Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, January 2019–January 2020
(not seasonally adjusted)

Largest Percentage Gains

	Area[1]	Industry[2]	January '19	January '20	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank[3]
1	Lewiston, ID-WA	Construction	1,300	1,500	15%	200	1
2	Panama City, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,300	7,200	14%	900	2
3	Merced, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,600	13%	300	3
3	Pocatello, ID	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,800	13%	200	3
3	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,800	20,200	13%	2400	3
6	Sierra Vista-Douglas, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,900	12%	200	6
6	Fort Smith, AR-OK	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,200	5,800	12%	600	6
6	Yuba City, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,900	12%	300	6
6	Ann Arbor, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,300	4,800	12%	500	6
6	Bismarck, ND	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,100	4,600	12%	500	6

Largest Percentage Losses

	Area[1]	Industry[2]	January '18	January '19	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank[3]
1	Springfield, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,200	2,500	-22%	-700	358
2	Laredo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,200	3,500	-17%	-700	357
3	Lake Charles, LA	Construction	23,700	20,200	-15%	-3500	354
3	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,400	6,300	-15%	-1100	354
3	Cheyenne, WY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,100	3,500	-15%	-600	354
6	Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	54,000	47,400	-12%	-6600	353
7	Burlington-South Burlington, VT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,600	5,000	-11%	-600	352
8	Mansfield, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	1,800	-10%	-200	350
8	Cleveland, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,100	1,900	-10%	-200	350
10	New Orleans-Metairie, LA	Construction	29,200	26,600	-9%	-2600	348
10	Springfield, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,100	1,000	-9%	-100	348

Most Jobs Added

	Area[1]	Industry[2]	January '18	January '19	12-month % change	12-month gain/loss	Rank[3]
1	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	226,200	238,600	5%	12400	73
2	Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	144,600	154,400	7%	9800	41
3	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	128,600	135,400	5%	6800	73
4	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	144,100	150,700	5%	6600	73
5	Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	66,500	72,700	9%	6200	21
6	Austin-Round Rock, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	65,200	70,900	9%	5700	21
7	Salt Lake City, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	42,700	47,500	11%	4800	11
8	San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	Construction	53,500	58,100	9%	4600	21
9	Columbus, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	39,900	43,400	9%	3500	21
10	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	106,900	110,200	3%	3300	125

Most Jobs Lost

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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%.)