

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

Employment (thousands)								1-month change				12-month change					
								Feb2025		Jan2025		Feb2025		Jan2025		Feb2024	
	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%
Total nonfarm	154,780	155,086	157,049	157,271	158,942	159,067	159,218	151	0.1%	125	0.1%	1,947	1.2%	2,018	1.3%	2,185	1.4%
Construction	7,922	7,947	8,113	8,136	8,289	8,291	8,310	19	0.2%	2	0.0%	174	2.1%	178	2.2%	189	2.4%
Residential building	931	928	931	930	953	955	955	0.1	0.0%	1.8	0.2%	25.0	2.7%	24.5	2.6%	2.5	0.3%
Nonresidential building	871	873	898	903	915	916	917	1.7	0.2%	0.4	0.0%	14.4	1.6%	17.2	1.9%	29.8	3.4%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1,091	1,103	1,139	1,147	1,173	1,174	1,176	2.5	0.2%	1.0	0.1%	28.8	2.5%	34.4	3.0%	44.0	4.0%
Residential specialty trade contractors	2,341	2,350	2,388	2,389	2,407	2,402	2,414	12.6	0.5%	-5.0	-0.2%	25.5	1.1%	13.3	0.6%	38.9	1.7%
Nonresidential specialty trade contractors	2,688	2,693	2,757	2,767	2,841	2,845	2,847	2.0	0.1%	3.8	0.1%	79.9	2.9%	88.4	3.2%	74.0	2.7%
Residential building + specialty trades	3,272	3,278	3,319	3,319	3,360	3,357	3,369	12.7	0.4%	-3.2	-0.1%	50.5	1.5%	37.8	1.1%	41.4	1.3%
Nonres building + trades + heavy/civil	4,650	4,670	4,794	4,817	4,929	4,934	4,941	6.2	0.1%	5.2	0.1%	123.1	2.6%	140.0	2.9%	147.8	3.2%
Average hourly earnings (AHE) for production and nonsupervisory employees																	
Private sector total	\$ 28.31	\$ 28.43	\$ 29.61	\$ 29.67	\$ 30.67	\$ 30.80	\$ 30.89	\$ 0.09	0.3%	\$ 0.13	0.4%	\$ 1.22	4.1%	\$ 1.19	4.0%	\$ 1.24	4.4%
Construction	\$ 33.35	\$ 33.60	\$ 35.21	\$ 35.16	\$ 36.43	\$ 36.49	\$ 36.55	\$ 0.06	0.2%	\$ 0.06	0.2%	\$ 1.39	4.0%	\$ 1.28	3.6%	\$ 1.56	4.6%
Residential building	\$ 29.65	\$ 29.45	\$ 31.05	\$ 31.39	\$ 33.99	\$ 34.21				\$ 0.22	0.7%			\$ 3.16	10.2%	\$ 1.94	6.6%
Nonresidential building	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.39	\$ 38.29	\$ 38.33	\$ 39.09	\$ 39.23				\$ 0.14	0.5%			\$ 0.94	2.5%	\$ 1.94	5.3%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	\$ 34.31	\$ 34.76	\$ 37.84	\$ 37.23	\$ 38.09	\$ 38.37				\$ 0.28	0.9%			\$ 0.53	1.4%	\$ 2.47	7.1%
Specialty trade contractors	\$ 33.21	\$ 33.41	\$ 34.69	\$ 34.62	\$ 35.98	\$ 35.94				\$ (0.04)	-0.1%			\$ 1.25	3.6%	\$ 1.21	3.6%
Construction AHE premium over private	17.8%	18.2%	18.9%	18.5%	18.8%	18.5%	18.3%										
Unemployment (not seasonally adjusted)																	
	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025										
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Total nonfarm rate (%)	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.4	4.5	0.3		0.3		0.3		0.3			
Construction rate (%)	6.9	6.6	6.9	7.0	5.2	6.5	7.2	0.2		-0.4		0.4					
Construction workers (thousands)	720.0	708.0	699.0	711.0	550.0	669.0	741.0	30.0		-30.0		3.0					

Source:AGC of America, from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, www.bls.gov/ces, updated 3/07/2025