

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

Largest Percentage Gains

<u>Area</u> ¹	<u>Industry</u> ²	<u>July '18</u>	<u>July '19</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank</u> ³
1 Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,500	19,000	23%	3,500	1
2 Auburn-Opelika, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	3,100	19%	500	2
3 Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,500	12,300	17%	1,800	3
4 Laredo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,000	4,600	15%	600	4
5 El Paso, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,000	18,300	14%	2,300	5
6 Oklahoma City, OK	Construction	30,500	34,400	13%	3,900	6
6 Toledo, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,100	17,000	13%	1,900	6
8 Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,400	19,500	12%	2,100	8
8 Duluth, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,100	11,300	12%	1,200	8
8 St. Cloud, MN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,800	8,700	12%	900	8
8 Merced, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,900	12%	300	8

Largest Percentage Losses

<u>Area</u> ¹	<u>Industry</u> ²	<u>July '18</u>	<u>July '19</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank</u> ³
1 Watertown-Fort Drum, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,100	1,900	-10%	-200	358
2 Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,700	7,000	-9%	-700	354
2 Longview, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,000	13,700	-9%	-1,300	354
2 Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,800	19,000	-9%	-1,800	354
2 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	55,600	50,700	-9%	-4,900	354
6 Ithaca, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,300	1,200	-8%	-100	352
6 Evansville, IN-KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,600	9,800	-8%	-800	352
8 Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,900	2,700	-7%	-200	351

Most Jobs Added

<u>Area</u> ¹	<u>Industry</u> ²	<u>July '18</u>	<u>July '19</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank</u> ³
1 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	146,700	158,800	8%	12,100	43
2 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	125,300	137,200	9%	11,900	31
3 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	147,100	157,600	7%	10,500	54
4 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	219,400	228,800	4%	9,400	128
5 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	85,400	93,900	10%	8,500	18
6 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	127,000	134,100	6%	7,100	70
7 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	82,200	89,200	9%	7,000	31
8 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	69,600	74,700	7%	5,100	54
9 Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	Construction	78,500	83,500	6%	5,000	70
10 Oakland-Hayward-Berkeley, CA Div.	Construction	77,000	81,600	6%	4,600	70

Most Jobs Lost

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1 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	55,600	50,700	-9%	-4,900	354
2 Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	65,400	62,300	-5%	-3,100	338
3 Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,800	19,000	-9%	-1,800	354
3 Silver Spring-Frederick-Rockville, MD Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	35,600	33,800	-5%	-1,800	338
5 Longview, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,000	13,700	-9%	-1,300	354
6 Evansville, IN-KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,600	9,800	-8%	-800	352
6 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	27,300	26,500	-3%	-800	321
8 Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,700	7,000	-9%	-700	354
9 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	41,200	40,600	-1%	-600	307
10 McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,400	7,900	-6%	-500	345
10 Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,600	8,100	-6%	-500	345

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. Click [here](#) for a list of counties in each MSA and division.

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%.)

