

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

Employment (thousands)								1-month change				12-month change					
								Jun2026		May2026		Jun2026		May2026		Jun2025	
	May 2024	Jun 2024	May 2025	Jun 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%
Total nonfarm	157,608	157,695	158,498	158,478	158,798	158,927	158,984	57	0.0%	129	0.1%	506	0.3%	429	0.3%	783	0.5%
Construction	8,176	8,196	8,269	8,267	8,314	8,320	8,331	11	0.1%	6	0.1%	64	0.8%	51	0.6%	71	0.9%
Residential building	937	937	933	931	925	919	916	-2.9	-0.3%	-5.6	-0.6%	-14.4	-1.5%	-13.8	-1.5%	-6.7	-0.7%
Nonresidential building	905	915	926	927	943	945	948	3.2	0.3%	1.5	0.2%	21.2	2.3%	18.7	2.0%	11.9	1.3%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1,150	1,152	1,181	1,177	1,201	1,203	1,206	2.6	0.2%	1.8	0.1%	28.3	2.4%	22.4	1.9%	24.9	2.2%
Residential specialty trade contractors	2,405	2,411	2,387	2,384	2,356	2,355	2,350	-5.7	-0.2%	-0.8	0.0%	-34.4	-1.4%	-31.4	-1.3%	-26.7	-1.1%
Nonresidential specialty trade contractors	2,779	2,781	2,842	2,848	2,889	2,898	2,912	14.1	0.5%	9.0	0.3%	63.7	2.2%	55.5	2.0%	67.6	2.4%
Residential building + specialty trades	3,342	3,348	3,320	3,315	3,281	3,274	3,266	-8.6	-0.3%	-6.4	-0.2%	-48.8	-1.5%	-45.2	-1.4%	-33.4	-1.0%
Nonres building + trades + heavy/civil	4,834	4,848	4,949	4,952	5,033	5,046	5,066	19.9	0.4%	12.3	0.2%	113.2	2.3%	96.6	2.0%	104.4	2.2%
Average hourly earnings (AHE) for production and nonsupervisory employees																	
Private sector total	\$ 29.97	\$ 30.07	\$ 31.20	\$ 31.31	\$ 32.23	\$ 32.31	\$ 32.38	\$ 0.07	0.2%	\$ 0.08	0.3%	\$ 1.07	3.4%	\$ 1.11	3.6%	\$ 1.24	4.1%
Construction	\$ 35.47	\$ 35.56	\$ 37.10	\$ 37.26	\$ 38.76	\$ 38.95	\$ 39.06	\$ 0.11	0.3%	\$ 0.19	0.6%	\$ 1.80	4.8%	\$ 1.85	5.0%	\$ 1.70	4.8%
Residential building	\$ 32.12	\$ 32.14	\$ 34.71	\$ 35.17	\$ 35.22	\$ 35.27				\$ 0.05	0.2%			\$ 0.56	1.6%	\$ 3.03	9.4%
Nonresidential building	\$ 38.75	\$ 38.65	\$ 39.50	\$ 39.44	\$ 41.10	\$ 41.12				\$ 0.02	0.1%			\$ 1.62	4.1%	\$ 0.79	2.0%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	\$ 37.48	\$ 37.49	\$ 38.84	\$ 38.96	\$ 40.03	\$ 40.48				\$ 0.45	1.5%			\$ 1.64	4.2%	\$ 1.47	3.9%
Specialty trade contractors	\$ 34.89	\$ 35.03	\$ 36.58	\$ 36.73	\$ 38.46	\$ 38.64				\$ 0.18	0.6%			\$ 2.06	5.6%	\$ 1.70	4.9%
Construction AHE premium over private	18.4%	18.3%	18.9%	19.0%	20.3%	20.6%	20.6%										
Unemployment (not seasonally adjusted)																	
	May 2024	Jun 2024	May 2025	Jun 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026										
								Jun2026		May2026		Jun2025					
Total nonfarm rate (%)	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.4	0.0		0.1		0.1					
Construction rate (%)	3.9	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.8	4.1	4.7	1.3		0.6		0.1					
Construction workers (thousands)	406.0	345.0	373.0	364.0	382.0	426.0	501.0	137.0		53.0		19.0					

Source:AGC of America, from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, www.bls.gov/ces, updated 7/02/2026