

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

Employment (thousands)								1-month change				12-month change					
								Jun2025		May2025		Jun2025		May2025		Jun2024	
	May 2023	Jun 2023	May 2024	Jun 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%
Total nonfarm	155,614	155,871	157,828	157,915	159,433	159,577	159,724	147	0.1%	144	0.1%	1,809	1.1%	1,749	1.1%	2,044	1.3%
Construction	7,965	8,006	8,188	8,203	8,303	8,309	8,324	15	0.2%	6	0.1%	121	1.5%	121	1.5%	197	2.5%
Residential building	921	929	943	943	957	959	959	-0.5	-0.1%	2.1	0.2%	15.7	1.7%	16.4	1.7%	14.2	1.5%
Nonresidential building	873	876	909	915	920	925	924	-0.4	0.0%	5.1	0.6%	9.4	1.0%	15.9	1.7%	38.8	4.4%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1,102	1,115	1,150	1,149	1,174	1,174	1,172	-2.8	-0.2%	0.6	0.1%	22.9	2.0%	24.8	2.2%	33.5	3.0%
Residential specialty trade contractors	2,359	2,371	2,401	2,408	2,392	2,384	2,390	6.0	0.3%	-7.2	-0.3%	-17.1	-0.7%	-17.0	-0.7%	36.7	1.5%
Nonresidential specialty trade contractors	2,710	2,715	2,786	2,789	2,861	2,867	2,879	12.4	0.4%	5.1	0.2%	89.9	3.2%	80.5	2.9%	74.1	2.7%
Residential building + specialty trades	3,280	3,299	3,344	3,350	3,349	3,343	3,349	5.5	0.2%	-5.1	-0.2%	-1.4	0.0%	-0.6	0.0%	50.9	1.5%
Nonres building + trades + heavy/civil	4,684	4,706	4,844	4,853	4,955	4,966	4,975	9.2	0.2%	10.8	0.2%	122.2	2.5%	121.2	2.5%	146.4	3.1%
Average hourly earnings (AHE) for production and nonsupervisory employees																	
Private sector total	\$ 28.78	\$ 28.89	\$ 29.97	\$ 30.07	\$ 31.05	\$ 31.15	\$ 31.24	\$ 0.09	0.3%	\$ 0.10	0.3%	\$ 1.17	3.9%	\$ 1.18	3.9%	\$ 1.18	4.1%
Construction	\$ 33.99	\$ 34.11	\$ 35.46	\$ 35.56	\$ 36.96	\$ 37.08	\$ 37.20	\$ 0.12	0.3%	\$ 0.12	0.4%	\$ 1.64	4.6%	\$ 1.62	4.6%	\$ 1.45	4.3%
Residential building	\$ 29.92	\$ 29.78	\$ 31.99	\$ 32.24	\$ 34.59	\$ 34.58				\$ (0.01)	0.0%			\$ 2.59	8.1%	\$ 2.46	8.3%
Nonresidential building	\$ 36.51	\$ 36.76	\$ 38.87	\$ 38.64	\$ 39.40	\$ 39.47				\$ 0.07	0.2%			\$ 0.60	1.5%	\$ 1.88	5.1%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	\$ 35.53	\$ 35.73	\$ 37.50	\$ 37.50	\$ 38.89	\$ 38.94				\$ 0.05	0.2%			\$ 1.44	3.8%	\$ 1.77	5.0%
Specialty trade contractors	\$ 33.80	\$ 33.90	\$ 34.91	\$ 35.03	\$ 36.40	\$ 36.57				\$ 0.17	0.6%			\$ 1.66	4.8%	\$ 1.13	3.3%
Construction AHE premium over private	18.1%	18.1%	18.3%	18.3%	19.0%	19.0%	19.1%										
Unemployment (not seasonally adjusted)																	
	May 2023	Jun 2023	May 2024	Jun 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025										
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Total nonfarm rate (%)	3.4	3.8	3.7	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.4	0.1		0.3		0.5					
Construction rate (%)	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.3	5.6	3.5	3.4	0.1		-0.4		-0.3					
Construction workers (thousands)	355.0	381.0	406.0	345.0	594.0	373.0	364.0	19.0		-33.0		-36.0					

Source:AGC of America, from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, www.bls.gov/ces, updated 7/03/2025