

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

Total 360 Areas: 173 (48%) with gains, 127 (35%) with losses, 60 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +1% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>July '25</u>	<u>July '26</u>	<u>12-month</u> <u>gains/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	254,200	267,300	13,100	5%	1	54
2 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	46,000	58,400	12,400	27%	2	1
3 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	81,300	92,700	11,400	14%	3	3
4 Columbus, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	62,600	71,100	8,500	14%	4	3
5 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	101,700	108,900	7,200	7%	5	28
6 Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	84,200	91,100	6,900	8%	6	17
7 Chicago-Naperville-Schaumburg, IL Div.	Construction	142,700	148,200	5,500	4%	7	72
8 San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	Construction	53,600	58,900	5,300	10%	8	9
9 Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	93,900	99,100	5,200	6%	9	39
10 Indianapolis-Carmel-Greenwood, IN	Construction	71,000	75,500	4,500	6%	10	39

Most Jobs Lost

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>July '25</u>	<u>July '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	112,900	106,800	-6,100	-5%	360	333
2 Oakland-Fremont-Berkeley, CA Div.	Construction	72,500	68,100	-4,400	-6%	359	346
3 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	61,800	58,000	-3,800	-6%	358	346
4 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Div.	Construction	109,700	106,000	-3,700	-3%	357	293
5 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	138,400	135,000	-3,400	-2%	356	269
6 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	79,900	76,600	-3,300	-4%	355	322
7 Sacramento-Roseville-Folsom, CA	Construction	77,500	74,400	-3,100	-4%	354	322
8 Lakewood-New Brunswick, NJ Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	55,500	52,600	-2,900	-5%	352	333
8 San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA	Construction	90,500	87,600	-2,900	-3%	352	293
10 Arlington-Alexandria-Reston, VA-WV Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	95,000	92,300	-2,700	-3%	351	293

Largest Percentage Gains

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>July '25</u>	<u>July '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 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	46,000	58,400	12,400	27%	2	1
2 Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	11,200	12,900	1,700	15%	25	2
3 Columbus, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	62,600	71,100	8,500	14%	4	3
3 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	81,300	92,700	11,400	14%	3	3
5 Sandusky, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,700	300	13%	79	5
6 Kankakee, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	2,000	200	11%	101	6
6 Weirton-Stebenville, WV-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	2,100	200	11%	101	6
6 Lafayette, LA	Construction	11,200	12,400	1,200	11%	34	6
9 Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	Construction	9,200	10,100	900	10%	42	9
9 New Orleans-Metairie, LA	Construction	24,100	26,500	2,400	10%	19	9
9 San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	Construction	53,600	58,900	5,300	10%	8	9

Largest Percentage Losses

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>July '25</u>	<u>July '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 Lawton, OK	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,500	-200	-12%	280	360
2 Niles, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,100	-200	-9%	280	359
3 Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,100	4,700	-400	-8%	324	357
3 Walla Walla, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,300	1,200	-100	-8%	234	357
5 Fairbanks-College, AK	Construction	3,000	2,800	-200	-7%	280	355
5 Longview-Kelso, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,100	3,800	-300	-7%	306	355
7 Anchorage, AK	Construction	13,700	12,900	-800	-6%	340	346
7 Flagstaff, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,400	3,200	-200	-6%	280	346
7 Modesto, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	11,800	11,100	-700	-6%	339	346
7 Oakland-Fremont-Berkeley, CA Div.	Construction	72,500	68,100	-4,400	-6%	359	346
7 Gainesville, GA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,400	5,100	-300	-6%	306	346
7 Lewiston, ID-WA	Construction	1,800	1,700	-100	-6%	234	346
7 Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,000	8,500	-500	-6%	331	346
7 Medford, OR	Construction	5,400	5,100	-300	-6%	306	346
7 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	61,800	58,000	-3,800	-6%	358	346

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.