

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>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>February '25</u>	<u>February '26</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on: gain/loss % change</u>	
1 Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands, TX	Construction	249,400	260,600	11,200	4%	1	89
2 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	73,800	78,500	4,700	6%	2	55
2 Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	90,400	95,100	4,700	5%	2	70
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>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>February '25</u>	<u>February '26</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on: 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>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>February '25</u>	<u>February '26</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on: 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>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>February '25</u>	<u>February '26</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on: 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:

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.