

FEBRUARY 2021 (based on January 2021 Starts Stats)

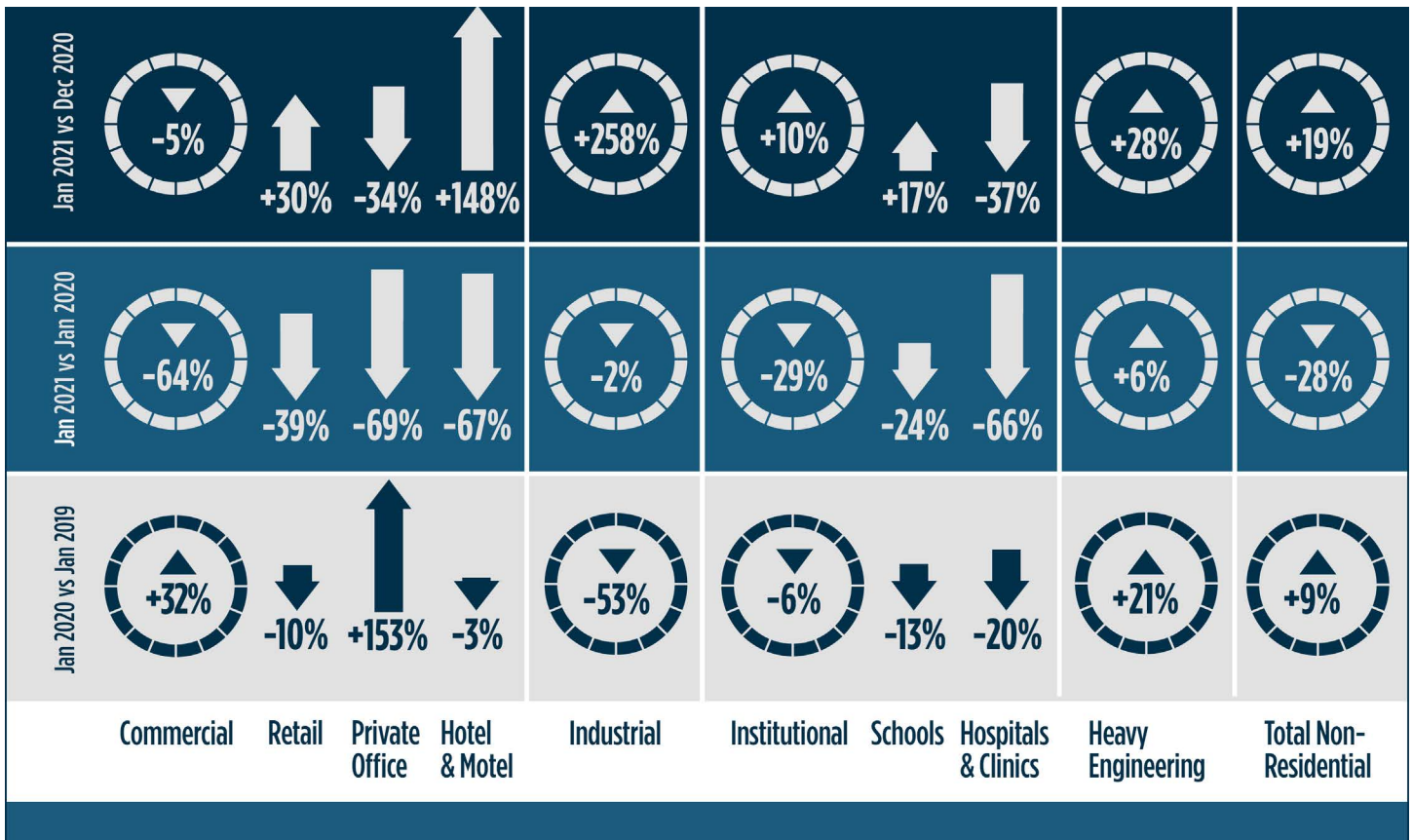
Construction Industry Snapshot

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January 2021 relative to the five-year average for the month of January, from 2016 to 2020 inclusive, was off by about one-quarter, -23.6%.

While the focus of this report is mainly on nonresidential starts, there's value in also considering 'grand total' groundbreakings, which include residential work. Since rounding the corner into the second half of last year, single-family home building has been displaying considerable vitality. As a result, 'grand total' starts in January 2021 were +6.4% versus December 2020 and -15.3% when compared with January 2020 (i.e., the latter percentage change is not as strikingly negative as the -27.8% figure for nonresidential alone.)

The 'Top 10' list on page six highlights that work has recently been initiated on two mega projects (defined as carrying estimated values of a billion dollars or more each), a pipeline through Minnesota and electric power work in Maine, adding to \$3.6 billion. January 2020 included only one mega project, the 'automated people mover' at LAX airport in Los Angeles, for \$2.0 billion.

