Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, February 2020–February 2022
(not seasonally adjusted)

Largest Percentage Gains

Area[1]	Industry[2]	February '20	February '22	24-month % change	24-month gain/loss	Rank[3]
1 Walla Walla, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,100	1,500	36%	400	1
2 Decatur, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	3,700	32%	900	2
3 Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,400	4,200	24%	800	3
4 Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,500	4,300	23%	800	4
5 Elizabethtown-Fort Knox, KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	2,200	22%	400	5
5 Leominster-Gardner, MA NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	2,200	22%	400	5
7 Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,400	1,700	21%	300	7
8 Idaho Falls, ID	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,200	5,000	19%	800	8
8 Lynn-Saugus-Marblehead, MA NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,900	19%	300	8
8 Wenatchee, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	3,100	19%	500	8

Largest Percentage Losses

Area[1]	Industry[2]	February '20	February '22	24-month % change	24-month gain/loss	Rank[3]
1 Odessa, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,600	15,100	-27%	-5,500	358
2 Greeley, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,000	15,300	-24%	-4,700	357
3 Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	21,200	16,500	-22%	-4,700	356
4 Sierra Vista-Douglas, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	2,000	-20%	-500	354
4 Longview, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,000	12,000	-20%	-3,000	354
6 Tuscaloosa, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,200	5,800	-19%	-1,400	352
6 Abilene, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,400	4,400	-19%	-1,000	352
8 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	157,900	132,400	-16%	-25,500	351
9 Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	21,200	18,100	-15%	-3,100	349
9 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	38,000	32,200	-15%	-5,800	349

Most Jobs Added

Area[1]	Industry[2]	February '20	February '22	24-month % change	24-month gain/loss	Rank[3]
1 Salt Lake City, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	48,300	53,400	11%	5,100	33
2 Jacksonville, FL	Construction	46,300	51,100	10%	4,800	41
3 Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	48,900	52,900	8%	4,000	59
4 Boise City, ID	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,100	30,900	14%	3,800	20
5 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	137,200	140,700	3%	3,500	151
5 Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	Construction	84,700	88,200	4%	3,500	123
5 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	64,200	67,700	5%	3,500	102
8 Sacramento--Roseville--Arden-Arcade, CA	Construction	70,600	74,000	5%	3,400	102
9 Provo-Orem, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	25,100	28,300	13%	3,200	24
10 Austin-Round Rock, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	70,300	73,300	4%	3,000	123

Most Jobs Lost

Area[1]	Industry[2]	February '20	February '22	24-month % change	24-month gain/loss	Rank[3]
1 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	157,900	132,400	-16%	-25,500	351
2 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	237,400	214,000	-10%	-23,400	341
3 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	48,500	41,700	-14%	-6,800	348
4 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	58,300	52,400	-10%	-5,900	341
5 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	38,000	32,200	-15%	-5,800	349
6 Odessa, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,600	15,100	-27%	-5,500	358
7 Oakland-Hayward-Berkeley, CA Div.	Construction	75,400	70,200	-7%	-5,200	327
8 Greeley, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,000	15,300	-24%	-4,700	357
8 Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	21,200	16,500	-22%	-4,700	356
10 Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine, CA Div.	Construction	106,400	102,200	-4%	-4,200	295

Footnotes:

[1]**Area**: Metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are designated by the Office of Management and Budget. MSAs generally cover one or more entire counties or county equivalents, or New England City and Town Area (NECTA) in the six New England states. There are 11 MSAs with more than 2,500,000 people. Employment in these MSAs is presented in two or more divisions (Div.) or subdivisions rather than for the MSA as a whole. See Metro Divisions tab for employment in those metros and each of their divisions.

[2]**Industry:** The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) only reports construction employment combined with mining and logging in most metros, because of small sample sizes or to preserve confidentiality for industries with few employers. Metro data is not seasonally adjusted.

[3]**Rank:** BLS currently provides construction (or combined construction, mining and logging) employment data for 358 metro areas, rounded to the nearest 100. Thus, it is not possible to calculate percent changes more accurately than to the nearest whole percent and all metro areas with the same whole-percent change in employment are ranked the same. (Exception: Employment changes of less than 0.5% are shown and ranked based on the nearest 0.1%.)