

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

Employment (thousands)								1-month change				12-month change					
								Sep2025		Aug2025		Sep2025		Aug2025		Sep2024	
	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%
Total nonfarm	156,176	156,334	158,074	158,314	159,511	159,507	159,626	119	0.1%	-4	0.0%	1,312	0.8%	1,433	0.9%	1,980	1.3%
Construction	8,039	8,049	8,237	8,267	8,300	8,286	8,305	19	0.2%	-14	-0.2%	38	0.5%	49	0.6%	218	2.7%
Residential building	921	925	945	950	954	950	954	3.9	0.4%	-3.4	-0.4%	4.4	0.5%	5.7	0.6%	24.6	2.7%
Nonresidential building	883	885	917	916	921	916	916	0.3	0.0%	-5.0	-0.5%	0.8	0.1%	-0.8	-0.1%	30.5	3.4%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1,128	1,132	1,157	1,164	1,179	1,183	1,188	4.9	0.4%	3.9	0.3%	23.9	2.1%	25.7	2.2%	32.1	2.8%
Residential specialty trade contractors	2,379	2,381	2,409	2,418	2,377	2,369	2,368	-0.8	0.0%	-7.4	-0.3%	-49.3	-2.0%	-40.2	-1.7%	36.6	1.5%
Nonresidential specialty trade contractors	2,729	2,726	2,810	2,820	2,870	2,868	2,879	11.1	0.4%	-2.2	-0.1%	58.8	2.1%	58.2	2.1%	93.9	3.4%
Residential building + specialty trades	3,299	3,306	3,354	3,367	3,330	3,319	3,322	3.1	0.1%	-10.8	-0.3%	-44.9	-1.3%	-34.5	-1.0%	61.2	1.9%
Nonres building + trades + heavy/civil	4,740	4,743	4,883	4,899	4,970	4,967	4,983	16.3	0.3%	-3.3	-0.1%	83.5	1.7%	83.1	1.7%	156.5	3.3%
Average hourly earnings (AHE) for production and nonsupervisory employees																	
Private sector total	\$ 29.06	\$ 29.16	\$ 30.27	\$ 30.38	\$ 31.35	\$ 31.45	\$ 31.53	\$ 0.08	0.3%	\$ 0.10	0.3%	\$ 1.15	3.8%	\$ 1.18	3.9%	\$ 1.22	4.2%
Construction	\$ 34.49	\$ 34.54	\$ 35.91	\$ 36.18	\$ 37.28	\$ 37.50	\$ 37.64	\$ 0.14	0.4%	\$ 0.22	0.7%	\$ 1.46	4.0%	\$ 1.59	4.4%	\$ 1.64	4.7%
Residential building	\$ 30.09	\$ 30.46	\$ 33.42	\$ 33.53	\$ 35.42	\$ 35.11	\$ -			\$ (0.31)	-1.0%			\$ 1.69	5.1%	\$ 3.07	10.1%
Nonresidential building	\$ 37.44	\$ 37.59	\$ 38.73	\$ 39.07	\$ 39.53	\$ 39.62	\$ -			\$ 0.09	0.3%			\$ 0.89	2.3%	\$ 1.48	3.9%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	\$ 36.50	\$ 36.54	\$ 37.60	\$ 37.80	\$ 39.02	\$ 39.29	\$ -			\$ 0.27	0.9%			\$ 1.69	4.5%	\$ 1.26	3.4%
Specialty trade contractors	\$ 34.11	\$ 34.12	\$ 35.42	\$ 35.72	\$ 36.73	\$ 37.05	\$ -			\$ 0.32	1.1%			\$ 1.63	4.6%	\$ 1.60	4.7%
Construction AHE premium over private	18.7%	18.4%	18.6%	19.1%	18.9%	19.2%	19.4%										
Unemployment (not seasonally adjusted)																	
	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025										
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Total nonfarm rate (%)	3.9	3.6	4.4	3.9	4.6	4.5	4.3	0.4		0.1		0.3					
Construction rate (%)	3.9	3.8	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.8	0.1		0.0		-0.1					
Construction workers (thousands)	424.0	392.0	338.0	403.0	379.0	347.0	404.0	1.0		9.0		11.0					

Source:AGC of America, from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, www.blb.gov/ces, updated 11/20/2025