



Building Beyond Today: Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow's Economy

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Who is ConstructConnect?

The leading pre-construction network and provider of cloud-based, non-residential construction project data and collaboration and estimating solutions to 60,000+ customers across the US and Canada.

400,000

Non-residential Commercial
Construction Projects in the
US and Canada

100,000

Users

800

Employees

Roper
TECHNOLOGIES

Part of Roper Technologies
Group of high performing
companies (55B Market Cap).



Offices in North America
(Cincinnati, Atlanta, Markham).

Our three main lines of business include:



Project Data



Takeoff + Estimating



Bid + Risk Management

To help the **construction industry** start every project on a **solid foundation**.

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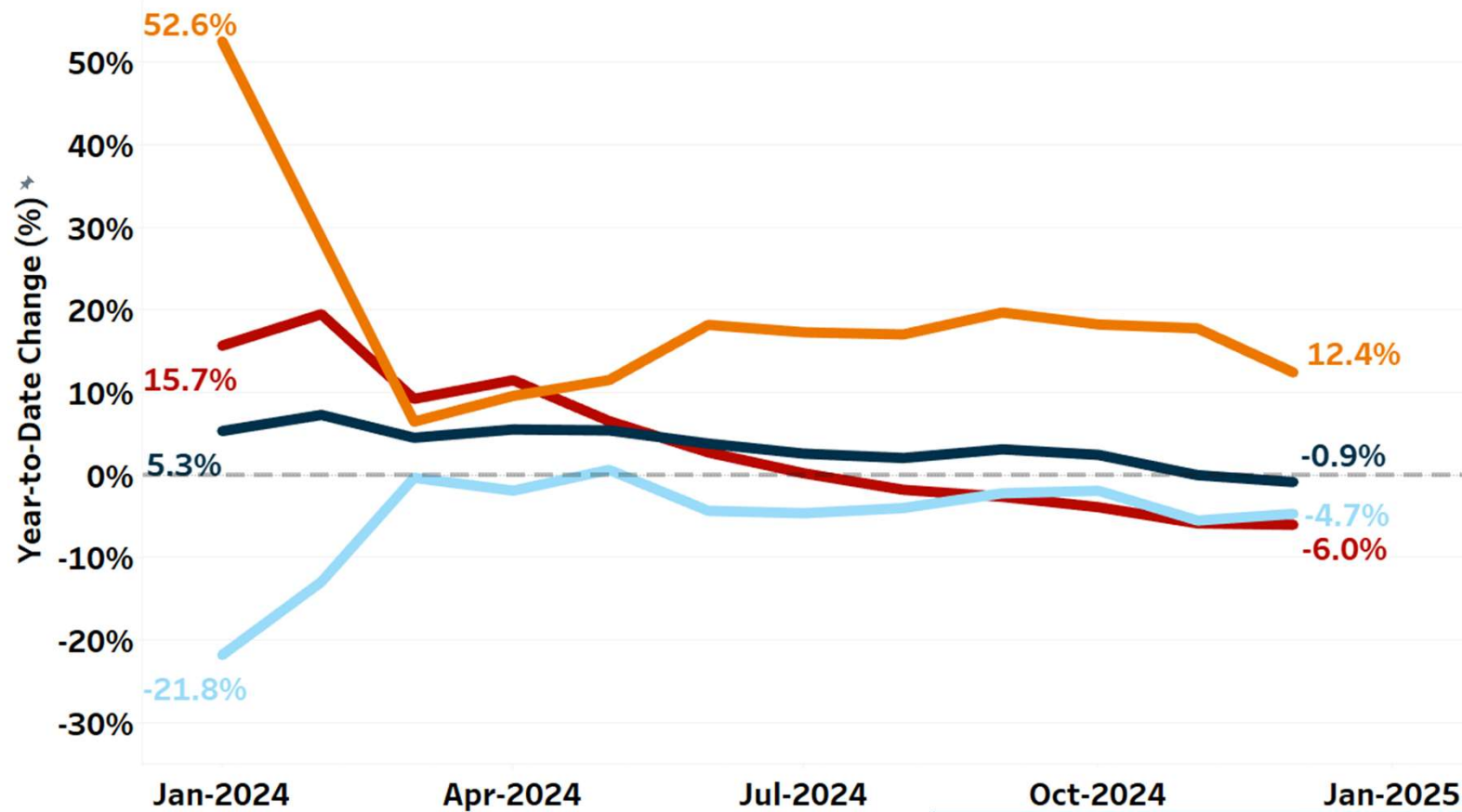


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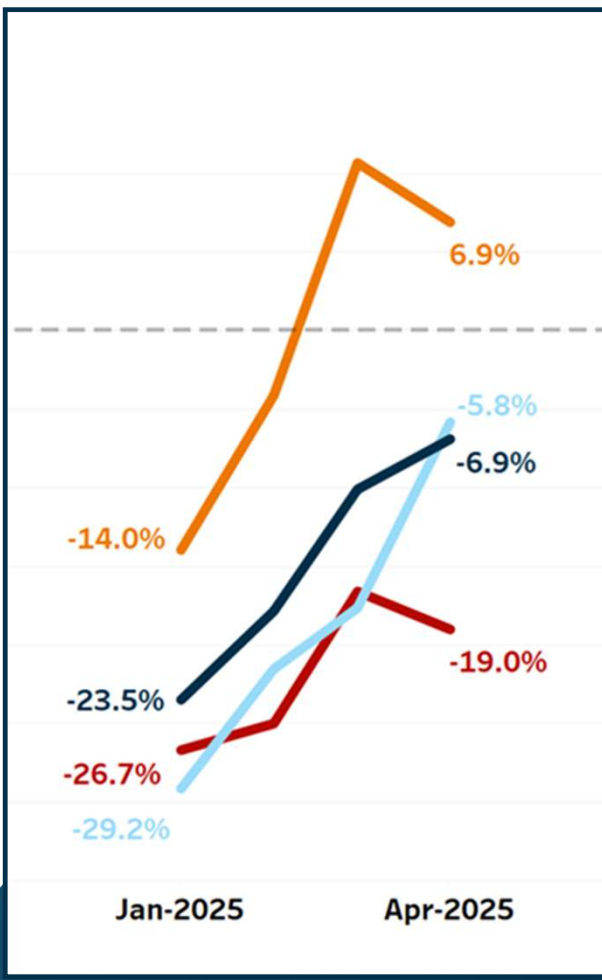
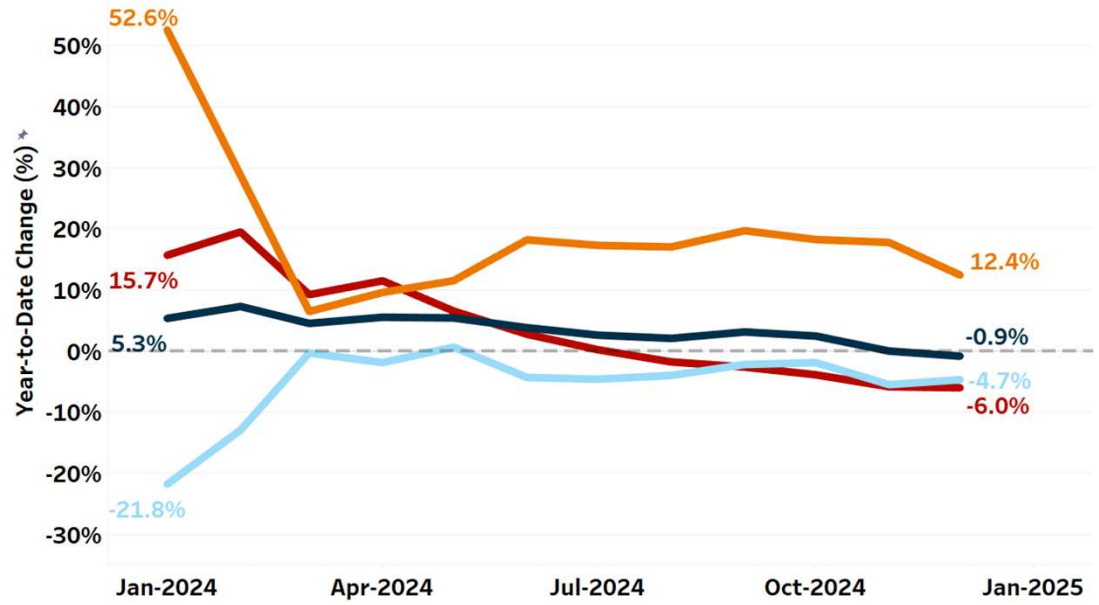
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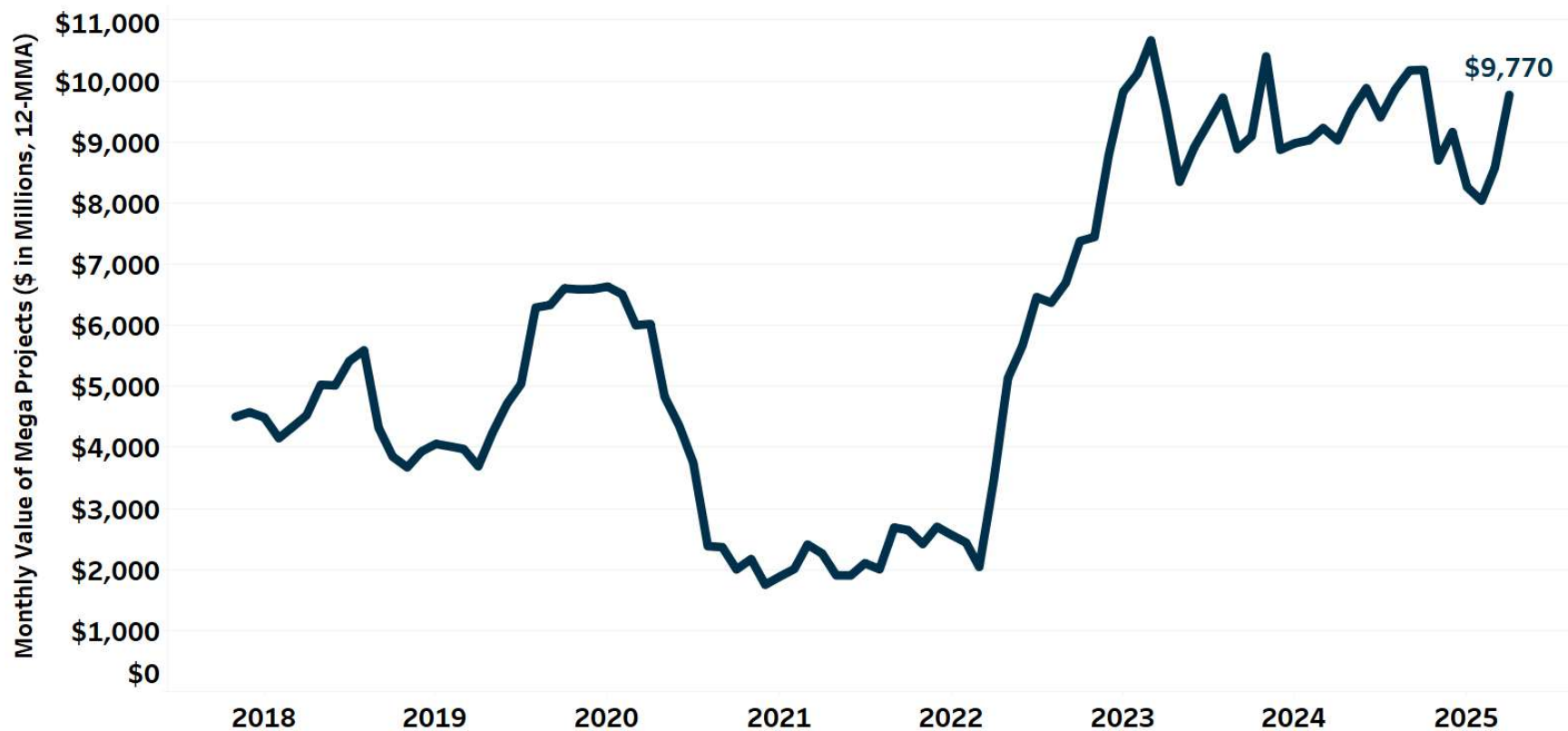
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U.S. Mega Projects Are Providing Substantial Support to the Industry

