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

Total 358 Areas: 225 (63%) with gains, 83 (23%) with losses, 50 unchanged. US total construction employment change: +3.1% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

Area[1]	Industry[2]	May '23	May '24	12-month gains/loss	12-month % change	Rank[3] based on: gain/loss	% change
1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	231,400	239,800	8,400	4%	1	109
2 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	46,500	54,700	8,200	18%	2	6
3 Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	Construction	81,200	88,100	6,900	8%	3	31
4 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	Construction	142,900	148,900	6,000	4%	4	109
5 Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Div.	Construction	56,100	61,300	5,200	9%	5	20
6 Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	81,900	86,500	4,600	6%	6	66
7 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	162,300	166,500	4,200	3%	7	134
8 Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, MI Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	60,900	65,000	4,100	7%	8	45
9 Northern Virginia, VA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	82,700	86,600	3,900	5%	9	89
10 Austin-Round Rock, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	82,300	86,100	3,800	5%	10	89

Most Jobs Lost

Area[1]	Industry[2]	May '23	May '24	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank[3] based on: gain/loss	% change
1 Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	113,500	109,100	-4,400	-4%	358	332
2 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	93,100	89,300	-3,800	-4%	356	332
2 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	144,700	140,900	-3,800	-3%	356	308
4 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	80,200	76,700	-3,500	-4%	355	332
5 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	Construction	81,500	78,800	-2,700	-3%	353	308
5 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Div.	Construction	105,600	102,900	-2,700	-3%	353	308
7 San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	Construction	53,700	51,200	-2,500	-5%	352	344
8 Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Div.	Construction	138,500	136,100	-2,400	-2%	351	291
9 Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,100	14,200	-1,900	-12%	350	358
10 Silver Spring-Frederick-Rockville, MD Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	32,400	30,500	-1,900	-6%	348	348
10 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	58,100	56,200	-1,900	-3%	348	308

Largest Percentage Gains

Area[1]	Industry[2]	May '23	May '24	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank[3] based on: gain/loss	% change
1 Fairbanks, AK	Construction	2,600	3,200	600	23%	71	1
2 Anchorage, AK	Construction	10,800	13,000	2,200	20%	26	2
2 Lawton, OK	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,800	300	20%	109	2
4 Lewiston, ID-WA	Construction	1,600	1,900	300	19%	109	4
4 Elizabethtown-Fort Knox, KY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	3,200	500	19%	85	4
6 Baton Rouge, LA	Construction	46,500	54,700	8,200	18%	2	6
7 Saginaw, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,500	4,100	600	17%	71	7
8 Kokomo, IN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,300	1,500	200	15%	138	8
8 Pittsfield, MA NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,300	300	15%	109	8
10 Urban Honolulu, HI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,100	30,800	3,700	14%	11	10
10 Logan, UT-ID	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,700	4,200	500	14%	85	10

Largest Percentage Losses

Area[1]	Industry[2]	May '23	May '24	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank[3] based on: gain/loss	% change
1 Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,100	14,200	-1,900	-12%	350	358
2 Duluth, MN-WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,200	9,100	-1,100	-11%	339	357
3 Decatur, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,500	3,200	-300	-9%	313	356
4 Ithaca, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,200	1,100	-100	-8%	276	354
4 Bellingham, WA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,900	8,200	-700	-8%	333	354
6 Rochester, MN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,500	5,100	-400	-7%	321	353
7 New Orleans-Metairie, LA	Construction	29,600	27,800	-1,800	-6%	347	348
7 Lewiston-Auburn, ME NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,200	3,000	-200	-6%	301	348
7 Silver Spring-Frederick-Rockville, MD Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	32,400	30,500	-1,900	-6%	348	348
7 Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	1,700	-100	-6%	276	348
7 Longview, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	13,500	12,700	-800	-6%	335	348

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%.)