

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

Employment (thousands)								1-month change				12-month change					
								Jul2026		Jun2026		Jul2026		Jun2026		Jul2025	
	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%
Total nonfarm	157,695	157,748	158,478	158,542	158,861	158,881	158,858	-23	0.0%	20	0.0%	316	0.2%	403	0.3%	794	0.5%
Construction	8,196	8,208	8,267	8,261	8,316	8,321	8,343	22	0.3%	5	0.1%	82	1.0%	54	0.7%	53	0.6%
Residential building	937	934	931	928	919	915	915	-0.5	-0.1%	-3.8	-0.4%	-13.5	-1.5%	-15.5	-1.7%	-5.9	-0.6%
Nonresidential building	915	917	927	926	945	949	953	4.2	0.4%	4.0	0.4%	27.8	3.0%	22.4	2.4%	8.9	1.0%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1,152	1,148	1,177	1,183	1,202	1,203	1,204	0.4	0.0%	1.4	0.1%	21.1	1.8%	26.0	2.2%	34.2	3.0%
Residential specialty trade contractors	2,411	2,412	2,384	2,380	2,353	2,346	2,349	2.6	0.1%	-6.6	-0.3%	-30.7	-1.3%	-37.6	-1.6%	-32.5	-1.3%
Nonresidential specialty trade contractors	2,781	2,797	2,848	2,845	2,897	2,907	2,922	15.4	0.5%	9.9	0.3%	77.5	2.7%	58.5	2.1%	47.6	1.7%
Residential building + specialty trades	3,348	3,346	3,315	3,308	3,272	3,262	3,264	2.1	0.1%	-10.4	-0.3%	-44.2	-1.3%	-53.1	-1.6%	-38.4	-1.1%
Nonres building + trades + heavy/civil	4,848	4,862	4,952	4,953	5,044	5,059	5,079	20.0	0.4%	15.3	0.3%	126.4	2.6%	106.9	2.2%	90.7	1.9%
Average hourly earnings (AHE) for production and nonsupervisory employees																	
Private sector total	\$ 30.07	\$ 30.16	\$ 31.31	\$ 31.39	\$ 32.31	\$ 32.36	\$ 32.40	\$ 0.04	0.1%	\$ 0.05	0.2%	\$ 1.01	3.2%	\$ 1.05	3.4%	\$ 1.23	4.1%
Construction	\$ 35.56	\$ 35.76	\$ 37.26	\$ 37.31	\$ 38.95	\$ 39.11	\$ 39.24	\$ 0.13	0.3%	\$ 0.16	0.5%	\$ 1.93	5.2%	\$ 1.85	5.0%	\$ 1.55	4.3%
Residential building	\$ 32.14	\$ 32.48	\$ 35.17	\$ 35.15	\$ 35.28	\$ 35.60				\$ 0.32	1.1%			\$ 0.43	1.2%	\$ 2.67	8.2%
Nonresidential building	\$ 38.65	\$ 38.76	\$ 39.44	\$ 39.52	\$ 41.17	\$ 41.30				\$ 0.13	0.4%			\$ 1.86	4.7%	\$ 0.76	2.0%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	\$ 37.49	\$ 37.41	\$ 38.96	\$ 39.03	\$ 40.45	\$ 40.50				\$ 0.05	0.2%			\$ 1.54	4.0%	\$ 1.62	4.3%
Specialty trade contractors	\$ 35.03	\$ 35.23	\$ 36.73	\$ 36.73	\$ 38.64	\$ 38.85				\$ 0.21	0.7%			\$ 2.12	5.8%	\$ 1.50	4.3%
Construction AHE premium over private	18.3%	18.6%	19.0%	18.9%	20.6%	20.9%	21.1%										
Unemployment (not seasonally adjusted)																	
	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026										
								Jul2026		Jun2026		Jul2025					
Total nonfarm rate (%)	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.1	4.4	4.4	-0.2		0.0		0.1					
Construction rate (%)	3.3	3.9	3.4	3.4	4.1	4.7	3.7	0.3		1.3		-0.5					
Construction workers (thousands)	345.0	420.0	364.0	379.0	426.0	501.0	384.0	5.0		137.0		-41.0					

Source:AGC of America, from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, www.bls.gov/ces, updated 8/07/2026