Average monthly value of \$1-billion and greater "mega" projects, (\$ in millions, 12-month moving average)



Source: ConstructConnect Project Intelligence / Construct Connect Insight Leads

Summary forecasts



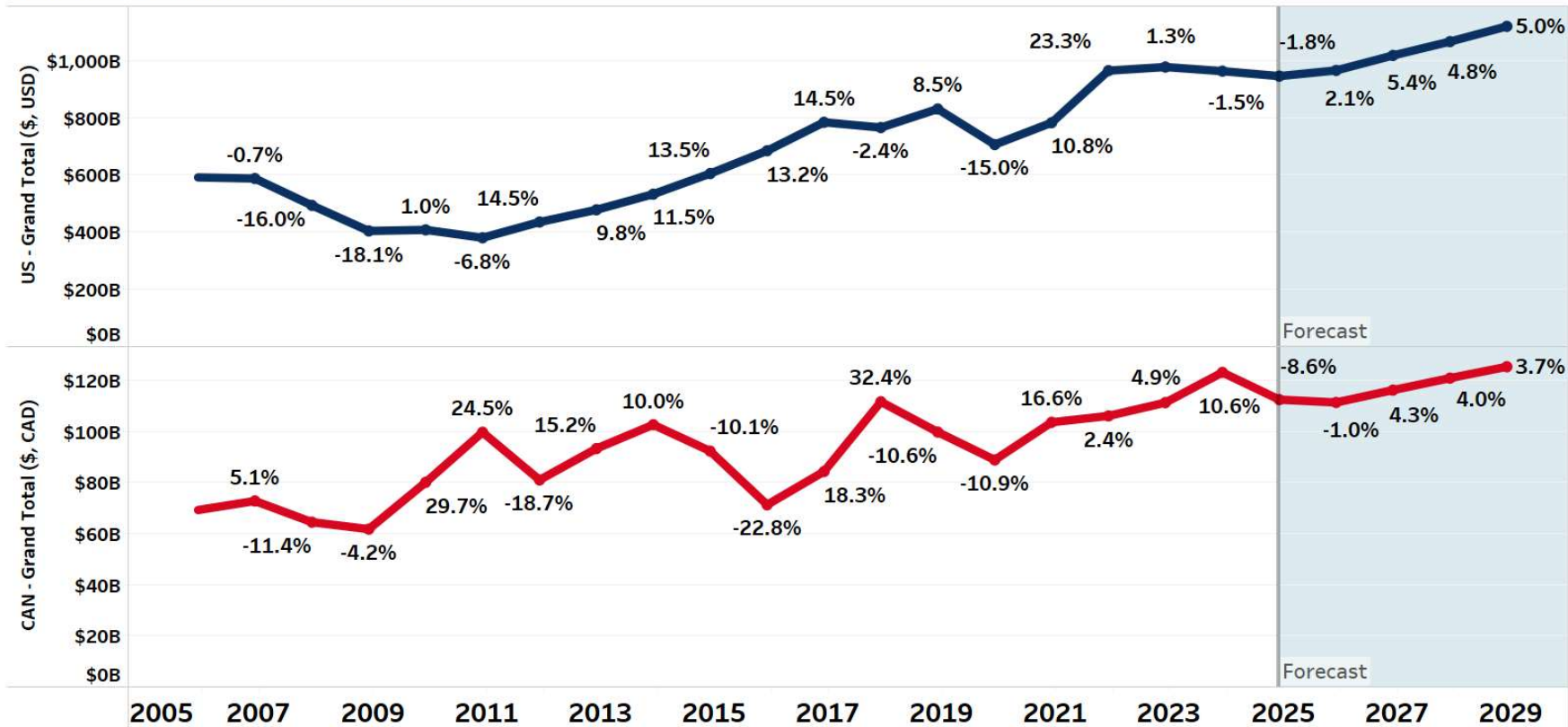
(Annual percentage changes unless specified otherwise)

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
US							
Macro variables							
GDP	2.9	2.8	1.2	1.6	2.6	2.6	2.4
Population growth	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Unemployment rate (%)	3.6	4.0	4.4	4.6	4.1	3.9	4.0
Real disposable income	5.1	2.7	1.5	3.3	3.4	2.4	2.4
Central bank rate (%)	5.1	5.2	4.4	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.1
10-year government yield (%)	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1

