

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

Largest Percentage Gains

<u>Area</u> ¹	<u>Industry</u> ²	<u>December '18</u>	<u>December '19</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank</u> ³
1 Kansas City, MO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	28,000	32,800	17%	4,800	1
2 Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	29,000	33,500	16%	4,500	2
3 Auburn-Opelika, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	3,100	15%	400	3
3 Rochester, NY	Construction	20,500	23,500	15%	3,000	3
5 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	66,400	75,800	14%	9,400	5
6 San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	Construction	52,600	59,400	13%	6,800	6
7 Sierra Vista-Douglas, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,900	12%	200	7
7 El Centro, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,900	12%	200	7
7 Bend-Redmond, OR	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,900	7,700	12%	800	7
7 Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	38,000	42,400	12%	4,400	7
7 Yakima, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,100	4,600	12%	500	7

Largest Percentage Losses

<u>Area</u> ¹	<u>Industry</u> ²	<u>December '18</u>	<u>December '19</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank</u> ³
1 Fairbanks, AK	Construction	2,500	2,200	-12%	-300	358
2 Longview, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,700	13,300	-10%	-1,400	356
2 Wichita Falls, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,000	2,700	-10%	-300	356
4 Victoria, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,700	4,300	-9%	-400	354
4 Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,000	7,300	-9%	-700	354
6 Gadsden, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,200	1,100	-8%	-100	348
6 Kankakee, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,300	1,200	-8%	-100	348
6 Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,800	4,400	-8%	-400	348
6 Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,400	6,800	-8%	-600	348
6 Ithaca, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,200	1,100	-8%	-100	348
6 Tulsa, OK	Construction	26,200	24,200	-8%	-2,000	348

Most Jobs Added

<u>Area</u> ¹	<u>Industry</u> ²	<u>December '18</u>	<u>December '19</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank</u> ³
1 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	149,900	166,600	11%	16,700	12
2 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	146,900	159,200	8%	12,300	31
3 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	66,400	75,800	14%	9,400	5
4 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	222,900	232,200	4%	9,300	105
5 San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	Construction	83,100	91,700	10%	8,600	14
6 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	130,600	138,900	6%	8,300	57
7 San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	Construction	52,600	59,400	13%	6,800	6
8 Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	Construction	77,700	84,400	9%	6,700	22
9 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	84,800	90,800	7%	6,000	40
10 Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine, CA Div.	Construction	104,000	109,300	5%	5,300	80

Most Jobs Lost

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1 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	159,000	154,500	-3%	-4,500	297
2 Northern Virginia, VA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	78,100	75,200	-4%	-2,900	310
3 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	Construction	103,700	101,100	-3%	-2,600	297
4 Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	48,800	46,400	-5%	-2,400	327
5 Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	47,300	45,000	-5%	-2,300	327
6 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	39,400	37,200	-6%	-2,200	336
7 Cleveland-Elyria, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	40,600	38,500	-5%	-2,100	327
7 Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, MI Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	51,600	49,500	-4%	-2,100	310
9 Tulsa, OK	Construction	26,200	24,200	-8%	-2,000	348
10 Camden, NJ Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	25,700	24,000	-7%	-1,700	341

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%.)