

National Construction Employment Hits a Two-Year High in January Industry's 17.7 Percent Unemployment Rate Still Troubling

The Construction industry added 21,000 jobs in January, as a second consecutive month of unseasonably mild winter weather helped the sector raise employment to a two-year high, according to an analysis of new federal employment data released by AGC. AGC officials cautioned that the gains remain fragile amid declining public sector investments in construction and infrastructure.

"Although it's great news that the industry has added 52,000 jobs in the past two months, the unemployment rate in construction is still double that of the overall economy, and construction employment remains at 1996 levels," said Ken Simonson, AGC's chief economist. "It will take another month or two to see if the recent job growth reflects a sustained pickup or merely acceleration of homebuilding and highway projects that normally halt when the ground freezes in De-





cember and January.".....CLICK HERE TO READ MORE.

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Eye on the Economy: Growing Optimism for Housing Rings in the New Year

The new year has opened with a sense of growing optimism for housing.

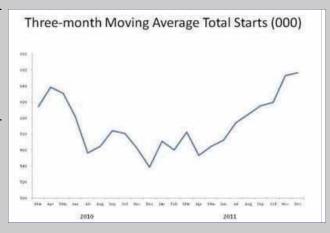
Existing home sales climbed 5% in December while inventories dropped more than 9% to a 6.2 months-supply, down from 7.2 in November, which should help reduce downward pressure on home prices and increase confidence in the housing sector.

Single-family housing starts rose 4.4% in December to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 470,000, their fastest

pace since the end of the home buyer tax credit program in 2010. This was consistent with recent improvements in builder confidence, as indicated by the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI), which rose to 25 in January — its highest level

since the summer of 2007. From an unsustainably high level in November, starts in buildings with five housing units or more fell 28% in December to a

rate of



164,000 units, which was still 69% above the pace of a year earlier.

Although overall construction hiring slowed somewhat in December, 2011 is expected to be the first year since 2006 in which total hires exceeded total job losses in the construction sector.....Click Here To Read More.

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FEATURED GATEWAY EMPLOYEE



KIM LANDRESS

Location: Columbia, South Carolina Department: HVAC Admin Assistant

Kim Landress has been with Gateway Supply Company for 8 years. She has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her family.



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