Source: Oxford Economics, April 2025

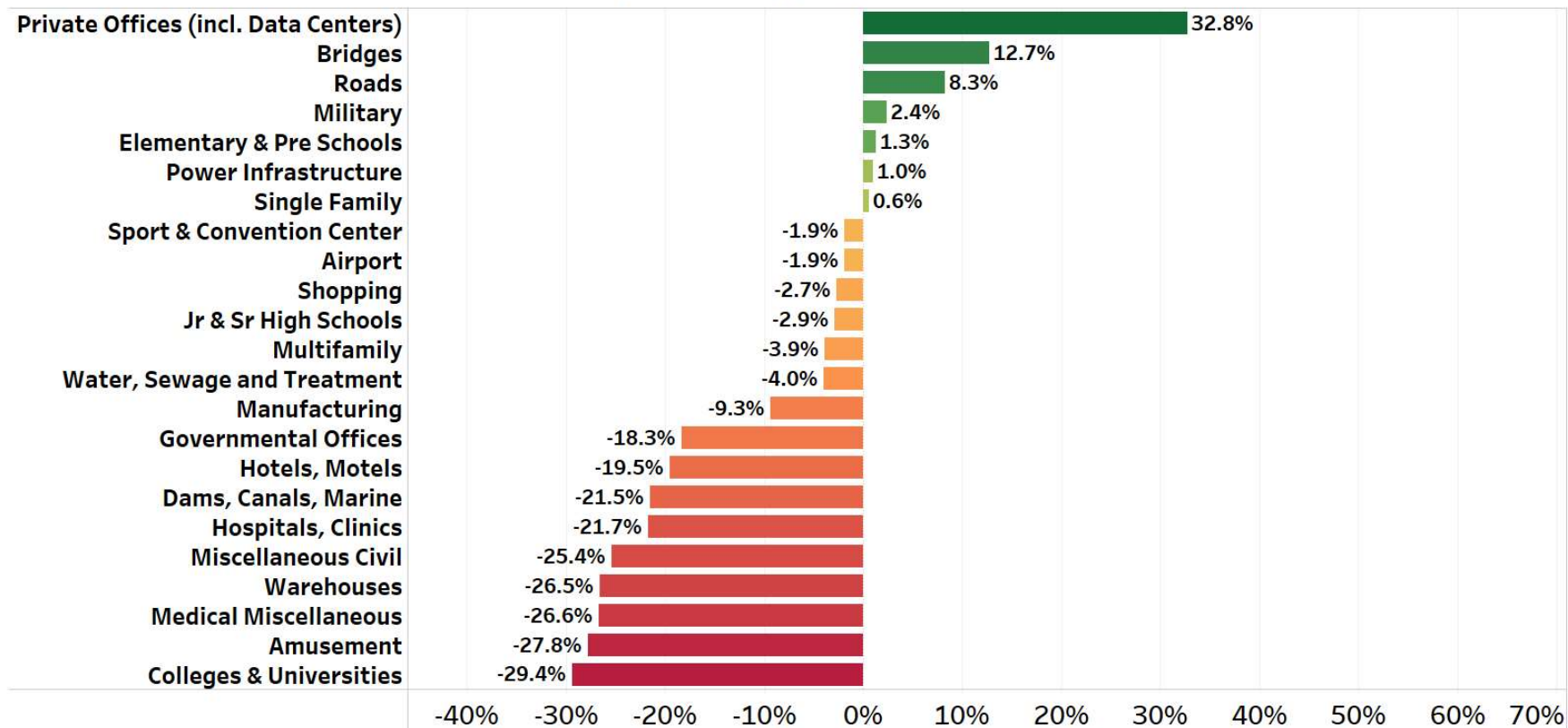
Canadian & U.S. Grand Total Historic Starts and Forecast

(Billions of \$ in native currency, NSA)



