

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

Employment (thousands)								1-month change				12-month change					
								Apr2025		Mar2025		Apr2025		Mar2025		Apr2024	
	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%	(000)	%
Total nonfarm	155,171	155,387	157,517	157,635	159,155	159,340	159,517	177	0.1%	185	0.1%	1,882	1.2%	1,823	1.2%	2,248	1.4%
Construction	7,931	7,955	8,170	8,173	8,298	8,305	8,316	11	0.1%	7	0.1%	143	1.7%	135	1.7%	218	2.7%
Residential building	925	922	940	941	954	957	956	-0.7	-0.1%	2.7	0.3%	15.5	1.6%	17.3	1.8%	19.3	2.1%
Nonresidential building	871	869	904	905	917	919	922	3.6	0.4%	1.2	0.1%	17.3	1.9%	14.3	1.6%	36.1	4.2%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1,107	1,104	1,150	1,147	1,176	1,179	1,179	-0.5	0.0%	3.4	0.3%	31.4	2.7%	29.4	2.6%	43.3	3.9%
Residential specialty trade contractors	2,336	2,359	2,396	2,404	2,402	2,389	2,393	4.1	0.2%	-13.1	-0.5%	-10.5	-0.4%	-7.3	-0.3%	44.3	1.9%
Nonresidential specialty trade contractors	2,693	2,702	2,780	2,777	2,849	2,861	2,866	4.9	0.2%	12.5	0.4%	89.2	3.2%	81.2	2.9%	75.2	2.8%
Residential building + specialty trades	3,261	3,281	3,336	3,344	3,356	3,346	3,349	3.4	0.1%	-10.4	-0.3%	5.0	0.1%	10.0	0.3%	63.6	1.9%
Nonres building + trades + heavy/civil	4,670	4,674	4,834	4,829	4,942	4,959	4,967	8.0	0.2%	17.1	0.3%	137.9	2.9%	124.9	2.6%	154.6	3.3%
Average hourly earnings (AHE) for production and nonsupervisory employees																	
Private sector total	\$ 28.59	\$ 28.69	\$ 29.80	\$ 29.85	\$ 30.91	\$ 30.96	\$ 31.06	\$ 0.10	0.3%	\$ 0.05	0.2%	\$ 1.21	4.1%	\$ 1.16	3.9%	\$ 1.16	4.0%
Construction	\$ 33.74	\$ 33.89	\$ 35.34	\$ 35.40	\$ 36.66	\$ 36.78	\$ 36.96	\$ 0.18	0.5%	\$ 0.12	0.4%	\$ 1.56	4.4%	\$ 1.44	4.1%	\$ 1.51	4.5%
Residential building	\$ 29.82	\$ 29.85	\$ 31.41	\$ 31.26	\$ 34.29	\$ 34.21				\$ (0.08)	-0.3%			\$ 2.80	8.9%	\$ 1.41	4.7%
Nonresidential building	\$ 36.75	\$ 36.44	\$ 38.71	\$ 38.77	\$ 39.25	\$ 39.40				\$ 0.15	0.5%			\$ 0.69	1.8%	\$ 2.33	6.4%
Heavy and civil engineering construction	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.31	\$ 37.58	\$ 37.58	\$ 38.76	\$ 38.82				\$ 0.06	0.2%			\$ 1.24	3.3%	\$ 2.27	6.4%
Specialty trade contractors	\$ 33.48	\$ 33.65	\$ 34.78	\$ 34.89	\$ 36.06	\$ 36.18				\$ 0.12	0.4%			\$ 1.40	4.0%	\$ 1.24	3.7%
Construction AHE premium over private	18.0%	18.1%	18.6%	18.6%	18.6%	18.8%	19.0%										
Unemployment (not seasonally adjusted)																	
	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025										
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Total nonfarm rate (%)	3.6	3.1	3.9	3.5	4.5	4.2	3.9	0.4		0.3		0.4					
Construction rate (%)	5.6	4.1	5.4	5.2	7.2	5.4	5.6	0.4		0.0		1.1					
Construction workers (thousands)	598.0	424.0	570.0	555.0	741.0	573.0	593.0	38.0		3.0		131.0					

Source:AGC of America, from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, www.bls.gov/ces, updated 5/02/2025