

Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, February 2023–February 2024

(not seasonally adjusted)

Total 358 Areas: 227 (63%) with gains, 80 (22%) with losses, 51 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +2.7% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '23	February '24	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gains/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	163,200	170,500	7,300	4%	1	107
2 Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,300	85,600	6,300	8%	2	46
3 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	47,200	51,600	4,400	9%	3	37
4 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	Construction	111,500	115,800	4,300	4%	4	107
4 Austin-Round Rock, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	80,500	84,800	4,300	5%	4	84
6 Detroit-Dearborn-Livonia, MI Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	22,100	26,200	4,100	19%	6	5
7 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	159,400	163,200	3,800	2%	7	171
7 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	140,300	144,100	3,800	3%	7	136
7 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	55,300	59,100	3,800	7%	7	60
10 Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson, IN	Construction	58,200	61,900	3,700	6%	10	73

Most Jobs Lost

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '23	February '24	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	141,000	131,200	-9,800	-7%	358	347
2 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	78,100	71,100	-7,000	-9%	357	352
3 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Div.	Construction	103,700	99,500	-4,200	-4%	356	322
4 Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	109,100	106,000	-3,100	-3%	355	304
5 Columbus, OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	47,300	44,300	-3,000	-6%	354	343
6 Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	48,600	45,700	-2,900	-6%	352	343
6 San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	Construction	53,300	50,400	-2,900	-5%	352	332
8 Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,900	14,200	-2,700	-16%	350	357
8 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	78,700	76,000	-2,700	-3%	350	304
10 Orange-Rockland-Westchester, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	45,100	42,700	-2,400	-5%	349	332

Largest Percentage Gains

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '23	February '24	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Fairbanks, AK	Construction	2,200	2,700	500	23%	77	1
2 Danville, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	500	600	100	20%	178	2
2 Saginaw, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,000	3,600	600	20%	65	2
2 Lawton, OK	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,800	300	20%	104	2
5 Detroit-Dearborn-Livonia, MI Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	22,100	26,200	4,100	19%	6	5
6 Anchorage, AK	Construction	9,100	10,700	1,600	18%	28	6
7 Elmira, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,200	1,400	200	17%	130	7
7 Corpus Christi, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	21,400	25,000	3,600	17%	11	7
9 Leominster-Gardner, MA NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	2,200	300	16%	104	9
9 Wenatchee, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,200	3,700	500	16%	77	9

Largest Percentage Losses

Area ¹	Industry ²	February '23	February '24	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Decatur, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,700	2,800	-900	-24%	334	358
2 Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,900	14,200	-2,700	-16%	350	357
3 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	11,500	10,300	-1,200	-10%	341	355
3 Bellingham, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,800	7,900	-900	-10%	334	355
5 Duluth, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,300	8,500	-800	-9%	330	352
5 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	78,100	71,100	-7,000	-9%	357	352
5 Ithaca, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,100	1,000	-100	-9%	279	352
8 Grand Junction, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,600	6,100	-500	-8%	319	350
8 Glens Falls, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,400	-200	-8%	300	350
10 Napa, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,600	4,300	-300	-7%	308	347
10 Calvert-Charles-Prince George's, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	33,200	31,000	-2,200	-7%	348	347
10 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	141,000	131,200	-9,800	-7%	358	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, or New England City and Town Area (NECTA) in the six New England states. There are 11 MSAs with more than 2,500,000 people. Employment in these MSAs is presented in two or more divisions (Div.) or subdivisions rather than for the MSA as a whole.

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. Metro data is not seasonally adjusted.

³**Rank:** BLS currently provides construction (or combined construction, mining and logging) employment data for 358 metro areas, rounded to the nearest 100. 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%.)