Source: ConstructConnect Starts Forecast, 2Q2025 Release

2025 US Full Year Starts Forecast by Subcategory

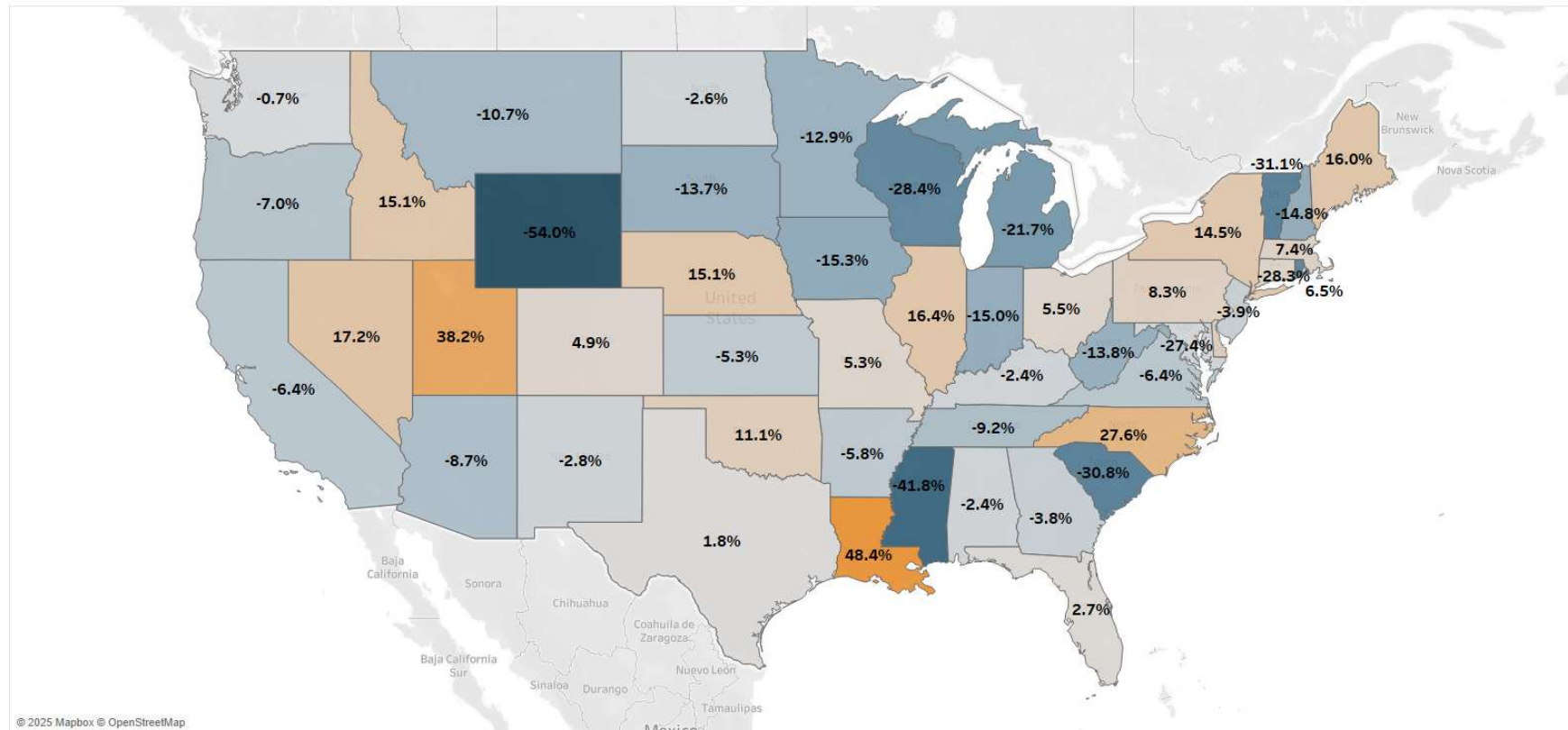


Source: 2Q2025 Starts forecast, ConstructConnect

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

2025 Year-End Starts Forecast by State

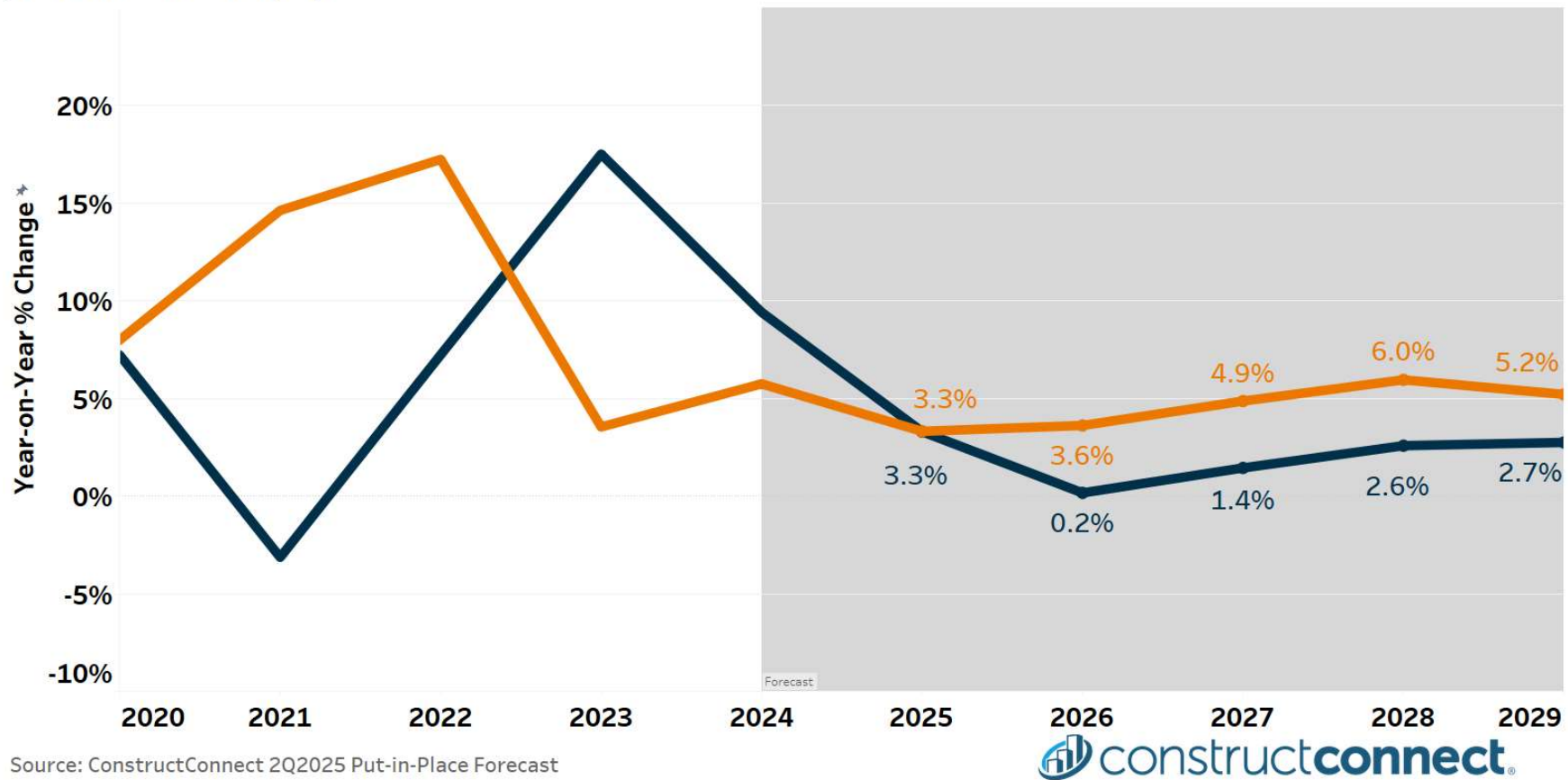
Total Construction Starts, Dollar Change from Prior Year, (YoY, %)



Source: ConstructConnect Starts Forecast 2Q2025

Public vs. Private Put-in-Place Total Construction Spending

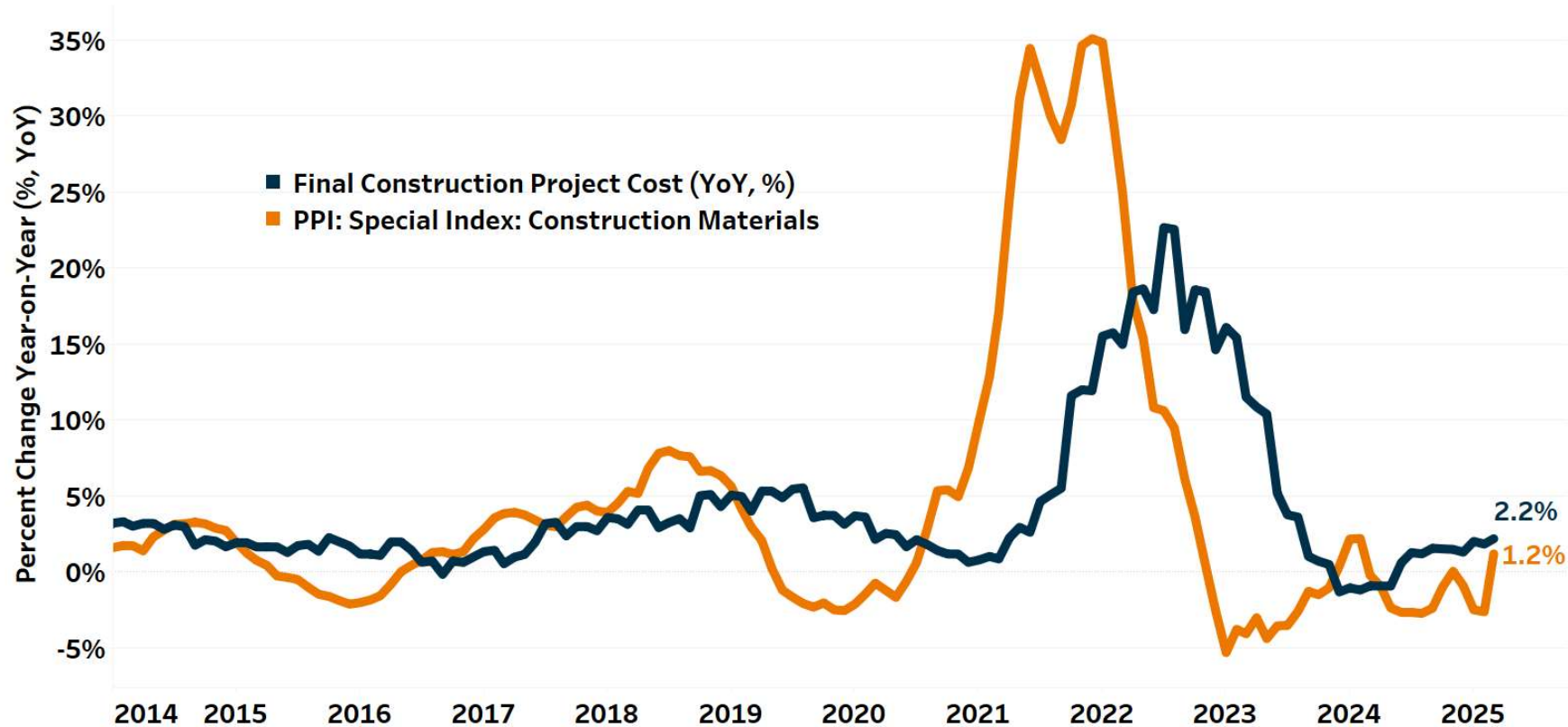
(Year-on-Year Growth, %)



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Construction Prices Adjusting to Falling Material Costs

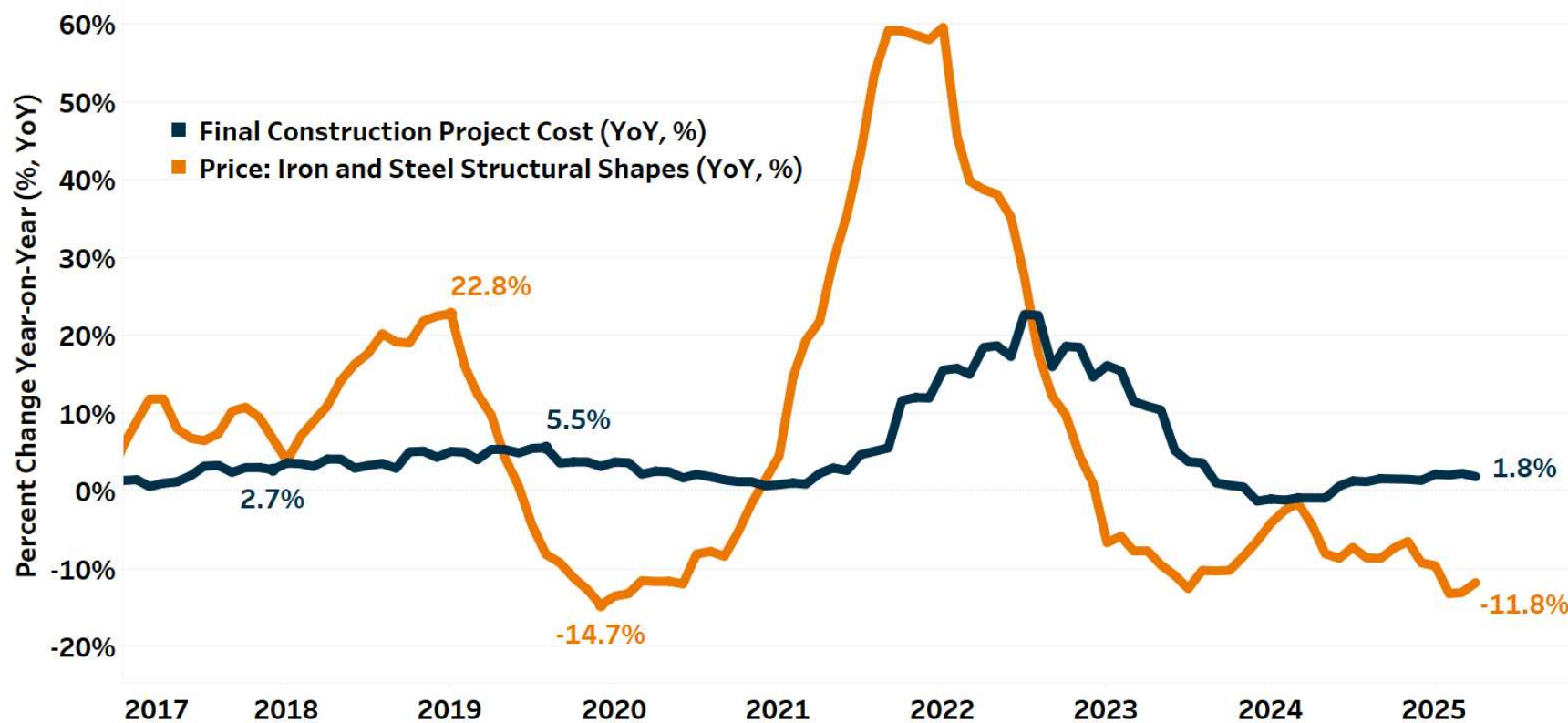
Falling material prices have helped to stabilize construction bid prices despite the continuance of rising labor costs.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Total Construction Price Changes Lag Behind Material Price Shocks