There's another point to make before leaving this section. In the first month of any given year, unfavorable winter seasonality usually exerts a downward influence on the 'starts' statistics. The long-term average of the decline month to month is approximately -8%.

Building Materials & Supply Dealers Employment +10.4% Y/Y

Burdened by a resurgent wave of coronavirus infections, the locked down U.S. economy managed a month-to-month increase in employment of just +49,000 in January (which is wiped out if account is taken of the latest downward revision to December's originally reported number). The restoration of the big loss in employment from March to April of last year remains anemic at a bit more than half, 51.7%.

The year-over-year performance of total jobs is now -6.3%. The construction industry is doing better, at a rate of shrinkage less than half as severe, -2.9%. Furthermore, construction's jobs claw-back ratio

TABLE 2: CONSTRUCTION STARTS IN SOME ADDITIONAL TYPE OF STRUCTURE SUB-CATEGORIES

	Jan-21 (\$ billions)	% Change vs Jan-20
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Electric Power Infrastructure	\$1.078	475.7%

Data source and Table: ConstructConnect.

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INSTITUTIONAL	116.407	-13.5%	6.960	-28.8%	10.2%
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Water/Sewage	31.172	-1.4%	3.009	45.3%	24.4%
Miscellaneous Civil (power, etc.)	21.737	-52.9%	4.385	43.6%	245.0%
HEAVY ENGINEERING (Civil)	153.279	-19.0%	13.101	5.6%	28.2%
TOTAL	390.829	-26.5%	26.218	-27.8%	19.3%

* Includes transportation terminals and sports arenas.

Source: ConstructConnect Research Group/Table: ConstructConnect.

since April 2020 is three-quarters, 73.7%. But there's little joy to be found in the -3,000 jobs change for the sector in January. The not seasonally adjusted (NSA) unemployment rate for onsite work is presently 9.4%. In December 2020, it had been 9.6% NSA, and in January 2020, 5.4%. But if you're going to shed a tear, spare it for the 'leisure and hospitality' sector where the current rate of unemployment is 15.9% NSA.

January's year-over-year personnel count adjustments in other corners of the economy with close ties to construction have been as follows: machinery and equipment rental, -13.3%; cement and concrete product manufacturing, -2.7%; real estate, -1.1%; architectural and engineering services, -0.3%; oil and gas extraction, +2.2% (but rising from a low base); and building materials and supplies dealers, +10.4% (thanks to a new housing foundation-laying surge in the suburbs and a boom in existing-home renovation projects).

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TABLE 3: RANKING OF TOP 20 STATES BY \$ VOLUME OF NONRESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION STARTS – CONSTRUCTCONNECT

	Jan 2021	% Change vs Jan 2020
1 Texas	\$3,561,680,022	0.2%
2 Minnesota	\$2,738,565,474	698.9%
3 California	\$2,544,093,072	-54.1%
4 Florida	\$1,457,891,178	-36.0%
5 Georgia	\$1,212,089,225	-3.6%
6 Maine	\$1,190,747,077	1710.2%
7 Ohio	\$1,126,983,161	21.9%
8 New York	\$846,448,795	-42.7%
9 North Carolina	\$754,392,445	-7.2%
10 Tennessee	\$734,337,315	-49.9%
11 Indiana	\$720,243,957	-2.7%
12 Virginia	\$665,704,982	-63.7%
13 Illinois	\$594,570,452	-25.3%
14 Pennsylvania	\$486,638,430	-53.6%
15 Michigan	\$480,384,299	20.4%
16 South Carolina	\$478,102,306	-1.8%
17 Wisconsin	\$404,377,210	-34.7%
18 Missouri	\$401,709,882	-32.0%
19 Oregon	\$373,516,710	68.2%
20 Oklahoma	\$359,120,465	-3.4%

Figures are comprised of non-res building & engineering (residential is omitted).

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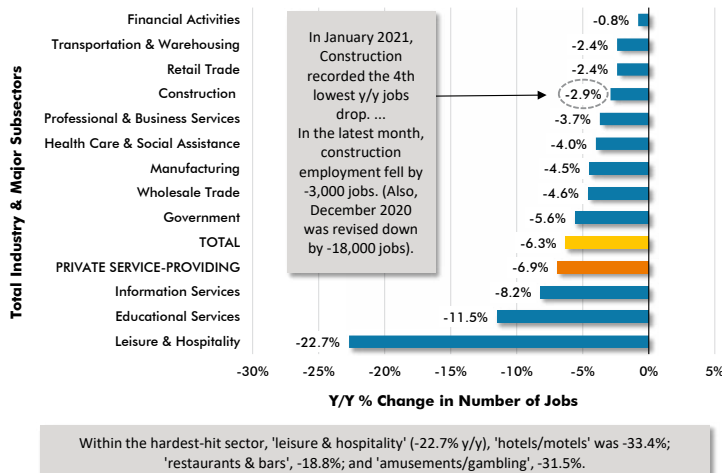
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JOLTS Report: Are Construction Labor Shortages in the Cards?

