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# Construction Outlook for 2025 and Beyond

## 2025 AHR Expo

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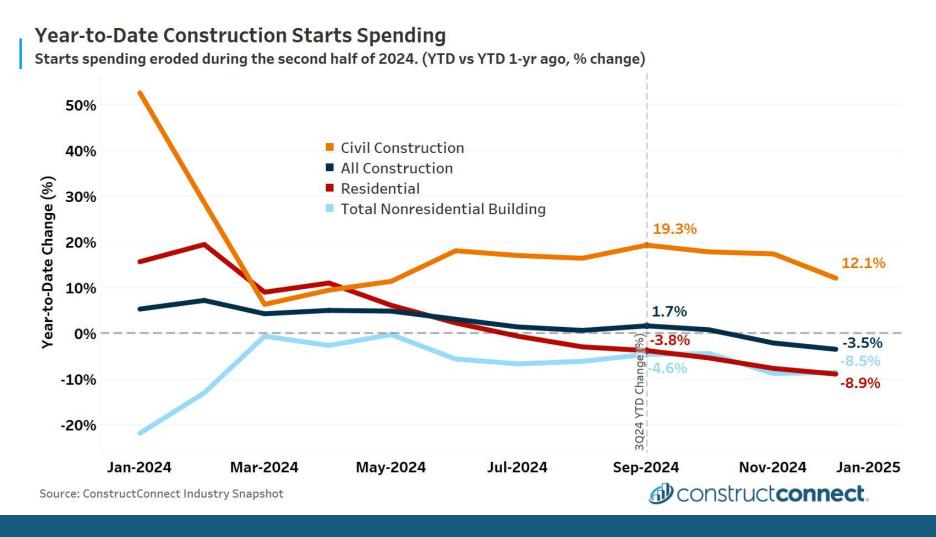
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## Summary Forecast

(Annual percentage change unless specified otherwise)

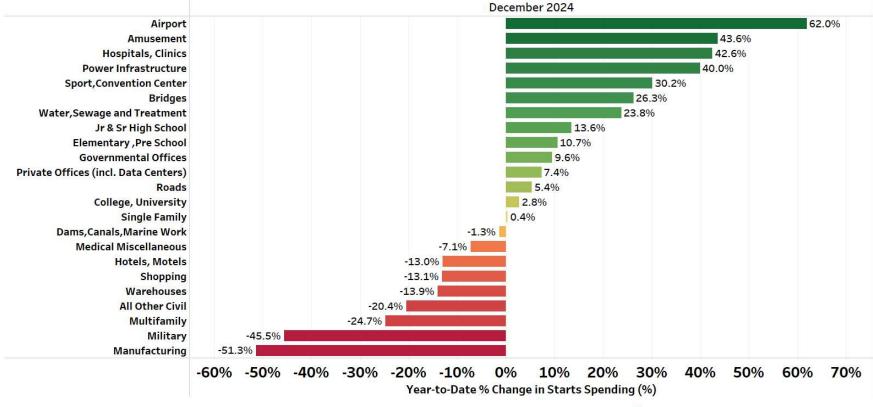
	2025	2026	2027	2028
US Macroeconomic Measures				
GDP	2.6	2.7	2.7	1.9
Population Growth	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.9
Real Disposable Income	2.4	3.3	3.4	2.3
10Y Govt. Bond Yield (%)	4.0	3.3	3.1	3.1

Source: Oxford Economics, January 2025



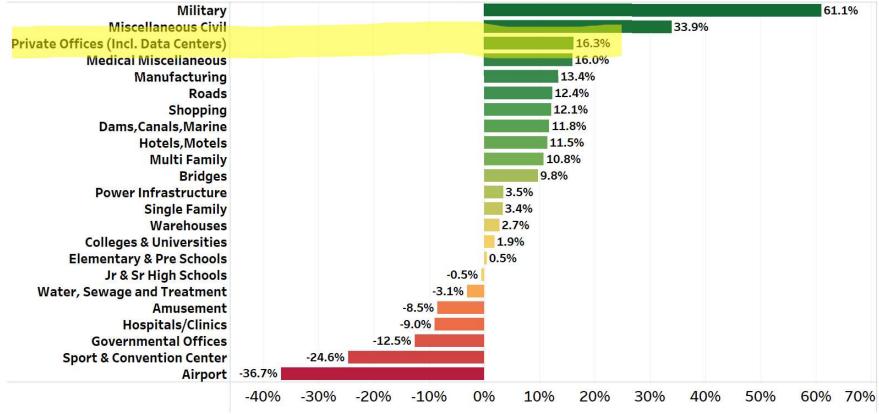
#### Year-to-Date Construction Starts Spending Varies Widely By Category