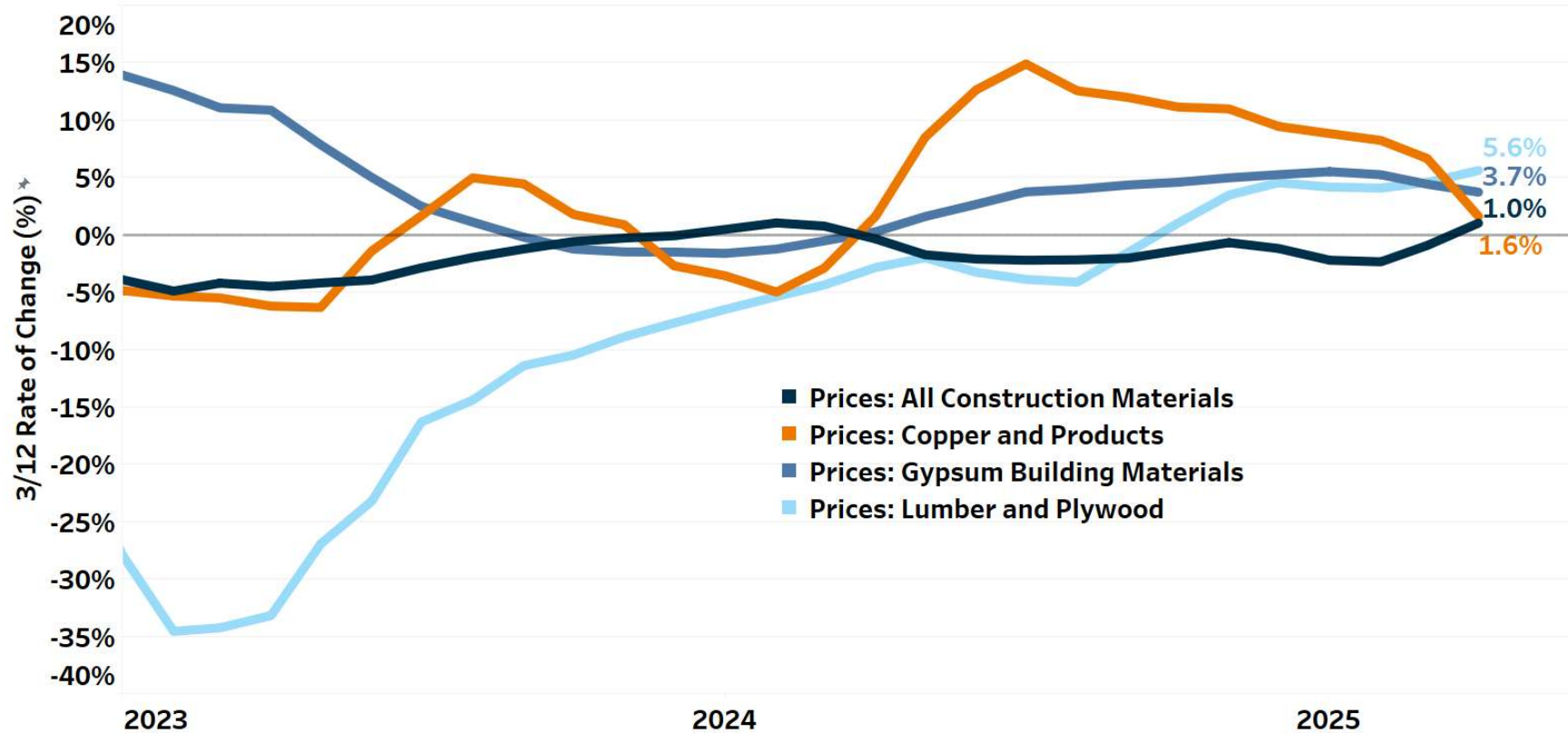
25% steel tariffs in mid-2018 contributed to a peak rise of 5.5% in total project construction costs by mid-2019. (YoY, %)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Construction Prices Remain Stabilize Since 2024

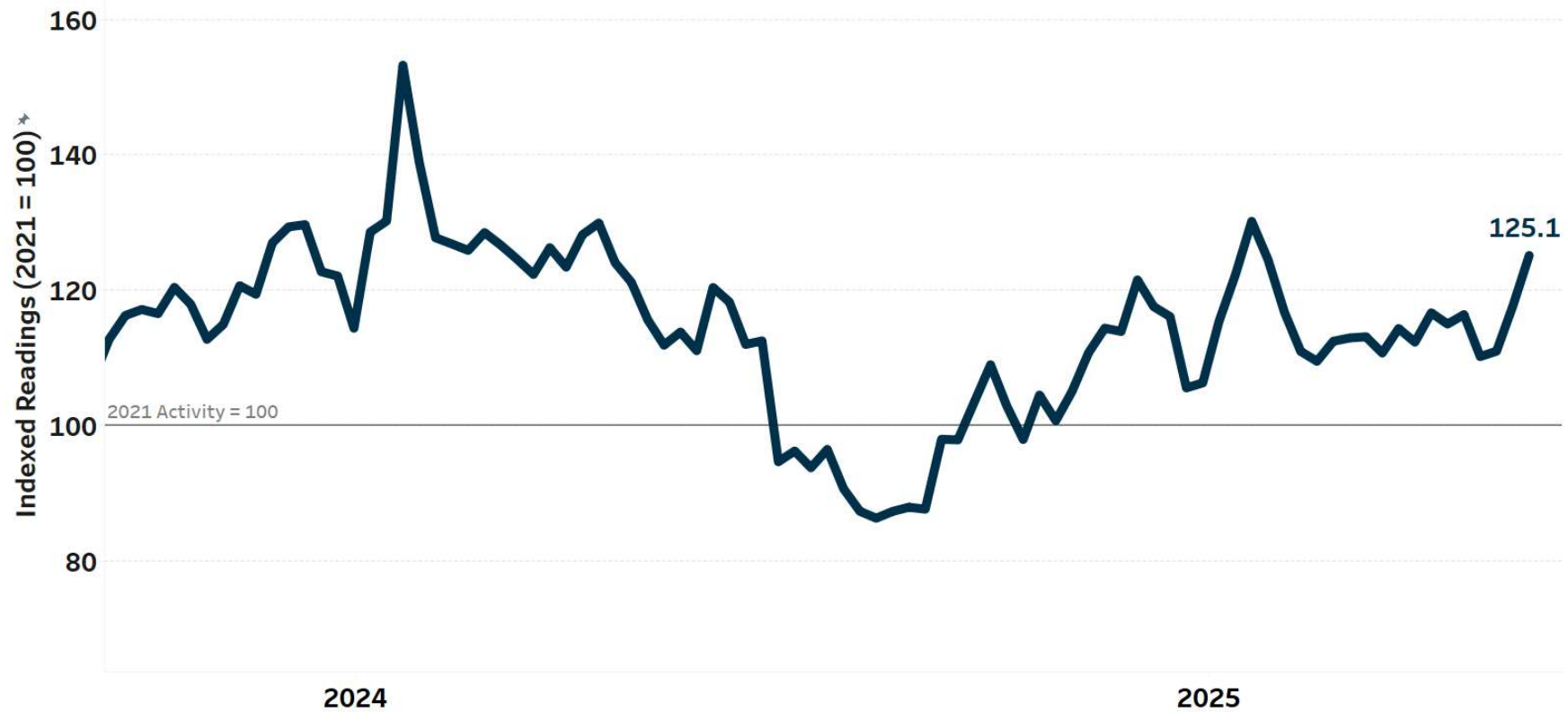
(Data through April 2025, 3/12 Rate-of-Change, %)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Project Stress Index Composite

