

**Construction Employment, Average Hourly Earnings, and Unemployment, 2024-2026**

Employment (thousands)	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	1-month change				12-month change					
								Apr2026		Mar2026		Apr2026		Mar2026		Apr2025	
								(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%
Total nonfarm	157,517	157,635	158,377	158,485	158,436	158,621	158,736	115	0.1%	185	0.1%	251	0.2%	244	0.2%	850	0.5%
Construction	8,170	8,173	8,273	8,271	8,296	8,312	8,321	9	0.1%	16	0.2%	50	0.6%	39	0.5%	98	1.2%
Residential building	940	941	936	934	927	928	927	-1.5	-0.2%	1.2	0.1%	-7.1	-0.8%	-7.5	-0.8%	-7.2	-0.8%
Nonresidential building	904	905	925	925	936	938	944	5.6	0.6%	2.0	0.2%	18.6	2.0%	13.6	1.5%	20.3	2.2%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1,150	1,147	1,180	1,179	1,198	1,201	1,201	0.8	0.1%	2.4	0.2%	22.3	1.9%	20.2	1.7%	31.7	2.8%
Residential specialty trade contractors	2,396	2,404	2,394	2,395	2,353	2,362	2,353	-8.9	-0.4%	8.6	0.4%	-42.1	-1.8%	-32.5	-1.4%	-8.5	-0.4%
Nonresidential specialty trade contractors	2,780	2,777	2,838	2,838	2,882	2,883	2,896	12.6	0.4%	1.5	0.1%	57.7	2.0%	45.3	1.6%	61.6	2.2%
Residential building + specialty trades	3,336	3,344	3,330	3,329	3,280	3,290	3,280	-10.4	-0.3%	9.8	0.3%	-49.2	-1.5%	-40.0	-1.2%	-15.7	-0.5%
Nonres building + trades + heavy/civil	4,834	4,829	4,943	4,943	5,016	5,022	5,041	19.0	0.4%	5.9	0.1%	98.6	2.0%	79.1	1.6%	113.6	2.4%

**Average hourly earnings (AHE) for production and nonsupervisory employees**

Private sector total	\$ 29.80	\$ 29.85	\$ 31.02	\$ 31.09	\$ 32.04	\$ 32.12	\$ 32.23	\$ 0.11	0.3%	\$ 0.08	0.3%	\$ 1.14	3.7%	\$ 1.10	3.5%	\$ 1.24	4.2%
Construction	\$ 35.34	\$ 35.40	\$ 36.77	\$ 36.96	\$ 38.44	\$ 38.61	\$ 38.73	\$ 0.12	0.3%	\$ 0.17	0.6%	\$ 1.77	4.8%	\$ 1.84	5.0%	\$ 1.56	4.4%
Residential building	\$ 31.41	\$ 31.26	\$ 34.25	\$ 34.50	\$ 35.27	\$ 35.04	\$ -			\$ (0.23)	-0.8%			\$ 0.79	2.3%	\$ 3.24	10.4%
Nonresidential building	\$ 38.71	\$ 38.77	\$ 39.34	\$ 39.35	\$ 40.69	\$ 40.76	\$ -			\$ 0.07	0.2%			\$ 1.42	3.6%	\$ 0.58	1.5%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	\$ 37.58	\$ 37.58	\$ 38.65	\$ 38.76	\$ 39.90	\$ 40.27	\$ -			\$ 0.37	1.2%			\$ 1.62	4.2%	\$ 1.18	3.1%
Specialty trade contractors	\$ 34.78	\$ 34.89	\$ 36.25	\$ 36.42	\$ 38.13	\$ 38.30	\$ -			\$ 0.17	0.6%			\$ 2.05	5.7%	\$ 1.53	4.4%

Construction AHE premium over private 18.6% 18.6% 18.5% 18.9% 20.0% 20.2% 20.2%

Unemployment (not seasonally adjusted)	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	12-month change									
								Apr2026		Mar2026		Apr2025					
								(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%				
Total nonfarm rate (%)	3.9	3.5	4.2	3.9	4.7	4.3	4.0	0.1		0.1		0.4					
Construction rate (%)	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.6	6.9	6.7	3.8	-1.8		1.3		0.4					
Construction workers (thousands)	570.0	555.0	573.0	594.0	737.0	698.0	382.0	-212		125.0		39.0					

Source:AGC of America, from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, www.bls.gov/ces, updated 5/08/2026