

**Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, February 2025–February 2026**  
(not seasonally adjusted)

Total 360 Areas: 187 (52%) with gains, 135 (38%) with losses, 38 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +0.4% (seasonally adjusted).

**Most Jobs Added**

| <u>Area</u> <sup>1</sup>                  | <u>Industry</u> <sup>2</sup>      | <u>February '25</u> | <u>February '26</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>gain/loss</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>% change</u> | <u>Rank</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>based on:</u><br><u>gain/loss % change</u> |     |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----|
| 1 Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands, TX      | Construction                      | 249,400             | 260,600             | 11,200                              | 4%                                 | 1  | 89  |
| 2 Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 90,400              | 95,100              | 4,700                               | 5%                                 | 2  | 70  |
| 2 St. Louis, MO-IL                        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 73,800              | 78,500              | 4,700                               | 6%                                 | 2  | 55  |
| 4 Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC       | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 81,500              | 86,000              | 4,500                               | 6%                                 | 4  | 55  |
| 5 Fort Worth-Arlington-Grapevine, TX Div. | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 85,900              | 89,400              | 3,500                               | 4%                                 | 5  | 89  |
| 6 Chicago-Naperville-Schaumburg, IL Div.  | Construction                      | 119,500             | 122,800             | 3,300                               | 3%                                 | 6  | 112 |
| 7 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 80,100              | 83,200              | 3,100                               | 4%                                 | 7  | 89  |
| 7 Kansas City, MO-KS                      | Construction                      | 60,100              | 63,200              | 3,100                               | 5%                                 | 7  | 70  |
| 9 San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA      | Construction                      | 50,500              | 53,400              | 2,900                               | 6%                                 | 9  | 55  |
| 10 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.           | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 174,200             | 176,900             | 2,700                               | 2%                                 | 10   | 138 |

**Most Jobs Lost**

| <u>Area</u> <sup>1</sup>                   | <u>Industry</u> <sup>2</sup>      | <u>February '25</u> | <u>February '26</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>gain/loss</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>% change</u> | <u>Rank</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>based on:</u><br><u>gain/loss % change</u> |     |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----|
| 1 New York City, NY                        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 137,000             | 130,400             | -6,600                              | -5%                                | 360  | 329 |
| 2 Jersey City-White Plains, NY-NJ          | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 67,200              | 62,000              | -5,200                              | -8%                                | 359  | 352 |
| 3 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div. | Construction                      | 146,100             | 141,300             | -4,800                              | -3%                                | 358  | 284 |
| 4 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA     | Construction                      | 109,100             | 104,500             | -4,600                              | -4%                                | 357  | 304 |
| 5 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA      | Construction                      | 76,900              | 72,800              | -4,100                              | -5%                                | 356  | 329 |
| 6 Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Div.    | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 77,800              | 73,900              | -3,900                              | -5%                                | 355  | 329 |
| 7 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL            | Construction                      | 93,800              | 90,200              | -3,600                              | -4%                                | 354  | 304 |
| 8 Montgomery-Bucks-Chester County, PA Div. | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 55,300              | 51,900              | -3,400                              | -6%                                | 353  | 344 |
| 9 San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA       | Construction                      | 88,700              | 85,500              | -3,200                              | -4%                                | 352  | 304 |
| 10 Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine, CA Div.       | Construction                      | 102,500             | 99,900              | -2,600                              | -3%                                | 351  | 284 |

**Largest Percentage Gains**

| <u>Area</u> <sup>1</sup> | <u>Industry</u> <sup>2</sup>      | <u>February '25</u> | <u>February '26</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>gain/loss</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>% change</u> | <u>Rank</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>based on:</u><br><u>gain/loss % change</u> |   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 Eau Claire, WI         | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 3,500               | 4,100               | 600                                 | 17%                                | 40   | 1 |
| 2 Bloomington, IL        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 2,500               | 2,900               | 400                                 | 16%                                | 62   | 2 |
| 2 Bloomington, IN        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 3,100               | 3,600               | 500                                 | 16%                                | 51   | 2 |
| 4 Sandusky, OH           | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 2,000               | 2,300               | 300                                 | 15%                                | 79   | 4 |
| 4 Kenosha, WI            | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 2,000               | 2,300               | 300                                 | 15%                                | 79   | 4 |
| 6 Kankakee, IL           | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 1,400               | 1,600               | 200                                 | 14%                                | 101  | 6 |
| 6 Wausau, WI             | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 2,800               | 3,200               | 400                                 | 14%                                | 62   | 6 |
| 8 Idaho Falls, ID        | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 6,200               | 7,000               | 800                                 | 13%                                | 28   | 8 |
| 8 Billings, MT           | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 6,300               | 7,100               | 800                                 | 13%                                | 28   | 8 |
| 8 Canton-Massillon, OH   | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 8,800               | 9,900               | 1,100                               | 13%                                | 21   | 8 |

**Largest Percentage Losses**

| <u>Area</u> <sup>1</sup>          | <u>Industry</u> <sup>2</sup>      | <u>February '25</u> | <u>February '26</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>gain/loss</u> | <u>12-month</u><br><u>% change</u> | <u>Rank</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>based on:</u><br><u>gain/loss % change</u> |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----|
| 1 Lawton, OK                      | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 1,700               | 1,400               | -300                                | -18%                               | 284  | 360 |
| 2 Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, LA  | Construction                      | 6,500               | 5,600               | -900                                | -14%                               | 327  | 359 |
| 3 Fairbanks-College, AK           | Construction                      | 2,600               | 2,300               | -300                                | -12%                               | 284  | 358 |
| 4 Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ    | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 5,200               | 4,700               | -500                                | -10%                               | 311  | 357 |
| 5 Albuquerque, NM                 | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 28,000              | 25,600              | -2,400                              | -9%                                | 349  | 356 |
| 6 Decatur, IL                     | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 3,900               | 3,600               | -300                                | -8%                                | 284  | 352 |
| 6 Fayetteville, NC                | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 6,300               | 5,800               | -500                                | -8%                                | 311  | 352 |
| 6 Charleston, WV                  | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 6,000               | 5,500               | -500                                | -8%                                | 311  | 352 |
| 6 Jersey City-White Plains, NY-NJ | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 67,200              | 62,000              | -5,200                              | -8%                                | 359  | 352 |
| 10 Savannah, GA                   | Mining, Logging, and Construction | 10,200              | 9,500               | -700                                | -7%                                | 321  | 351 |

**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup>**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.

<sup>2</sup>**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.

<sup>3</sup>**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%.)

<sup>4</sup>**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.