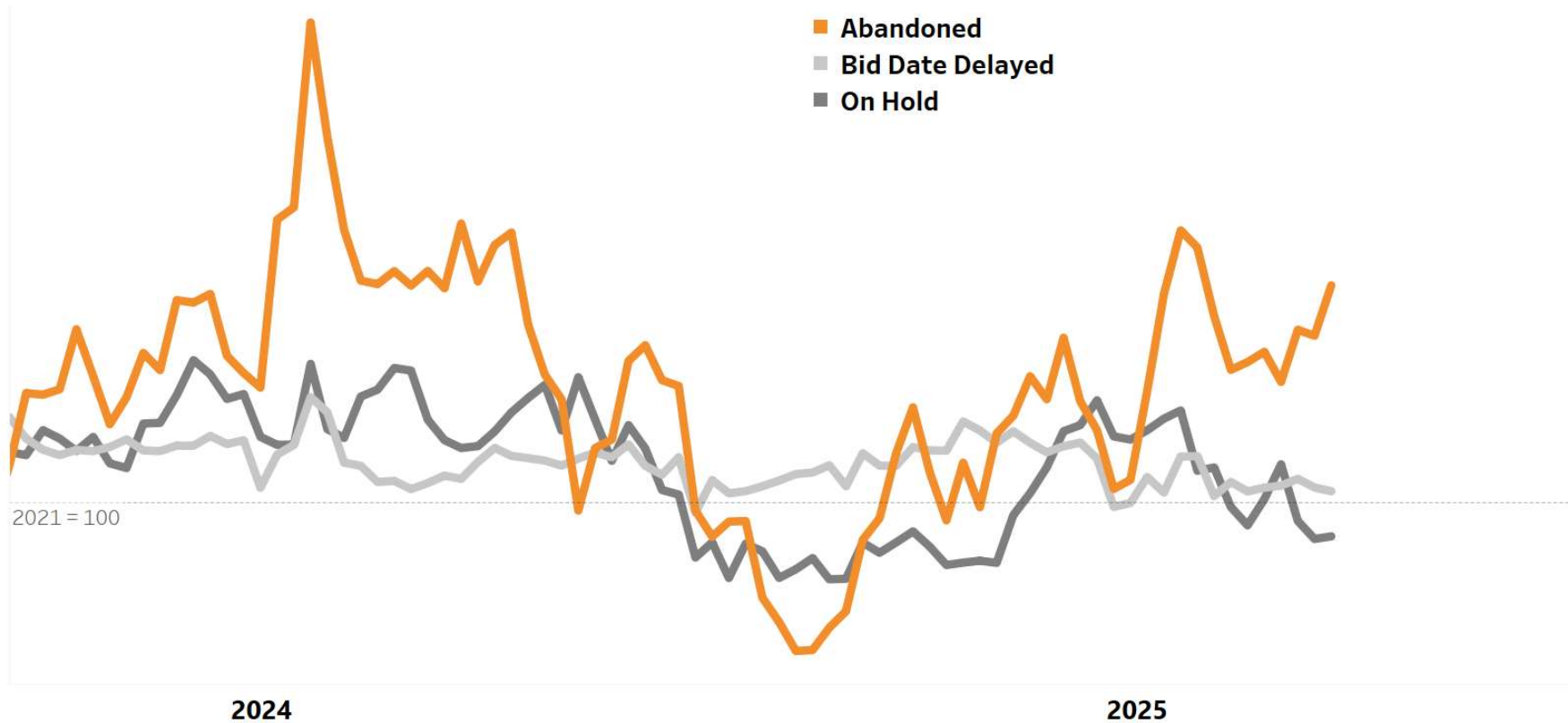
A seasonally adjusted, equal weight measure of delayed, on hold and abandoned projects



Source: ConstructConnect, Project Stress Index

Project Stress Index Composite Components

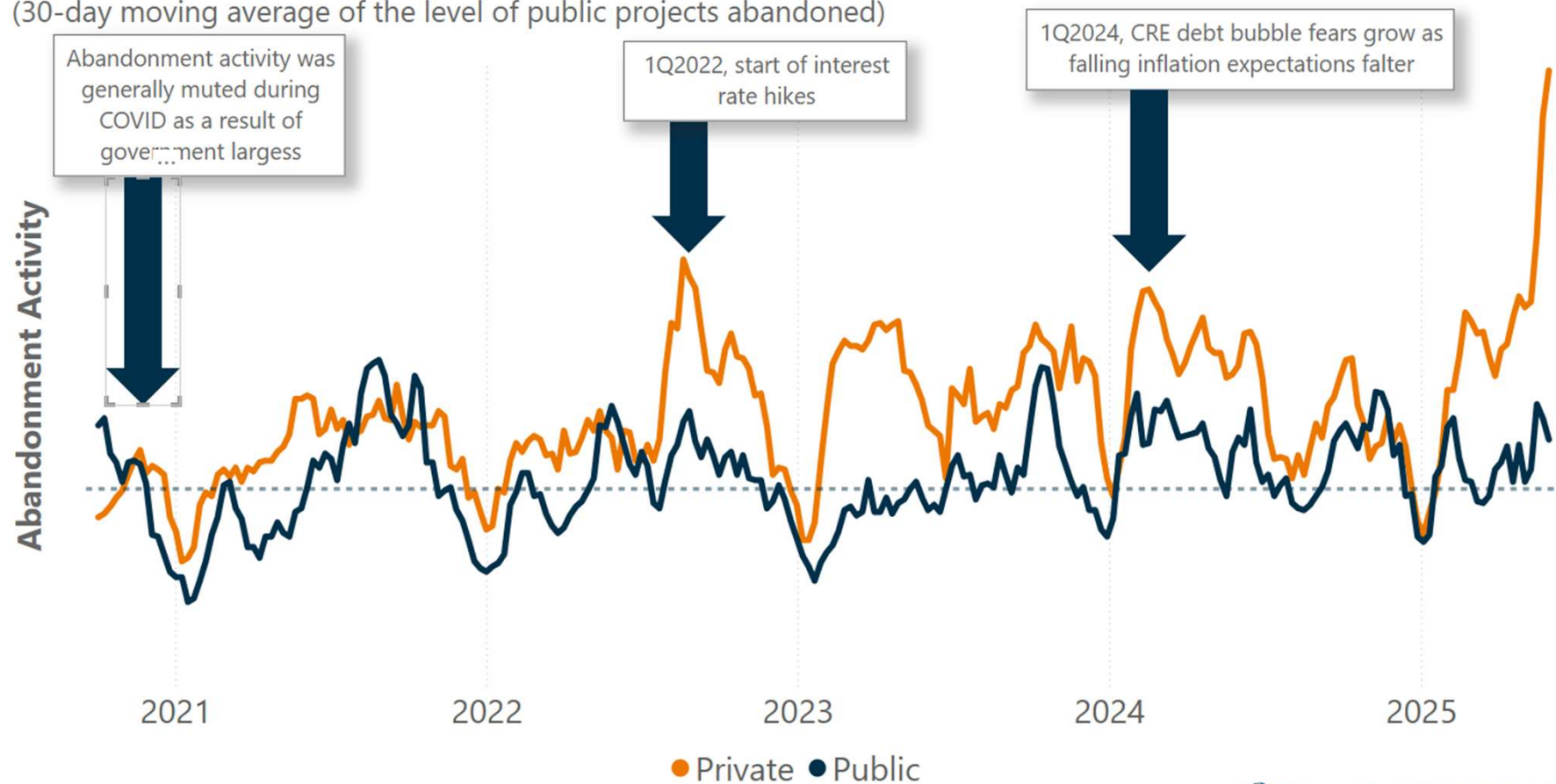
Values are seasonally adjusted and indexed to 2021 = 100



Source: ConstructConnect, Project Stress Index

Public Abandonments Have Tracked Very Differently from Private Work Since Rates Began Rising

