

Construction Employment, Average Hourly Earnings, and Unemployment, 2022-2025

Employment (thousands)								1-month change				12-month change					
								Aug2025		Jul2025		Aug2025		Jul2025		Aug2024	
	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%
Total nonfarm	156,019	156,176	158,003	158,074	159,439	159,518	159,540	22	0.0%	79	0.0%	1,466	0.9%	1,515	1.0%	1,898	1.2%
Construction	8,014	8,039	8,214	8,237	8,303	8,302	8,295	-7	-0.1%	-1	0.0%	58	0.7%	88	1.1%	198	2.5%
Residential building	918	921	941	945	956	955	954	-0.9	-0.1%	-0.6	-0.1%	9.6	1.0%	14.2	1.5%	23.9	2.6%
Nonresidential building	881	883	916	917	922	922	918	-3.3	-0.4%	-0.4	0.0%	1.4	0.2%	5.2	0.6%	33.8	3.8%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1,122	1,128	1,147	1,157	1,172	1,178	1,180	2.3	0.2%	6.0	0.5%	23.0	2.0%	31.3	2.7%	29.3	2.6%
Residential specialty trade contractors	2,381	2,379	2,410	2,409	2,381	2,379	2,374	-5.2	-0.2%	-2.2	-0.1%	-35.7	-1.5%	-31.3	-1.3%	30.6	1.3%
Nonresidential specialty trade contractors	2,712	2,729	2,800	2,810	2,873	2,869	2,869	-0.2	0.0%	-3.7	-0.1%	59.1	2.1%	68.5	2.4%	80.3	2.9%
Residential building + specialty trades	3,299	3,299	3,351	3,354	3,337	3,334	3,328	-6.1	-0.2%	-2.8	-0.1%	-26.1	-0.8%	-17.1	-0.5%	54.5	1.7%
Nonres building + trades + heavy/civil	4,715	4,740	4,863	4,883	4,966	4,968	4,967	-1.2	0.0%	1.9	0.0%	83.5	1.7%	105.0	2.2%	143.4	3.0%
Average hourly earnings (AHE) for production and nonsupervisory employees																	
Private sector total	\$ 29.02	\$ 29.06	\$ 30.17	\$ 30.27	\$ 31.26	\$ 31.34	\$ 31.46	\$ 0.12	0.4%	\$ 0.08	0.3%	\$ 1.19	3.9%	\$ 1.17	3.9%	\$ 1.21	4.2%
Construction	\$ 34.30	\$ 34.49	\$ 35.71	\$ 35.91	\$ 37.23	\$ 37.28	\$ 37.47	\$ 0.19	0.5%	\$ 0.05	0.2%	\$ 1.56	4.3%	\$ 1.57	4.4%	\$ 1.42	4.1%
Residential building	\$ 29.93	\$ 30.09	\$ 32.77	\$ 33.42	\$ 35.21	\$ 35.44				\$ 0.23	0.8%			\$ 2.67	8.1%	\$ 3.33	11.1%
Nonresidential building	\$ 37.06	\$ 37.44	\$ 38.74	\$ 38.73	\$ 39.43	\$ 39.49				\$ 0.06	0.2%			\$ 0.75	1.9%	\$ 1.29	3.4%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	\$ 36.23	\$ 36.50	\$ 37.37	\$ 37.60	\$ 39.01	\$ 39.03				\$ 0.02	0.1%			\$ 1.66	4.4%	\$ 1.10	3.0%
Specialty trade contractors	\$ 33.98	\$ 34.11	\$ 35.23	\$ 35.42	\$ 36.71	\$ 36.72				\$ 0.01	0.0%			\$ 1.49	4.2%	\$ 1.31	3.8%
Construction AHE premium over private	18.2%	18.7%	18.4%	18.6%	19.1%	19.0%	19.1%										
Unemployment (not seasonally adjusted)																	
	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025										
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Total nonfarm rate (%)	3.8	3.9	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.5	0.1		0.1		0.5					
Construction rate (%)	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.2	0.0		-0.5		-0.7					
Construction workers (thousands)	410.0	424.0	420.0	338.0	364.0	379.0	347.0	9.0		-41.0		-86.0					

Source:AGC of America, from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, www.bls.gov/ces, updated 9/05/2025