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# Eighty Percent of Contractors Report Difficulty Finding Qualified Craft Workers to Hire

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Percentage of firms having trouble finding craft workers



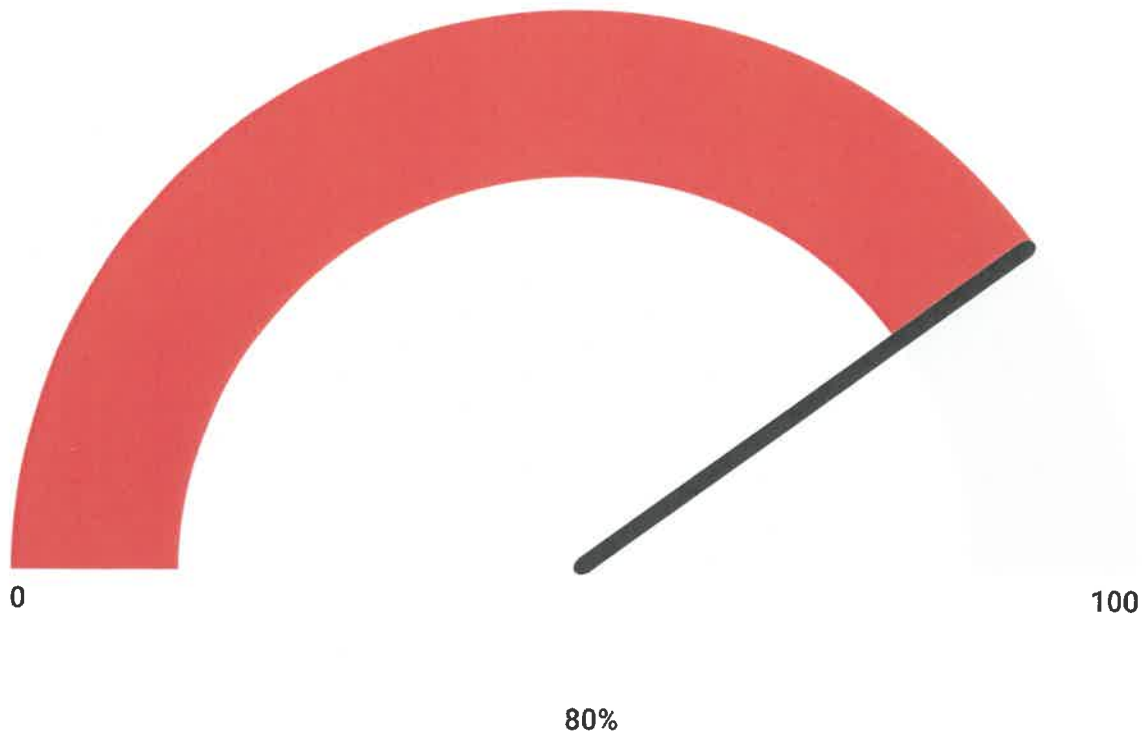
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How firms expect craft labor market to change over next 12 months

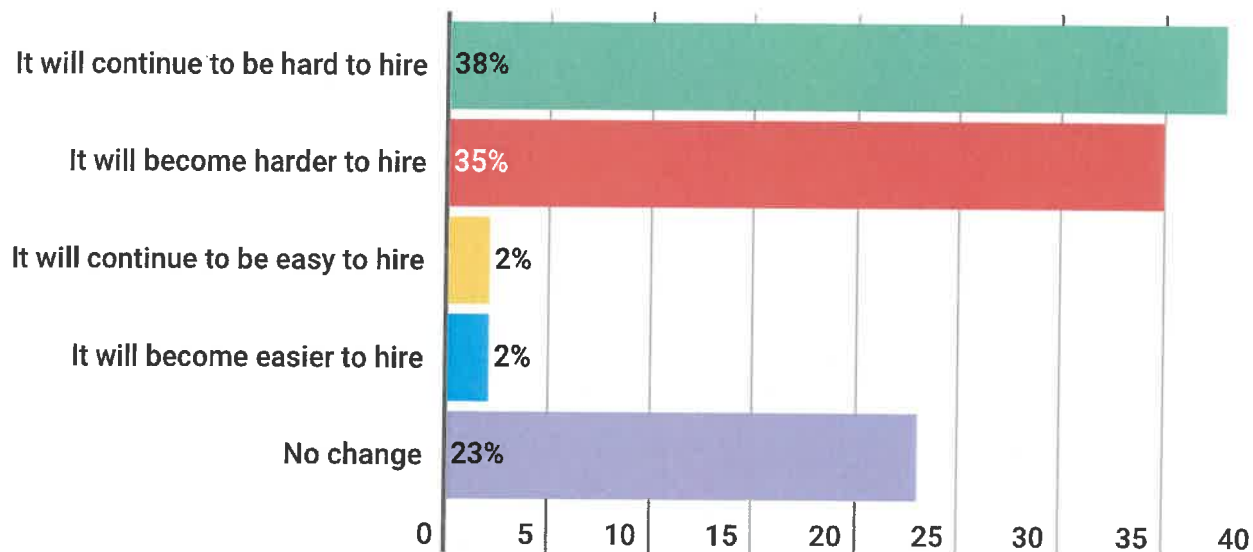
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Eighty percent of construction firms report they are having a hard time filling hourly craft positions that represent the bulk of the construction workforce, according to the results of an industry-wide survey released today by Autodesk and the Associated General Contractors of America. Association officials said the industry was taking a range of steps to address the situation but called on federal officials to take steps to assist those industry efforts.

“Workforce shortages remain one of the single most significant threats to the construction industry,” said Stephen E. Sandherr, AGC’s chief executive officer. “However, construction labor shortages are a challenge that can be fixed, and this association will continue to do everything in its power to make sure that happens.”

[Download the recording of the call here.](#)

#### Materials:

- News release
- National survey results
- 2019 National Worker Shortage Survey Analysis
- AGC Workforce Development Plan 2.0

#### Regional Results:

- Midwest
- Northeast
- South
- West

**State Results:**

- Alabama
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oregon
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia
- Washington

**Results by Union & Open:**

- Union
- Open-Shop

**Results by Firm Size:**

- \$50 million or less
- \$50.1 million - \$500 million
- Over \$500 million

**Contractor Type:**    Utility        Infrastructure        Federal/Heavy        Highway        Building

**Industry Priorities:**    Labor & HR

