

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

Largest Percentage Gains

<u>Area</u> ¹	<u>Industry</u> ²	<u>February '19</u>	<u>February '20</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank</u> ³
1 Walla Walla, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	900	1,100	22%	200	1
2 Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,400	20,500	18%	3,100	2
3 Kennewick-Richland, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,000	10,400	16%	1,400	3
4 Lewiston, ID-WA	Construction	1,300	1,500	15%	200	4
5 Merced, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,600	13%	300	5
5 Bismarck, ND	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,000	4,500	13%	500	5
7 Auburn-Opelika, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,900	12%	300	7
7 Yuba City, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,900	12%	300	7
7 Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,700	16,400	12%	1,700	7
7 Santa Rosa, CA	Construction	15,400	17,200	12%	1,800	7
7 Providence-Warwick, RI-MA NECTA	Construction	22,400	25,100	12%	2,700	7

Largest Percentage Losses

<u>Area</u> ¹	<u>Industry</u> ²	<u>February '18</u>	<u>February '19</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>Rank</u> ³
1 Danville, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	500	400	-20%	-100	358
2 Springfield, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,000	2,500	-17%	-500	356
2 Laredo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,200	3,500	-17%	-700	356
4 Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,400	6,200	-16%	-1200	355
5 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	23,900	20,400	-15%	-3500	354
6 Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton, MA NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,100	4,400	-14%	-700	353
7 Burlington-South Burlington, VT NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,500	4,900	-11%	-600	352
8 Duluth, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,700	7,800	-10%	-900	346
8 Orange-Rockland-Westchester, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	43,600	39,200	-10%	-4400	346
8 Mansfield, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	1,800	-10%	-200	346
8 Cleveland, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,100	1,900	-10%	-200	346
8 Charleston, WV	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,700	6,000	-10%	-700	346
8 Cheyenne, WY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,900	3,500	-10%	-400	346

Most Jobs Added

<u>Area</u> ¹	<u>Industry</u> ²	<u>February '18</u>	<u>February '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	145,600	157,600	8%	12000	34
2 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	233,500	243,200	4%	9700	115
3 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	145,500	154,400	6%	8900	63
4 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Div.	Construction	97,700	106,000	8%	8300	34
5 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	130,500	138,000	6%	7500	63
6 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	67,500	73,500	9%	6000	24
7 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	Construction	101,100	106,600	5%	5500	97
8 Austin-Round Rock, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	66,300	71,600	8%	5300	34
9 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	84,700	89,900	6%	5200	63
10 Columbus, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	39,800	44,100	11%	4300	12

Most Jobs Lost

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1 Orange-Rockland-Westchester, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	43,600	39,200	-10%	-4400	346
2 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	23,900	20,400	-15%	-3500	354
3 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	157,100	153,900	-2%	-3200	289
4 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	54,900	52,200	-5%	-2700	327
5 New Orleans-Metairie, LA	Construction	29,300	27,300	-7%	-2000	337
6 Odessa, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	22,900	21,200	-7%	-1700	337
7 Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	44,500	42,900	-4%	-1600	314
8 Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,400	6,200	-16%	-1200	355
8 Tulsa, OK	Construction	25,500	24,300	-5%	-1200	327
8 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	40,500	39,300	-3%	-1200	302

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%.)