

39 states add jobs year-over-year in March; first-quarter starts decline, ConstructConnect reports

Seasonally adjusted **construction employment** rose year-over-year (y/y) from March 2023 to March 2024 in 39 states, fell in 10 states and the District of Columbia, and was unchanged in Vermont, according to AGC's [analysis](#) of data the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) [posted](#) today. California added the most construction employees (33,900 or 3.8%), followed by Texas (28,600, 3.5%) and Florida (23,000, 3.7%). Alaska again had the steepest percentage increase (16%, 2,700), followed by South Dakota (11%, 3,000) and Arkansas (9.7%, 6,000). The largest job losses again occurred in New York (-9,700, -2.5%) and Washington (-8,400, -3.6%), followed by Maryland (-4,700, -2.9%). The steepest percentage loss occurred in Washington, followed by Maryland and North Dakota (-2.9%, -800 jobs). **For the month**, construction employment rose in 36 states and D.C., fell in 13 states and (28) unchanged in (1) (3) (278) (1) (16) (15) (507) (1) (6) (855) (1) (1)