

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

Total 360 Areas: 152 (42%) with gains, 161 (45%) with losses, 47 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +0.8% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>May '25</u>	<u>May '26</u>	<u>12-month gains/loss</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on:</u>	
						<u>gain/loss</u>	<u>% change</u>
1 Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands, TX	Construction	254,600	266,700	12,100	5%	1	40
2 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,100	89,600	10,500	13%	2	2
3 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	48,000	56,400	8,400	18%	3	1
4 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	97,400	104,600	7,200	7%	4	18
5 Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	83,300	89,700	6,400	8%	5	12
6 Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	92,700	98,400	5,700	6%	6	31
7 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	81,800	86,700	4,900	6%	7	31
8 Columbus, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	60,900	65,400	4,500	7%	8	18
9 San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	Construction	51,800	56,200	4,400	8%	9	12
10 Las Vegas-Henderson-North Las Vegas, NV	Construction	78,900	82,400	3,500	4%	10	56

Most Jobs Lost

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>May '25</u>	<u>May '26</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on:</u>	
						<u>gain/loss</u>	<u>% change</u>
1 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	Construction	113,600	107,500	-6,100	-5%	360	320
2 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	78,600	73,400	-5,200	-7%	359	347
3 Sacramento--Roseville--Folsom, CA	Construction	76,500	72,100	-4,400	-6%	358	339
4 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	60,300	56,000	-4,300	-7%	357	347
5 Oakland-Fremont-Berkeley, CA Div.	Construction	71,700	68,500	-3,200	-4%	356	306
6 Lakewood-New Brunswick, NJ Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	54,300	51,500	-2,800	-5%	355	320
7 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Div.	Construction	109,500	106,800	-2,700	-2%	354	249
8 Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine, CA Div.	Construction	105,400	102,900	-2,500	-2%	352	249
8 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	148,200	145,700	-2,500	-2%	352	249
10 San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA	Construction	89,500	87,300	-2,200	-2%	351	249

Largest Percentage Gains

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>May '25</u>	<u>May '26</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on:</u>	
						<u>gain/loss</u>	<u>% change</u>
1 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	48,000	56,400	8,400	18%	3	1
2 Mobile, AL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	13,900	15,700	1,800	13%	17	2
2 Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,700	12,100	1,400	13%	22	2
2 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,100	89,600	10,500	13%	2	2
5 Idaho Falls, ID	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,800	7,500	700	10%	37	5
5 Ithaca, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,000	1,100	100	10%	113	5
5 Lima, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,100	2,300	200	10%	84	5
8 Bloomington, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,500	3,800	300	9%	66	8
8 Lafayette-West Lafayette, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,700	5,100	400	9%	56	8
8 Michigan City-La Porte, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,200	2,400	200	9%	84	8
8 Sandusky, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,500	200	9%	84	8

Largest Percentage Losses

<u>Area¹</u>	<u>Industry²</u>	<u>May '25</u>	<u>May '26</u>	<u>12-month gain/loss</u>	<u>12-month % change</u>	<u>Rank³ based on:</u>	
						<u>gain/loss</u>	<u>% change</u>
1 Lawton, OK	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	1,500	-400	-21%	304	360
2 Monroe, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,200	2,000	-200	-9%	255	358
2 Niles, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,100	-200	-9%	255	358
4 Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,100	4,700	-400	-8%	304	356
4 Grants Pass, OR	Construction	1,200	1,100	-100	-8%	200	356
6 Anchorage, AK	Construction	12,900	12,000	-900	-7%	340	347
6 Fairbanks-College, AK	Construction	2,700	2,500	-200	-7%	255	347
6 Evansville, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,900	9,200	-700	-7%	331	347
6 Duluth, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,800	9,100	-700	-7%	331	347
6 Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,000	8,400	-600	-7%	327	347
6 Medford, OR	Construction	5,400	5,000	-400	-7%	304	347
6 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	78,600	73,400	-5,200	-7%	359	347
6 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	60,300	56,000	-4,300	-7%	357	347
6 Longview-Kelso, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,100	3,800	-300	-7%	285	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.