

Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, January 2023–January 2024
(not seasonally adjusted)

Total 358 Areas: 231 (65%) with gains, 83 (23%) with losses, 44 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +2.8% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

Area ¹	Industry ²	January '23	January '24	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gains/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	Construction	161,000	171,900	10,900	7%	1	67
2 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	Construction	107,700	115,600	7,900	7%	2	67
3 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	43,900	50,600	6,700	15%	3	16
4 Austin-Round Rock, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,400	85,300	5,900	7%	4	67
4 Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	78,500	84,400	5,900	8%	4	52
6 Sacramento–Roseville–Arden-Arcade, CA	Construction	67,900	73,200	5,300	8%	6	52
7 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	138,600	143,600	5,000	4%	7	132
8 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	158,100	162,600	4,500	3%	8	157
8 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	54,400	58,900	4,500	8%	8	52
San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	Construction	62,200	66,600	4,400	7%	10	67

Most Jobs Lost

Area ¹	Industry ²	January '23	January '24	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	139,600	132,600	-7,000	-5%	358	334
2 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,000	72,900	-6,100	-8%	357	350
3 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	80,800	75,900	-4,900	-6%	356	343
4 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Div.	Construction	103,100	98,500	-4,600	-4%	355	325
5 Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,800	14,300	-2,500	-15%	353	357
5 Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	108,500	106,000	-2,500	-2%	353	297
7 Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Div.	Construction	121,900	119,500	-2,400	-2%	352	297
8 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	78,700	76,400	-2,300	-3%	351	312
9 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	52,200	50,300	-1,900	-4%	349	325
9 Montgomery County-Bucks County-Chester County, PA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	55,500	53,600	-1,900	-3%	349	312

Largest Percentage Gains

Area ¹	Industry ²	January '23	January '24	12-month		Rank ³ based on:	
				gain/loss	% change	gain/loss	% change
1 Lawton, OK	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,400	1,800	400	29%	105	1
2 Wenatchee, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,000	3,800	800	27%	59	2
3 Fairbanks, AK	Construction	2,000	2,500	500	25%	88	3
4 Redding, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,600	4,400	800	22%	59	4
5 Merced, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,900	3,500	600	21%	79	5
5 Lewiston, ID-WA	Construction	1,400	1,700	300	21%	122	5
5 Leominster-Gardner, MA NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	2,300	400	21%	105	5
8 Saginaw, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,000	3,600	600	20%	79	8
8 Watertown-Fort Drum, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,800	300	20%	122	8
8 Corpus Christi, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	20,400	24,500	4,100	20%	11	8
11 Chico, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,700	4,400	700	19%	67	11
11 Yuba City, CA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	3,100	500	19%	88	11

Largest Percentage Losses

Area ¹	Industry ²	January '23	January '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%	337	358
2 Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,800	14,300	-2,500	-15%	353	357
3 Weirton-Stebensburg, WV-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	1,600	-200	-11%	306	356
4 Duluth, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,300	8,400	-900	-10%	337	354
4 Bellingham, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,600	7,700	-900	-10%	337	354
6 Grand Junction, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,600	6,100	-500	-8%	326	350
6 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,000	72,900	-6,100	-8%	357	350
6 Glens Falls, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,400	-200	-8%	306	350
6 Grants Pass, OR	Construction	1,200	1,100	-100	-8%	276	350
10 Tacoma-Lakewood, WA Div.	Construction	25,000	23,300	-1,700	-7%	346	349

Footnotes:

¹Area: 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.

²Industry: 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.

³Rank: 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%.)