

Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, February 2022–February 2023
(not seasonally adjusted)

Total 358 Areas: 283 (79%) with gains, 41 (11%) with losses, 34 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +2.9% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '22	February '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	150,800	165,800	15,000	10%	1	41
2 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	72,200	81,300	9,100	13%	2	19
3 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	133,600	142,500	8,900	7%	3	91
4 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	147,400	154,700	7,300	5%	4	143
5 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	138,600	145,200	6,600	5%	5	143
6 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Div.	Construction	101,500	107,900	6,400	6%	6	113
7 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	33,900	40,200	6,300	19%	7	5
8 Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	74,800	80,100	5,300	7%	8	91
9 Northern Virginia, VA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	78,100	83,100	5,000	6%	9	113
10 Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	Construction	88,700	93,500	4,800	5%	10	143

Most Jobs Lost

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '22	February '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Sacramento–Roseville–Arden-Arcade, CA	Construction	75,800	71,600	-4,200	-6%	358	349
2 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	149,700	146,500	-3,200	-2%	357	327
3 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	53,400	50,300	-3,100	-6%	356	349
4 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	52,900	50,000	-2,900	-5%	355	344
5 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	13,900	12,200	-1,700	-12%	354	356
6 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	68,600	67,600	-1,000	-1%	353	319
7 Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,000	8,100	-900	-10%	351	355
7 Bergen-Hudson-Passaic, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	29,200	28,300	-900	-3%	351	335
9 Calvert-Charles-Prince George's, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	32,700	31,900	-800	-2%	350	327
10 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	77,700	76,900	-800	-1%	349	319

Largest Percentage Gains

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '22	February '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Hanford-Corcoran, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,100	1,400	300	27%	141	1
2 Wausau, WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,200	2,700	500	23%	102	2
3 Danville, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	500	600	100	20%	228	3
3 Watertown-Fort Drum, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,800	300	20%	141	3
5 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	33,900	40,200	6,300	19%	7	5
5 Janesville-Beloit, WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,100	3,700	600	19%	89	5
7 Odessa, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,200	19,100	2,900	18%	25	7
8 Bloomington, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,800	400	17%	126	8
8 Springfield, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,000	3,500	500	17%	102	8
8 Elmira, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,200	1,400	200	17%	190	8
11 Bowling Green, KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,100	3,600	500	16%	102	11

Largest Percentage Losses

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '22	February '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Lawton, OK	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,400	-300	-18%	335	358
2 Monroe, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,000	-400	-17%	338	357
3 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	13,900	12,200	-1,700	-12%	354	356
4 Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,000	8,100	-900	-10%	351	355
5 Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,900	6,300	-600	-9%	345	354
6 New Bedford, MA NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,400	-200	-8%	332	353
7 Merced, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,400	3,200	-200	-6%	332	349
7 Sacramento–Roseville–Arden-Arcade, CA	Construction	75,800	71,600	-4,200	-6%	358	349
7 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	53,400	50,300	-3,100	-6%	356	349
7 Charleston, WV	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,600	6,200	-400	-6%	338	349

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.

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%.)