

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

Total 358 Areas: 306 (85%) with gains, 29 (8%) with losses, 23 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +4% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

Area ¹	Industry ²	January '22	January '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gains/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	148,200	161,800	13,600	9%	1	65
2 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	211,300	220,500	9,200	4%	2	195
3 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	144,200	152,600	8,400	6%	3	143
4 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	131,200	139,200	8,000	6%	4	143
4 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	70,800	78,800	8,000	11%	4	45
6 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	33,200	40,000	6,800	20%	6	3
7 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Div.	Construction	99,700	106,400	6,700	7%	7	108
8 Northern Virginia, VA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	77,000	82,700	5,700	7%	8	108
9 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	75,900	81,100	5,200	7%	9	108
10 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	77,700	82,600	4,900	6%	10	143

Most Jobs Lost

Area ¹	Industry ²	January '22	January '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Sacramento--Roseville--Arden-Arcade, CA	Construction	73,400	67,200	-6,200	-8%	358	354
2 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	146,400	142,400	-4,000	-3%	357	340
3 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	77,300	74,000	-3,300	-4%	356	346
4 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	53,300	50,800	-2,500	-5%	355	349
5 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	14,500	12,100	-2,400	-17%	354	357
6 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	68,800	66,800	-2,000	-3%	353	340
7 Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,200	7,900	-1,300	-14%	352	356
8 Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,800	6,200	-600	-9%	350	355
8 Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	18,200	17,600	-600	-3%	350	340
10 Modesto, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,900	10,400	-500	-5%	349	349

Largest Percentage Gains

Area ¹	Industry ²	January '22	January '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Janesville-Beloit, WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,100	3,800	700	23%	96	1
1 Wausau, WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,200	2,700	500	23%	129	1
3 Hanford-Corcoran, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,000	1,200	200	20%	204	3
3 Springfield, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,000	3,600	600	20%	111	3
3 Watertown-Fort Drum, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,800	300	20%	167	3
3 Midland, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	33,200	40,000	6,800	20%	6	3
3 Odessa, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,700	18,800	3,100	20%	25	3
8 Bowling Green, KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,100	3,700	600	19%	111	8
9 Bloomsburg-Berwick, PA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,100	1,300	200	18%	204	9
9 San Angelo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,400	4,000	600	18%	111	9
9 Eau Claire, WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,300	3,900	600	18%	111	9

Largest Percentage Losses

Area ¹	Industry ²	January '22	January '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	14,500	12,100	-2,400	-17%	354	357
1 Monroe, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,000	-400	-17%	348	357
3 Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,200	7,900	-1,300	-14%	352	356
4 Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,800	6,200	-600	-9%	350	355
5 Sacramento--Roseville--Arden-Arcade, CA	Construction	73,400	67,200	-6,200	-8%	358	354
6 Lawton, OK	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,400	-100	-7%	330	353
7 Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,400	4,200	-200	-5%	341	349
7 Modesto, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,900	10,400	-500	-5%	349	349
7 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	53,300	50,800	-2,500	-5%	355	349
7 Charleston, WV	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,500	6,200	-300	-5%	345	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%.)