Full year 2024 spending results for select subcategories, change in dollar spending (%)



Source: ConstructConnect Industry Snapshot

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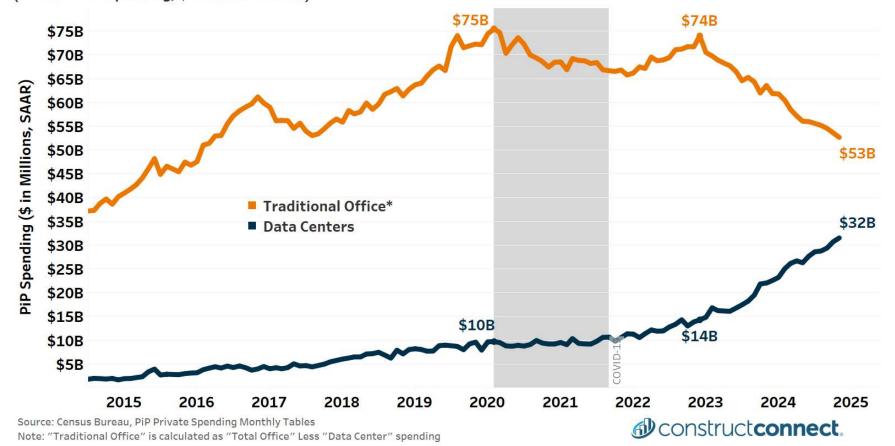
#### US 2025 Full Year Forecast Outlook by SubCategory

Source: 102025 Starts forecast, ConstructConnect

Note: Miscellaneous Civil includes includes Parks, Landscaping, Railroad & Subway, Sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters, Military Non Building, Athletic Fields & Courts, Swimming Pools, Demolition (Civil), Electrical Work (Civil), Fencing, Machinery & Supplies, Pavement Markers, Tunnels, Miscellaneous (Civil), Sitework, Oil and Gas Pipelines in addition to power infrastructure Medical Miscellaneous includes Medical Offices, Outpatient Surgery Centers, Imaging Centers



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#### Data Centers Spending has Blunted Contracting True Office Construction (Put-in-Place Spending, \$ in Millions SAAR)

#### U.S. Mega Projects Are Providing Substantial Support to the Industry Average monthly value of \$1-billion and greater "mega" projects, (\$ in millions, 12-month moving average) \$11,000 \$10,000 \$9,000 \$9,163 \$8,000 \$7,000 \$6,000 \$5,000 \$4,000 \$3,000 \$2,000 \$1,000 \$0

2021

2022

2023

2024

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2025

2020

Monthly Value of Mega Projects (\$ in Millions, 12-MMA)

2018

2019

Source: ConstructConnect Project Intelligence / Construct Connect Insight Leads

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#### Stubborn Inflation Will Lead To Higher Borrowing Costs for Longer

10% 30 Year Mortgage Rate 8% Fed Funds Rate - Effective Rate US Inflation Rate .9% 6% Rate, % \* 4.5% 4% 2.7% 2% Fed Target Inflation Rate 0% -2% -4% Jan 2020 Jan 2023 Jan 2024 Jan 2025 Jan 2021 Jan 2022 Sources: Fed Funds Rate, U.S. Federal Reserve; 30-Year Mortgage, Freddie Mac; Inflation, Denstruct connect. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The Federal Funds Rate and inflation both influence mortgage and C&I rates

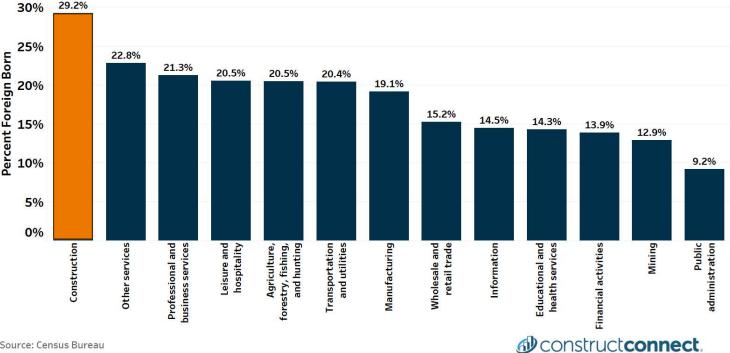
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### **Foreign-born Workers by US Industry**

- By percentage of ٠ the workforce, construction would feel a greater impact than any other industry.
- Following behind ٠ are six industries all with about 1/5<sup>th</sup> of their workforce being foreign-born.

Number of Foreign Born Workers By Industry

Over 28M workers, or 14.7%, of the U.S. labor force was foreign born in 2022 (#, count)



Source: Census Bureau

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