

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

Total 360 Areas: 205 (57%) with gains, 110 (31%) with losses, 45 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +0.6% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>January '25</u>	<u>January '26</u>	<u>12-month</u> <u>gain/loss</u>	<u>12-month</u> <u>% change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on:</u> <u>gain/loss % change</u>	
1 Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands, TX	Construction	241,900	257,900	16,000	7%	1	45
2 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	72,000	81,000	9,000	13%	2	10
3 Kansas City, MO-KS	Construction	57,200	64,700	7,500	13%	3	10
4 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	170,600	177,200	6,600	4%	4	101
5 Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	89,100	95,000	5,900	7%	5	45
6 Chicago-Naperville-Schaumburg, IL Div.	Construction	119,400	124,700	5,300	4%	6	101
7 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	78,700	83,400	4,700	6%	7	57
8 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	80,900	85,500	4,600	6%	8	57
9 Fort Worth-Arlington-Grapevine, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	84,200	88,700	4,500	5%	9	78
10 Arlington-Alexandria-Reston, VA-WV Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	86,400	90,800	4,400	5%	10	78

Most Jobs Lost

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>January '25</u>	<u>January '26</u>	<u>12-month</u> <u>gain/loss</u>	<u>12-month</u> <u>% change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on:</u> <u>gain/loss % change</u>	
1 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	Construction	109,300	104,000	-5,300	-5%	360	335
2 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	77,700	73,600	-4,100	-5%	358	335
2 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	136,500	132,400	-4,100	-3%	358	308
4 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	145,300	141,400	-3,900	-3%	357	308
5 Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ	Construction	179,900	176,500	-3,400	-2%	356	283
6 San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA	Construction	88,500	85,900	-2,600	-3%	353	308
6 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	92,900	90,300	-2,600	-3%	353	308
6 Denver-Aurora-Centennial, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	110,000	107,400	-2,600	-2%	353	283
9 Albuquerque, NM	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,800	25,400	-2,400	-9%	352	358
10 Sacramento-Roseville-Folsom, CA	Construction	73,200	70,900	-2,300	-3%	351	308

Largest Percentage Gains

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>January '25</u>	<u>January '26</u>	<u>12-month</u> <u>gain/loss</u>	<u>12-month</u> <u>% change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on:</u> <u>gain/loss % change</u>	
1 Bloomington, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	3,000	500	20%	67	1
1 Bloomington, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,000	3,600	600	20%	57	1
3 Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,800	9,300	1,500	19%	22	3
4 Terre Haute, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,900	4,600	700	18%	46	4
5 Eau Claire, WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,600	4,200	600	17%	57	5
6 Canton-Massillon, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,600	10,000	1,400	16%	25	6
6 Sandusky, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	2,200	300	16%	96	6
8 Kankakee, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,400	1,600	200	14%	117	8
8 Wausau, WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	3,200	400	14%	78	8
10 Peoria, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,500	8,500	1,000	13%	33	10
10 Springfield, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,100	3,500	400	13%	78	10
10 Columbus, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,800	200	13%	117	10
10 Columbia, MO	Construction	4,000	4,500	500	13%	67	10
10 Kansas City, MO-KS	Construction	57,200	64,700	7,500	13%	3	10
10 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	72,000	81,000	9,000	13%	2	10

Largest Percentage Losses

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>January '25</u>	<u>January '26</u>	<u>12-month</u> <u>gain/loss</u>	<u>12-month</u> <u>% change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on:</u> <u>gain/loss % change</u>	
1 Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, LA	Construction	6,300	5,400	-900	-14%	339	360
2 Lawton, OK	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,500	-200	-12%	283	359
3 Albuquerque, NM	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,800	25,400	-2,400	-9%	352	358
4 Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,200	4,800	-400	-8%	316	355
4 Glens Falls, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	2,300	-200	-8%	283	355
4 Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,900	3,600	-300	-8%	303	355
7 Savannah, GA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,100	9,400	-700	-7%	332	353
7 Fayetteville, NC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,100	5,700	-400	-7%	316	353
9 San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,900	8,400	-500	-6%	322	347
9 Boulder, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,300	5,000	-300	-6%	303	347
9 Lewiston, ID-WA	Construction	1,600	1,500	-100	-6%	251	347
9 Kokomo, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	1,700	-100	-6%	251	347
9 Clarksville, TN-KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,700	4,400	-300	-6%	303	347
9 Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,700	4,400	-300	-6%	303	347

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.