For most of last year, there were more pressing concerns than paying attention to the *Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)* report. With the prospect of herd immunity on the way — provided existing and evolving vaccines can be dispersed widely and quickly enough to head off more transmissible strains of the virus — there's already speculation about construction sector labor shortages.

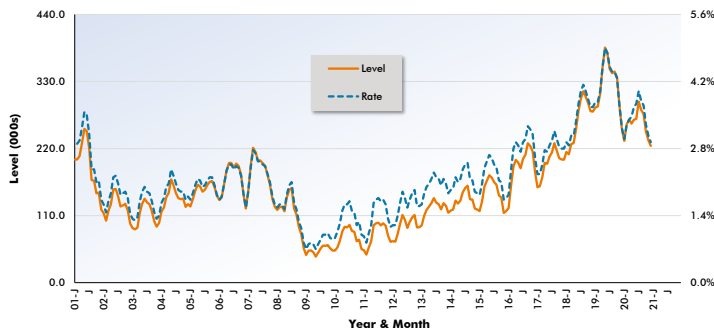
The accompanying JOLTS graph on construction job openings shows there was a bigger drop in 2019 than in 2020. In a historical context, the contraction in 2020 was relatively mild. Onsite construction activity was ruled to be essential nearly everywhere last year. It had permission to proceed while the rest of the economy suffered through several phases of lockdown mode. While openings in the industry have been falling since the middle of last year, they remain elevated.

GRAPH 1: Y/Y JOBS CHANGE, U.S. TOTAL INDUSTRY & MAJOR SUBSECTORS – JANUARY 2021 (BASED ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED PAYROLL DATA)



Data source: Payroll Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (Dept of Labor)/Chart: ConstructConnect.

GRAPH 3: U.S. CONSTRUCTION JOB OPENINGS (FROM JOLTS REPORT) (3-MONTH MOVING AVERAGES PLACED IN LATEST MONTH)



The big drop in construction job openings occurred in 2019. There was some contraction in 2020, but onsite work was ruled to be essential and was allowed to continue even while the rest of the economy was in pandemic lockdown.

*Rate is number of job openings end-of-month as % of construction employment plus number of job openings. Latest seasonally adjusted data points are for Dec. 2020. ... JOLTS = Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey.

Data source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (Dept of Labor)/Chart: ConstructConnect.

TABLE 4: MONITORING THE U.S. EMPLOYMENT RECOVERY — JANUARY 2021

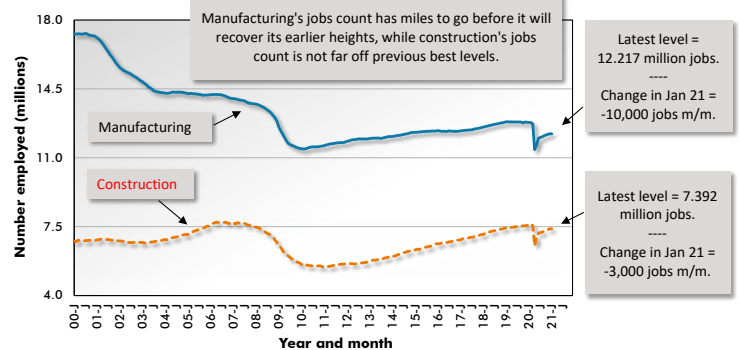
The Big Drop (as originally reported) April 2020 vs Feb 2020 (Feb 2020 was last month unaffected by COVID-19)		Change in Number of Jobs (Millions)		% Change		Jobs Recovery Since Apr 2020, Millions		Claw Back Ratio	
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-20.500	-13.5%	Grand Total	-9.892	0.049	-6.5%	10.608	51.7%		
-17.200	-15.9%	Private Services-Providing	-7.646	0.010	-7.0%	9.554	55.5%		
-1.330	-10.4%	Manufacturing	-0.582	-0.010	-4.5%	0.748	56.2%		
-0.975	-12.8%	Construction	-0.256	-0.003	-3.3%	0.719	73.7%		
-2.107	-13.5%	Retail Trade	-0.383	-0.038	-2.5%	1.724	81.8%		
-0.584	-10.3%	Transportation & Warehouse	-0.164	-0.028	-2.8%	0.420	72.0%		
-0.262	-3.0%	Financial Activities	-0.093	0.008	-1.0%	0.169	64.5%		
-2.128	-9.9%	Professional & Business	-0.825	0.097	-3.8%	1.303	61.2%		
-0.254	-8.8%	Information Services	-0.242	0.016	-8.3%	0.012	4.7%		
-2.544	-10.4%	Education and Health	-1.325	-0.007	-5.4%	1.219	47.9%		
-7.653	-46.8%	Leisure & Hospitality	-3.880	-0.061	-22.9%	3.773	49.3%		
-0.980	-4.3%	Government	-1.327	0.043	-5.8%	-0.347	n/a		

Data source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)/Table: ConstructConnect.

