48,500	40,600	-16%	-7,900	349

Most Jobs Added

Area[1]	Industry[2]	February '20	May '21	15-month % change	15-month gain/loss	Rank[3]
1 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	77,100	88,200	14%	11,100	56
2 Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson, IN	Construction	52,800	63,700	21%	10,900	23
3 Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Div.	Construction	119,400	129,700	9%	10,300	104
4 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Div.	Construction	102,600	109,500	7%	6,900	134
4 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	58,300	65,200	12%	6,900	71
6 Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, MI Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	51,200	57,600	13%	6,400	63
7 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	64,200	69,900	9%	5,700	104
8 Sacramento--Roseville--Arden-Arcade, CA	Construction	70,600	76,100	8%	5,500	120
9 Buffalo-Cheektowaga-Niagara Falls, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	18,100	23,200	28%	5,100	7
10 Columbus, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	42,500	47,400	12%	4,900	71

Most Jobs Lost

Area[1]	Industry[2]	February '20	May '21	15-month % change	15-month gain/loss	Rank[3]
1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	237,400	206,900	-13%	-30,500	340
2 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	157,900	136,700	-13%	-21,200	340
3 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	38,000	28,400	-25%	-9,600	356
4 Odessa, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,600	12,300	-40%	-8,300	358
5 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	48,500	40,600	-16%	-7,900	349
6 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	19,900	12,700	-36%	-7,200	357
7 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	71,800	66,000	-8%	-5,800	326
7 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	149,800	144,000	-4%	-5,800	304
9 Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine, CA Div.	Construction	106,600	101,300	-5%	-5,300	315
10 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,100	74,000	-6%	-5,100	322
10 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	153,400	148,300	-3%	-5,100	292

Footnotes:

[1]**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.

[2]**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.

[3]**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%.)