Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, October 2022–October 2023
(not seasonally adjusted)
Total 358 Areas: 226 (63%) with gains, 54 (15%) with losses, 78 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +2.8% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

Area[1]	Industry[2]	October '22	October '23	12-month gains/loss	12-month % change	Rank[3] based on: gain/loss	% change
1 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	145,400	160,000	14,600	10%	1	6
2 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	160,200	171,200	11,000	7%	2	36
3 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	46,900	56,300	9,400	20%	3	1
4 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	83,500	91,800	8,300	10%	4	6
5 Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	77,100	84,900	7,800	10%	5	6
6 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	Construction	118,700	126,200	7,500	6%	6	47
7 Oakland-Hayward-Berkeley, CA Div.	Construction	77,000	84,000	7,000	9%	7	16
8 Austin-Round Rock, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	80,300	86,800	6,500	8%	8	24
9 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	155,200	161,400	6,200	4%	9	94
9 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	140,200	146,400	6,200	4%	9	94

Most Jobs Lost

Area[1]	Industry[2]	October '22	October '23	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank[3] based on: gain/loss	% change
1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	229,000	217,500	-11,500	-5%	358	335
2 Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	116,200	110,900	-5,300	-5%	357	335
3 Orange-Rockland-Westchester, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	47,900	43,400	-4,500	-9%	355	354
3 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	85,200	80,700	-4,500	-5%	355	335
5 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	76,100	71,800	-4,300	-6%	354	345
6 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	54,300	52,200	-2,100	-4%	353	325
7 Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	25,000	23,300	-1,700	-7%	352	351
8 Calvert-Charles-Prince George's, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	33,400	31,900	-1,500	-4%	351	325
9 Bergen-Hudson-Passaic, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	32,500	31,100	-1,400	-4%	349	325
9 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Div.	Construction	110,400	109,000	-1,400	-1%	349	282

Largest Percentage Gains

Area[1]	Industry[2]	October '22	October '23	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank[3] based on: gain/loss	% change
1 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	46,900	56,300	9,400	20%	3	1
2 Lexington-Fayette, KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,200	16,000	1,800	13%	34	2
2 Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,800	31,500	3,700	13%	15	2
2 Corvallis, OR	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,700	200	13%	123	2
5 Toledo, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,700	16,400	1,700	12%	36	5
6 Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,400	16,900	1,500	10%	39	6
6 Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,200	21,200	2,000	10%	33	6
6 Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	77,100	84,900	7,800	10%	5	6
6 Albuquerque, NM	Mining, Logging, and Construction	26,100	28,600	2,500	10%	22	6
6 Watertown-Fort Drum, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,200	200	10%	123	6
6 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	145,400	160,000	14,600	10%	1	6
6 Cleveland-Elyria, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	39,700	43,700	4,000	10%	14	6
6 Lima, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,100	2,300	200	10%	123	6
6 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	83,500	91,800	8,300	10%	4	6
6 Rapid City, SD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,800	6,400	600	10%	67	6

Largest Percentage Losses

Area[1]	Industry[2]	October '22	October '23	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank[3] based on: gain/loss	% change
1 Kankakee, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,300	-200	-13%	300	358
2 Bay City, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,500	-200	-12%	300	357
3 Binghamton, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,600	4,100	-500	-11%	330	356
4 Pittsfield, MA NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,200	2,000	-200	-9%	300	354
4 Orange-Rockland-Westchester, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	47,900	43,400	-4,500	-9%	355	354
6 Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,800	7,200	-600	-8%	333	353
7 Elgin, IL Div.	Construction	15,000	14,000	-1,000	-7%	343	351
7 Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	25,000	23,300	-1,700	-7%	352	351
9 Bakersfield, CA	Construction	16,800	15,800	-1,000	-6%	343	345
9 Bloomington, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,100	2,900	-200	-6%	300	345
9 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	76,100	71,800	-4,300	-6%	354	345
9 Utica-Rome, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,500	3,300	-200	-6%	300	345
9 Bismarck, ND	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,900	4,600	-300	-6%	312	345
9 Fargo, ND-MN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,000	9,400	-600	-6%	333	345

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%.)