

Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, August 2025–August 2026

(not seasonally adjusted)

Total 360 Areas: 177 (49%) with gains, 126 (35%) with losses, 57 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +1.5% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

Area ¹	Industry ²	August '25	August '26	12-month gains/loss	12-month % change	Rank ³ based on:	
						gain/loss	% change
1 Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands, TX	Construction	254,900	269,000	14,100	6%	1	38
2 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	45,800	59,100	13,300	29%	2	1
3 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	81,300	92,500	11,200	14%	3	3
4 Columbus, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	62,700	72,800	10,100	16%	4	2
5 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	101,500	108,300	6,800	7%	5	27
5 Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ	Construction	178,800	185,600	6,800	4%	5	78
7 Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	84,300	90,900	6,600	8%	7	13
8 Chicago-Naperville-Schaumburg, IL Div.	Construction	141,900	147,300	5,400	4%	8	78
9 Indianapolis-Carmel-Greenwood, IN	Construction	71,700	76,700	5,000	7%	9	27
10 San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	Construction	54,100	58,300	4,200	8%	10	13
10 Fort Worth-Arlington-Grapevine, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	87,900	92,100	4,200	5%	10	52

Most Jobs Lost

Area ¹	Industry ²	August '25	August '26	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank ³ based on:	
						gain/loss	% change
1 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Div.	Construction	109,900	105,000	-4,900	-4%	360	325
2 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	Construction	111,800	107,200	-4,600	-4%	359	325
3 Jersey City-White Plains, NY-NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	72,100	67,800	-4,300	-6%	358	352
4 Oakland-Fremont-Berkeley, CA Div.	Construction	72,800	68,800	-4,000	-5%	357	342
5 Lakewood-New Brunswick, NJ Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	55,800	52,300	-3,500	-6%	355	352
5 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	61,800	58,300	-3,500	-6%	355	352
7 San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA	Construction	89,800	86,600	-3,200	-4%	354	325
8 Arlington-Alexandria-Reston, VA-WV Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	95,600	92,800	-2,800	-3%	353	298
9 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	80,100	77,500	-2,600	-3%	352	298
10 Sacramento-Roseville-Folsom, CA	Construction	77,000	74,600	-2,400	-3%	351	298

Largest Percentage Gains

Area ¹	Industry ²	August '25	August '26	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank ³ based on:	
						gain/loss	% change
1 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	45,800	59,100	13,300	29%	2	1
2 Columbus, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	62,700	72,800	10,100	16%	4	2
3 Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	11,400	13,000	1,600	14%	29	3
3 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	81,300	92,500	11,200	14%	3	3
5 Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	Construction	8,900	10,000	1,100	12%	42	5
6 Mobile, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,100	15,700	1,600	11%	29	6
6 Kankakee, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	2,000	200	11%	100	6
6 Lafayette, LA	Construction	11,100	12,300	1,200	11%	41	6
9 New Orleans-Metairie, LA	Construction	23,900	26,200	2,300	10%	21	9
10 Michigan City-La Porte, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,500	200	9%	100	10
10 Columbia, SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,000	20,800	1,800	9%	27	10
10 Wausau, WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,400	3,700	300	9%	83	10

Largest Percentage Losses

Area ¹	Industry ²	August '25	August '26	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank ³ based on:	
						gain/loss	% change
1 Walla Walla, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,300	1,200	-100	-8%	236	360
2 Fairbanks-College, AK	Construction	3,000	2,800	-200	-7%	283	359
3 Lawton, OK	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,500	-100	-6%	236	352
3 Gettysburg, PA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	1,700	-100	-6%	236	352
3 Gainesville, GA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,400	5,100	-300	-6%	305	352
3 Anchorage, AK	Construction	13,900	13,000	-900	-6%	341	352
3 Lakewood-New Brunswick, NJ Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	55,800	52,300	-3,500	-6%	355	352
3 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	61,800	58,300	-3,500	-6%	355	352
3 Jersey City-White Plains, NY-NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	72,100	67,800	-4,300	-6%	358	352
10 El Centro, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,100	2,000	-100	-5%	236	342
10 Monroe, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,200	2,100	-100	-5%	236	342
10 Niles, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,200	2,100	-100	-5%	236	342
10 Lexington Park, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,100	3,900	-200	-5%	283	342
10 Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,800	3,600	-200	-5%	283	342
10 Longview-Kelso, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,100	3,900	-200	-5%	283	342
10 Trenton-Princeton, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,300	6,000	-300	-5%	305	342
10 Savannah, GA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,800	9,300	-500	-5%	329	342
10 Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,400	14,700	-700	-5%	338	342
10 Oakland-Fremont-Berkeley, CA Div.	Construction	72,800	68,800	-4,000	-5%	357	342

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. Employment in these MSAs is presented in two or more divisions (Div). MSA totals are shown but not included in rankings to avoid double counting of the 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. AGC attributes all employment in these metros to construction. Metro data is not seasonally adjusted.

³**Rank:** BLS currently provides construction (or combined construction, mining and logging) employment data, rounded to the nearest 100, for 360 metro areas. 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%.)

⁴**New York City:** BLS posts mining, logging, and construction data for the New York-Jersey City-White Plains metro division and for the New York City "special area," which is part of the metro division. To avoid double counting, these tables treat New York City and Jersey City-White Plains (excluding NYC) as separate areas.