



The Economic Impact of Construction in the United States and Florida

Economic Impact of Construction:

- U.S. gross domestic product (GDP)—the value of all goods and services produced in the country—totaled \$19.5 trillion in 2017; construction contributed \$781 billion (4.0%). In Florida, construction contributed \$49.7 billion (5.1%) of the state's GDP of \$976.4 billion, more than the industry's 4.0% share of U.S. GDP.
- Construction wages and salaries in 2017 totaled \$436 billion in the United States, including \$25.9 billion in Florida.

Nonresidential Construction Spending:

- Nonresidential spending in the U.S. totaled \$714 billion in 2017 (\$438 billion private, \$277 billion public).
- Private nonresidential spending in Florida totaled \$16.5 billion in 2017. State and local spending totaled \$12.7 billion.
- Nonresidential starts in Florida totaled \$27.7 billion in 2018 and \$30.1 billion in 2017, according to ConstructConnect.

Construction Employment (Seasonally Adjusted):

- Construction (residential + nonresidential) employed 7.3 million workers in December 2018, an increase of 282,000 (4.0%) from December 2017, but 4.8% less than in April 2006, when U.S. construction employment peaked.
- Construction employment in Florida in December 2018 totaled 554,000, an increase of 6.7% from December 2017, but 20% less than the state's peak in June 2006.
- Construction unemployment is near a series low. In AGC's 2019 Hiring and Business Outlook Survey, 78% of firms in the U.S. and 79% in Florida reported difficulty filling salaried and hourly craft worker positions.

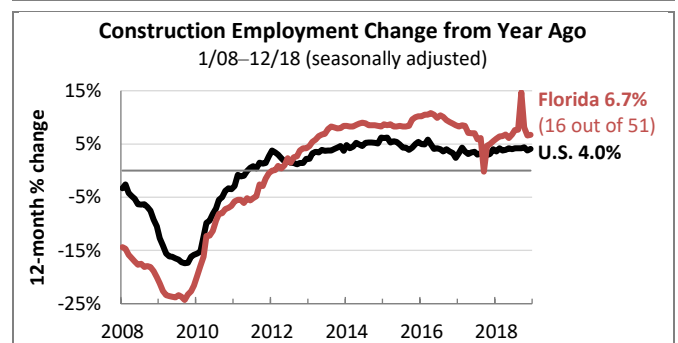
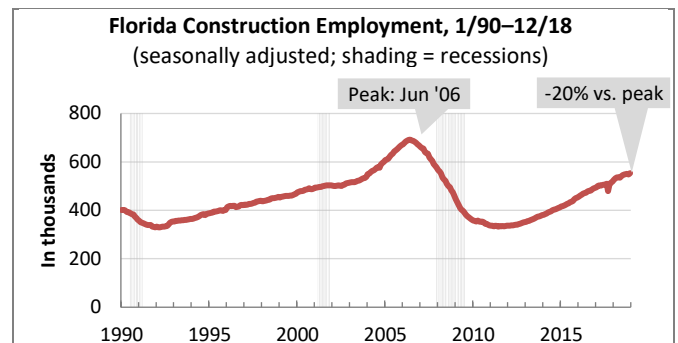
Construction Industry Pay:

- In 2017, pay for all construction *industry* employees in the U.S. averaged \$60,700, 10% more than the average (mean) for all private-sector employees. Pay for construction industry employees in Florida was \$49,200 in 2017, 3% more than the state average for all private-sector employees.
- Four out of the five most numerous construction *occupations* in Florida had higher median pay than the median for all employees in the state. (Half of workers earn more than the median; half earn less.)

Small Business:

- The United States had 669,000 construction firms in 2015, of which 92% were small (1 to 19 employees). Florida had 48,100 construction firms in 2015, of which 92% were small.

*The Bureau of Labor Statistics combines construction, mining and logging employment for metro areas in which mining and logging have few employers. To allow comparisons between states and their metros, not seasonally adjusted statewide data is shown for both construction-only and combined employment change.



Empl. Change by Metro (not seasonally adjusted)		Rank
Metro area or division	12/17-12/18	(out of 358)
Statewide (Construction)	7%	
Statewide (Mining, logging, and construction)*	6%	
Cape Coral-Fort Myers*	10%	45
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin*	3%	205
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach*	7%	91
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Div.	5%	150
Gainesville*	9%	58
Jacksonville	7%	91
Lakeland-Winter Haven*	6%	113
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Div.	17%	8
Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island*	12%	28
North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton*	7%	91
Ocala*	6%	113
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford	15%	12
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville*	8%	69
Panama City*	2%	239
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent*	7%	91
Port St. Lucie*	9%	58
Punta Gorda*	2%	239
Sebastian-Vero Beach*	10%	45
Tallahassee*	4%	177
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	5%	150
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Div.	8%	69

5 most numerous construction jobs and median annual pay in Florida (2017 data)			
Occupation	Number of employees	Median annual pay	Pay relative to median
All occupations	8,419,030	\$33,420	
Construction Laborers	65,850	\$28,680	-14%
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	42,540	\$57,560	+72%
Carpenters	42,520	\$37,770	+13%
Electricians	36,820	\$41,970	+26%
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	24,200	\$41,840	+25%