

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

Total 358 Areas: 212 (59%) with gains, 78 (22%) with losses, 68 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +2.8% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

Area ¹	Industry ²	September '22	September '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gains/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	158,200	175,500	17,300	11%	1	3
2 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	144,800	160,000	15,200	10%	2	6
3 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	46,300	55,300	9,000	19%	3	1
4 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	82,400	91,100	8,700	11%	4	3
5 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	138,600	145,900	7,300	5%	5	53
6 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	81,600	88,800	7,200	9%	6	9
7 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	Construction	116,200	122,200	6,000	5%	7	53
8 Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	77,800	83,600	5,800	7%	8	24
8 Oakland-Hayward-Berkeley, CA Div.	Construction	76,300	82,100	5,800	8%	8	12
10 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	155,000	160,600	5,600	4%	10	92

Most Jobs Lost

Area ¹	Industry ²	September '22	September '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	227,300	218,500	-8,800	-4%	358	326
2 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	55,000	50,300	-4,700	-9%	357	354
3 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	75,900	71,400	-4,500	-6%	356	344
4 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	84,300	80,200	-4,100	-5%	355	338
5 San Francisco-Redwood City-South San Francisco, CA Div.	Construction	41,800	39,400	-2,400	-6%	354	344
6 Orange-Rockland-Westchester, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	46,700	44,800	-1,900	-4%	353	326
7 Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, FL Div.	Construction	49,900	48,300	-1,600	-3%	352	309
8 Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	113,500	112,000	-1,500	-1%	351	284
9 Calvert-Charles-Prince George's, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	33,700	32,400	-1,300	-4%	349	326
9 Richmond, VA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	42,500	41,200	-1,300	-3%	349	309

Largest Percentage Gains

Area ¹	Industry ²	September '22	September '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	46,300	55,300	9,000	19%	3	1
2 Corvallis, OR	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,700	200	13%	124	2
3 Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,200	16,800	1,600	11%	40	3
3 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	82,400	91,100	8,700	11%	4	3
3 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	158,200	175,500	17,300	11%	1	3
6 New Orleans-Metairie, LA	Construction	28,300	31,000	2,700	10%	21	6
6 Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	Construction	7,900	8,700	800	10%	61	6
6 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	144,800	160,000	15,200	10%	2	6
9 Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,400	21,100	1,700	9%	37	9
9 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	81,600	88,800	7,200	9%	6	9
9 Rapid City, SD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,800	6,300	500	9%	80	9

Largest Percentage Losses

Area ¹	Industry ²	September '22	September '23	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Kankakee, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,300	-200	-13%	297	358
2 Bay City, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,500	-200	-12%	297	357
3 Pittsfield, MA NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,200	2,000	-200	-9%	297	354
3 Binghamton, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,500	4,100	-400	-9%	327	354
3 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	55,000	50,300	-4,700	-9%	357	354
6 Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,700	7,100	-600	-8%	340	353
7 Muskegon, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	2,600	-200	-7%	297	349
7 Rockford, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,100	5,700	-400	-7%	327	349
7 Duluth, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	11,200	10,400	-800	-7%	342	349
7 Elgin, IL Div.	Construction	15,000	13,900	-1,100	-7%	346	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%.)