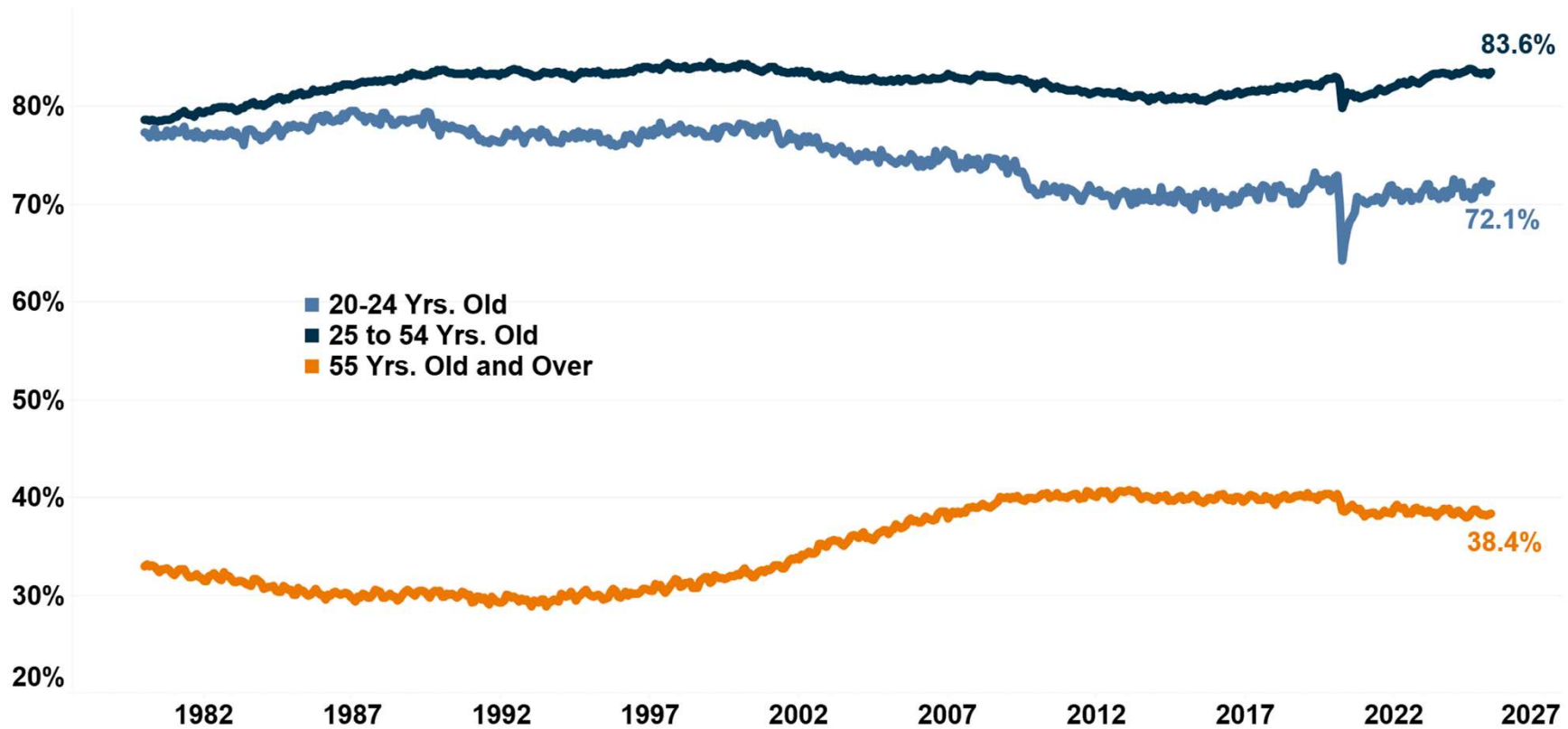
(30-day moving average of the level of public projects abandoned)



Source: ConstructConnect

The Percentage of Prime Age Workers Is at a 20-year High

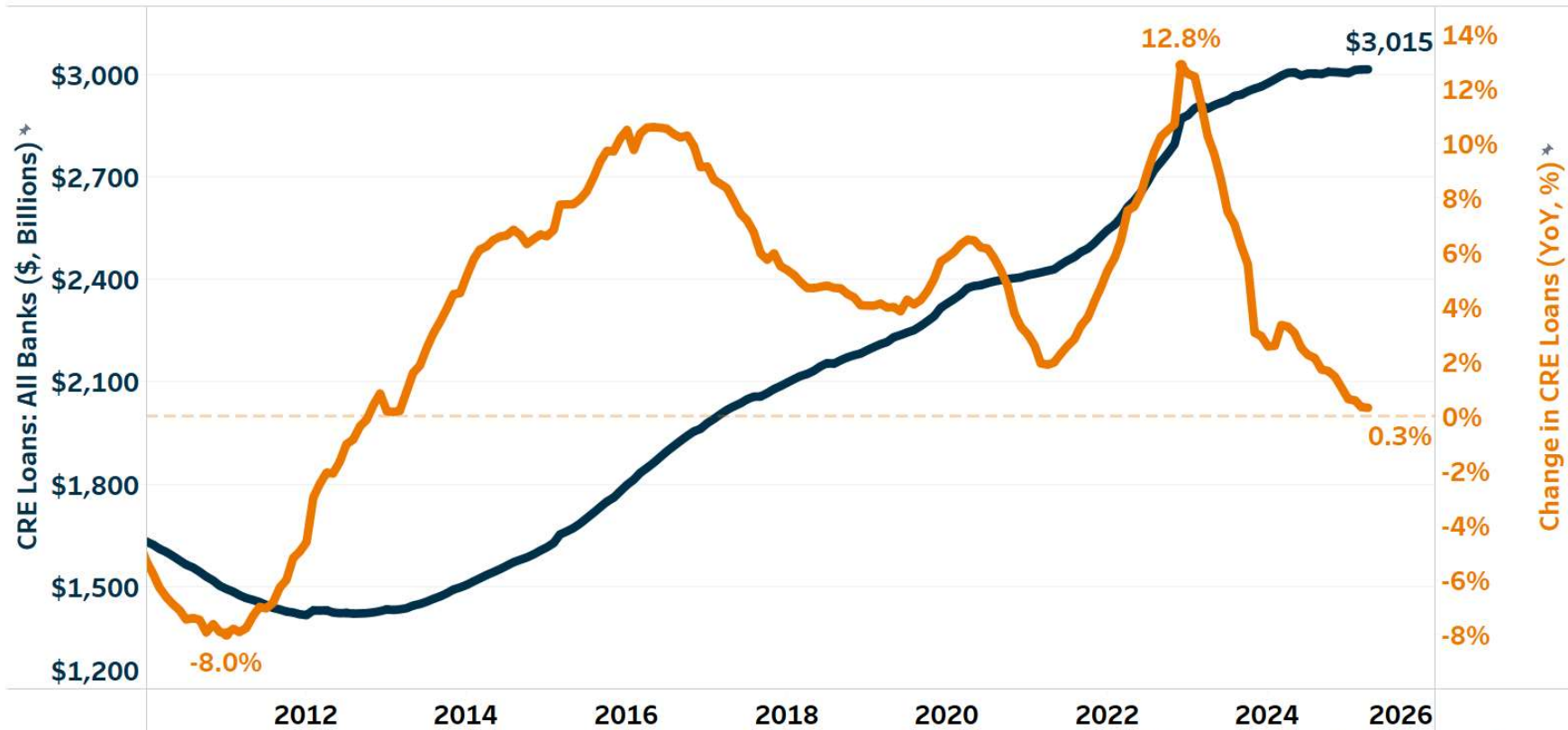
Yet total labor force participation is at 62.6%, its lowest non-pandemic level since 1978



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Banks Are Holding Commercial Real Estate Lending Frozen at \$3-Trillion

