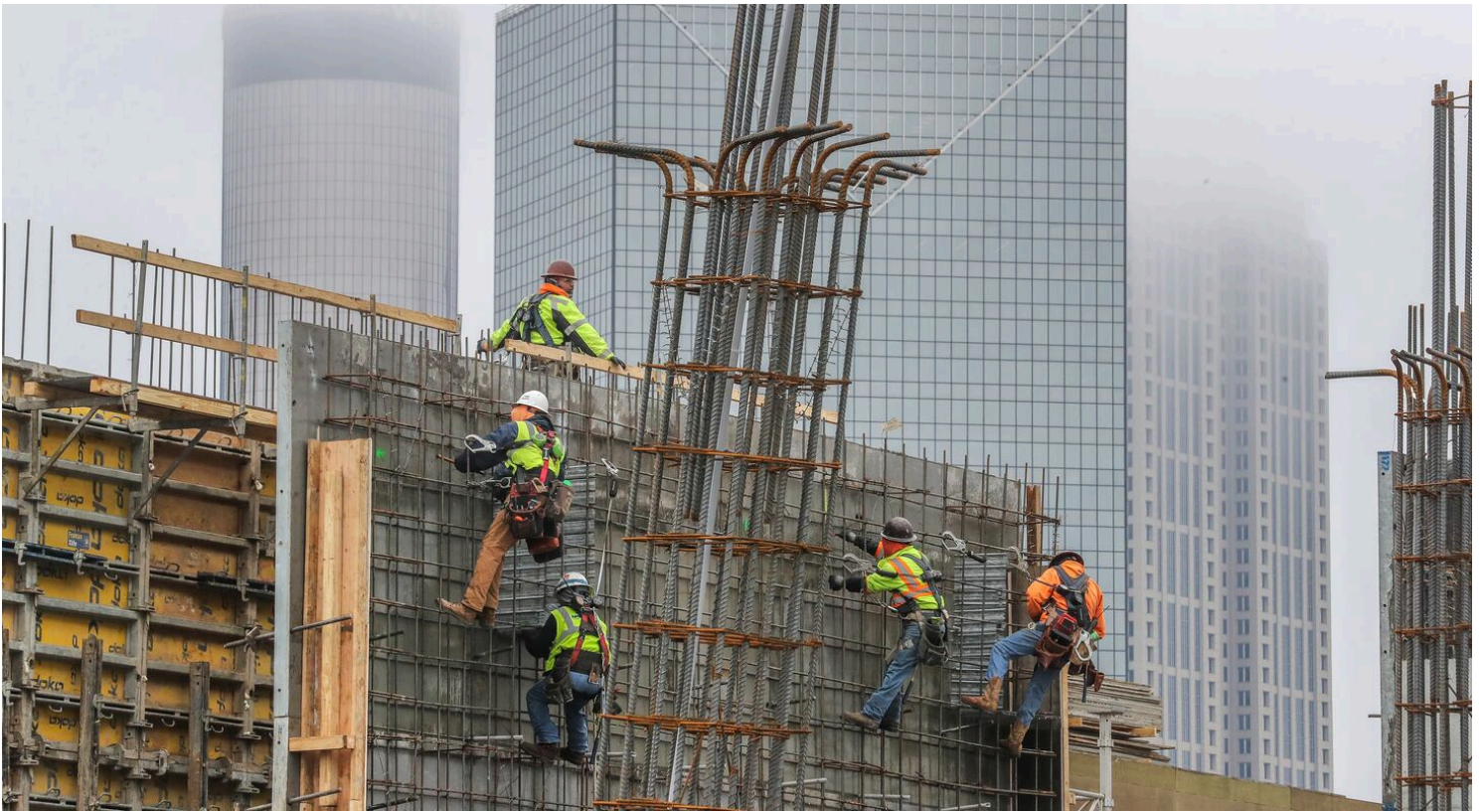




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Overall, metro Atlanta added 72,000 jobs last year. The construction sector, which has about 146,000 workers, grew by 4,700. Here, workers on an 18-story, 304-unit apartment tower being built across from Mercedes-Benz Stadium near downtown. (John Spink / John.Spink@ajc.com)

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In a somewhat mixed coda to a surprisingly upbeat year, Metro Atlanta shed jobs in December, but still finished the year with a historically low unemployment rate and growth of 72,000 jobs, the state Labor Department said Thursday.

The region shed 6,200 jobs during the month with gains in some sectors offset by losses elsewhere.

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