

Construction Employment, Average Hourly Earnings, and Unemployment, 2022-2025

Employment (thousands)								1-month change				12-month change							
	Feb 2023		Mar 2023		Feb 2024		Mar 2024		Jan 2025		Feb 2025		Mar 2025		Feb 2025		Mar 2024		
	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	
Total nonfarm	155,086	155,171	157,271	157,517	159,053	159,170	159,398	228	0.1%	117	0.1%	1,881	1.2%	1,899	1.2%	2,346	1.5%		
Construction	7,947	7,931	8,136	8,170	8,286	8,300	8,313	13	0.2%	14	0.2%	143	1.8%	164	2.0%	239	3.0%		
Residential building	928	925	930	940	955	955	958	3.1	0.3%	-0.5	-0.1%	18.2	1.9%	24.7	2.7%	15.0	1.6%		
Nonresidential building	873	871	903	904	916	917	917	-0.4	0.0%	1.6	0.2%	12.4	1.4%	14.2	1.6%	33.8	3.9%		
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1,103	1,107	1,147	1,150	1,173	1,177	1,180	3.4	0.3%	3.6	0.3%	30.6	2.7%	29.6	2.6%	43.1	3.9%		
Residential specialty trade contractors	2,350	2,336	2,389	2,396	2,398	2,405	2,392	-12.9	-0.5%	7.1	0.3%	-4.2	-0.2%	16.2	0.7%	60.0	2.6%		
Nonresidential specialty trade contractors	2,693	2,693	2,767	2,780	2,844	2,847	2,866	19.3	0.7%	2.5	0.1%	86.0	3.1%	79.4	2.9%	86.7	3.2%		
Residential building + specialty trades	3,278	3,261	3,319	3,336	3,353	3,360	3,350	-9.8	-0.3%	6.6	0.2%	14.0	0.4%	40.9	1.2%	75.0	2.3%		
Nonres building + trades + heavy/civil	4,670	4,670	4,817	4,834	4,933	4,941	4,963	22.3	0.5%	7.7	0.2%	129.0	2.7%	123.2	2.6%	163.6	3.5%		
Average hourly earnings (AHE) for production and nonsupervisory employees																			
Private sector total	\$ 28.43	\$ 28.59	\$ 29.67	\$ 29.80	\$ 30.80	\$ 30.91	\$ 30.96	\$ 0.05	0.2%	\$ 0.11	0.4%	\$ 1.16	3.9%	\$ 1.24	4.2%	\$ 1.21	4.2%		
Construction	\$ 33.60	\$ 33.74	\$ 35.16	\$ 35.34	\$ 36.56	\$ 36.66	\$ 36.79	\$ 0.13	0.4%	\$ 0.10	0.3%	\$ 1.45	4.1%	\$ 1.50	4.3%	\$ 1.60	4.7%		
Residential building	\$ 29.45	\$ 29.82	\$ 31.39	\$ 31.41	\$ 34.33	\$ 34.38				\$ 0.05	0.2%			\$ 2.99	9.5%	\$ 1.59	5.3%		
Nonresidential building	\$ 36.39	\$ 36.75	\$ 38.33	\$ 38.71	\$ 39.22	\$ 39.33				\$ 0.11	0.4%			\$ 1.00	2.6%	\$ 1.96	5.3%		
Heavy and civil engineering construction	\$ 34.76	\$ 35.00	\$ 37.23	\$ 37.58	\$ 38.46	\$ 38.55				\$ 0.09	0.3%			\$ 1.32	3.5%	\$ 2.58	7.4%		
Specialty trade contractors	\$ 33.41	\$ 33.48	\$ 34.62	\$ 34.78	\$ 36.02	\$ 36.08				\$ 0.06	0.2%			\$ 1.46	4.2%	\$ 1.30	3.9%		
Construction AHE premium over private	18.2%	18.0%	18.5%	18.6%	18.7%	18.6%	18.8%												
Unemployment (not seasonally adjusted)																			
								12-month change											
	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Mar2025		Feb2025		Mar2024							
Total nonfarm rate (%)	3.9	3.6	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.5	4.2	0.3		0.3		0.3							
Construction rate (%)	6.6	5.6	7.0	5.4	6.5	7.2	5.4	0.0		0.2		-0.2							
Construction workers (thousands)	708.0	598.0	711.0	570.0	669.0	741.0	573.0	3.0		30.0		-28.0							

Source:AGC of America, from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, www.bls.gov/ces, updated 4/04/2025