



Construction Industry Round Table

Economic News

A force for positive change in the design / construction industry

4/14/14 – Construction Employment Improves in March

The Department of Labor's latest unemployment numbers indicate a slightly improving situation. About 192,000 jobs were added in March, (it is generally accepted that it takes approximately 130,000 new jobs a month, just to sop-up the expanding workforce). The non-seasonally adjusted unemployment figure for construction stood at 11.3% (some three point four percentage points lower than in March '13, when it stood at 14.7%). The overall general unemployed number remained at 6.7%, with workforce participation staying nearly the same at 63.2%, continuing to hover near its 36 year low set in December 2013.

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