Banks have been slowing Commercial Real Estate debt growth since early 2023

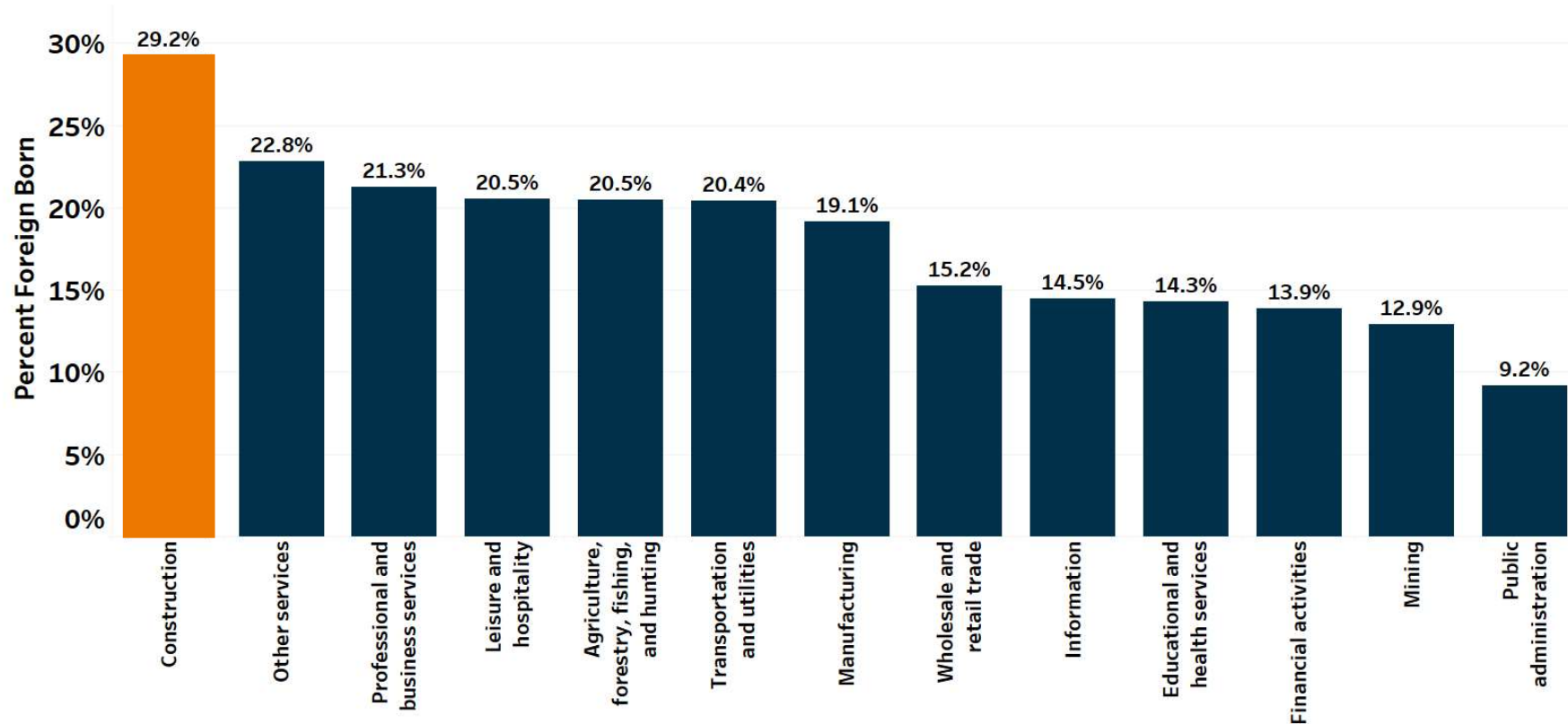


Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Construction is Uniquely Exposed to Foreign-born Labor

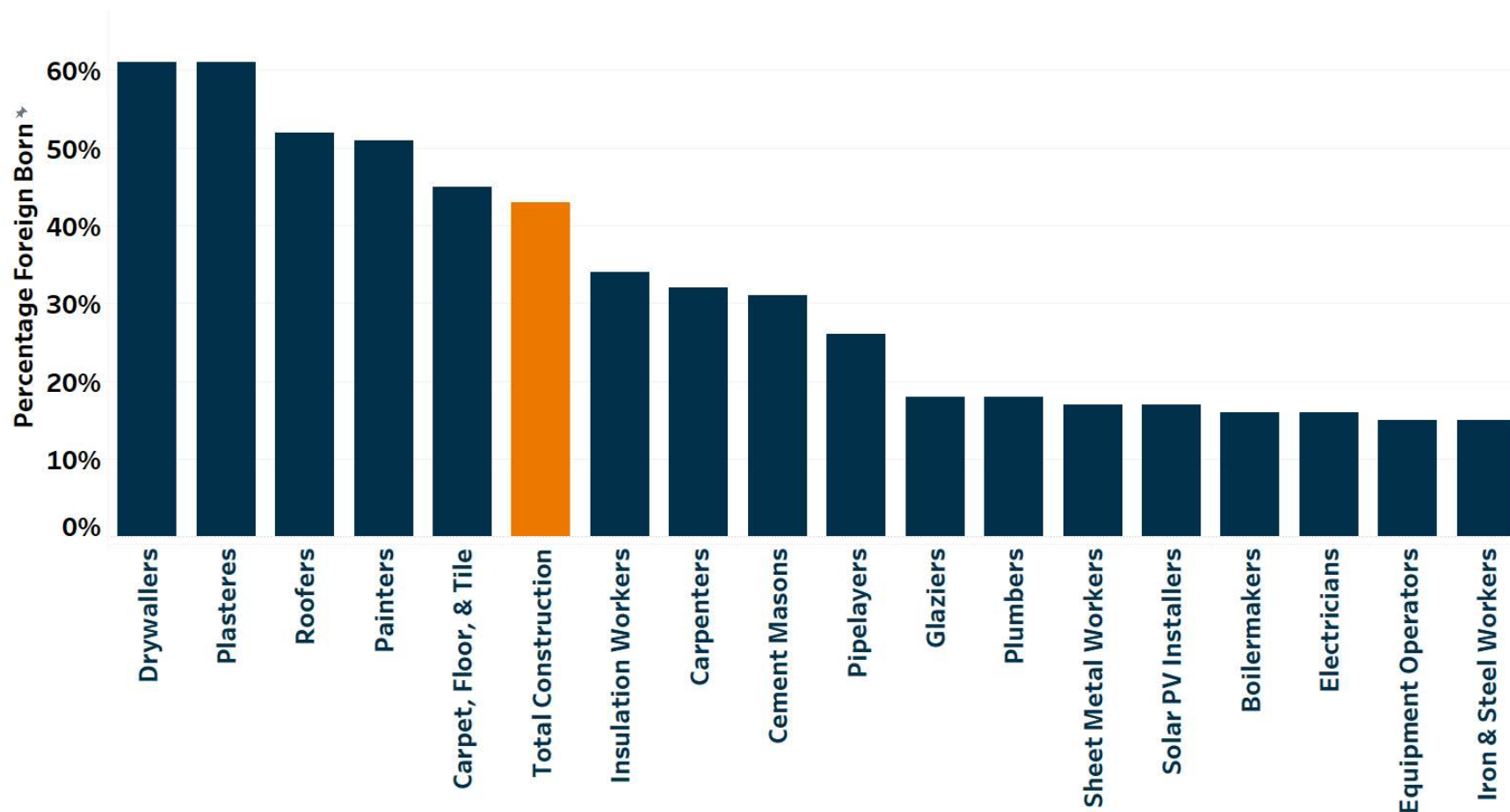
Number of Foreign Born Workers By Industry

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



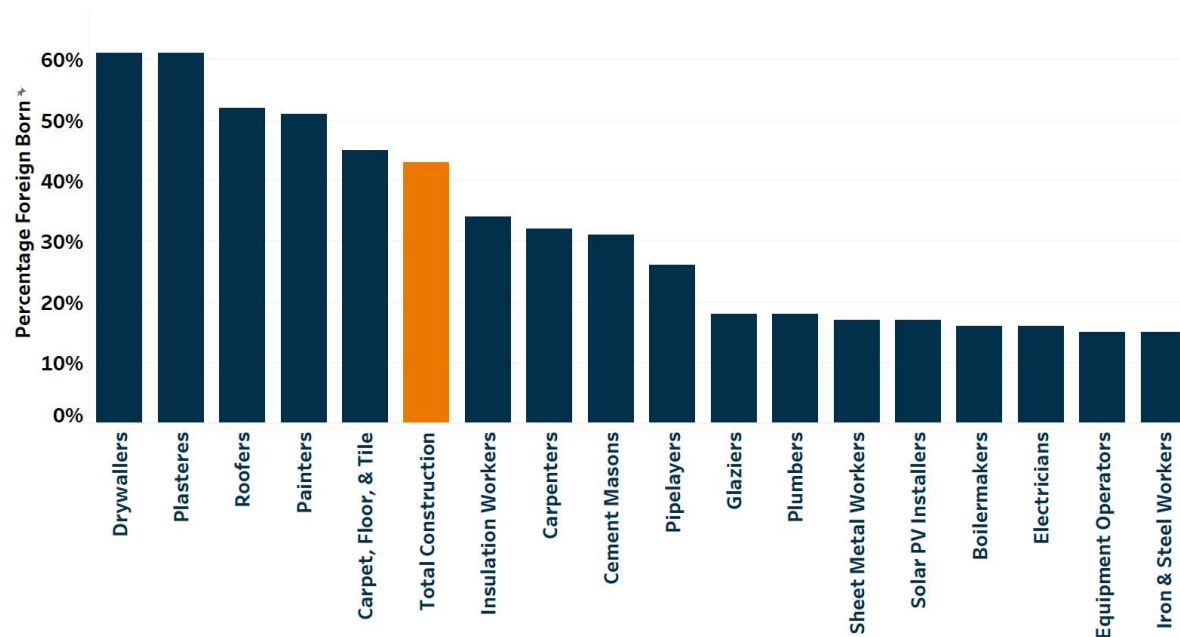
Source: Census Bureau

Select Trades Are More Sensitive to Immigration Control



Source: Census Bureau, 2023 results

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2024 Top Spend States

CA	52%
TX	51%
FL	47%
NY	46%
NC	41%
VA	38%
GA	43%
AZ	38%
IL	32%
TN	27%
Nat'l Avg	29%



Question & Answer

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