Construction job hiring nosedived in the Spring of last year, but almost immediately rebounded to a rate and level higher than before, once the question of whether government would allow onsite work to continue was answered in the affirmative. 'Hires' from the JOLTS report have since settled back into a mid-range.

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GRAPH 2: U.S. MANUFACTURING VS CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT JANUARY, 2021 – SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (SA) PAYROLL DATA

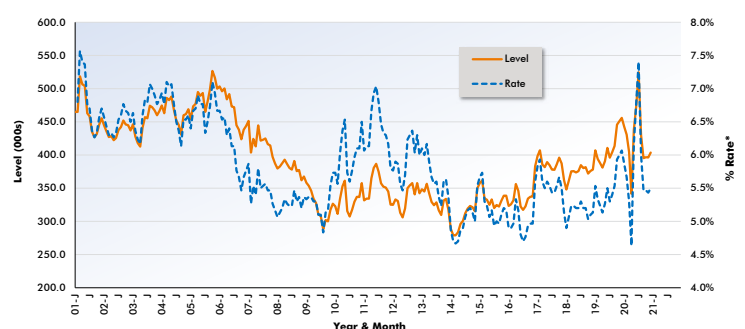


The not seasonally adjusted (NSA) jobless rate for construction is currently 9.4%. In April 2020, at its worst, it had been 16.6%. Manufacturing's present NSA unemployment rate is 4.7%. April's extreme was 13.2%. In early 2000, the ratio of construction to manufacturing jobs was 0.4 to 1.0. Now, it's 0.6 to 1.0.

Latest data points are for January, 2021.

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Construction job hires plunged in April of 2020, due to a brief period of uncertainty concerning whether onsite work would be allowed to continue. After a quick positive resolution, hires made up for lost ground, then settled into a mid-range.

*Rate is number of hires during month as % of construction employment.

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3 Strong Sub-categories: Miscellaneous Civil, Water/Sewage & Military

In January 2021, total nonresidential starts were +19.3% compared with January of 2020. The overall boost in starts m/m was thanks to upticks in three structure types: industrial, +258.3% (helped along by groundbreaking on a pet food manufacturing plant in Ohio); heavy engineering +28.2% (pipeline and electric power projects); and institutional, +10.2%. Commercial starts were mildly in arrears, -5.2%.

On a year-over-year basis (i.e., January 2021 over January 2020, which is presently equivalent to a year-to-date comparison), total nonresidential starts were -27.8%, with downward drag exerted by commercial, -64.0%, and institutional, -28.8%. Industrial starts stayed almost flat, -2.1%. The engineering category managed a step forward, +5.6%.

Among sub-categories, 'miscellaneous civil' accounted for the largest share of total nonresidential starts in the latest month, 16.7%. The two metrics for 'miscellaneous civil' in January were +245.0% m/m and +43.6% y/y.

Next in line for largest slices of total nonresidential were 'educational' and 'roads/highways', 13.8% and 13.4% respectively. The key metrics for the former in January were +16.8% m/m, but -24.0% y/y; for the latter, +4.2% m/m, but -10.9% y/y.

'Health care' starts in January, as the summation of 'hospitals', 'nursing homes' and 'miscellaneous medical', were -37.9% m/m and -56.3% y/y.

Within commercial in the latest month, the 'private office building' sub-category was -34.3% m/m and -68.7% y/y; 'hotels/motels' +147.9% m/m, but -66.5% y/y; 'retail/shopping', +30.2% m/m, but -38.9% y/y; and 'warehouses', -11.6% m/m and -78.2% y/y.

Performing admirably among all sub-categories have been 'military' (+197.0% m/m and +86.9% y/y) and 'water/sewage' (+24.4% m/m and +45.3% y/y).

Trends Graphs Tell a Mostly Consistent Story

Most of the dozen 12-month moving average trend graphs on page 7 tell a consistent story. For two-thirds of the type-of-structure categories, starts have been sliding for the past year. In the case of retail, the time frame of retraction has been much longer, dating back to 2016. In the latest month, though, bridges and miscellaneous civil have paused their descent. Further on an encouraging note, the curves for 'roads/highways' and 'water/sewage' remain flat. The former is still quite healthy and the latter, somewhat better than in the 00s.

Spectacular (for All Jobs) vs Drab (for Construction) Pay Hikes

Tables B-3 and B-8 of the monthly *Employment Situation* report record average hourly and average weekly wages for industry sectors. B-3 is for all employees (i.e., including bosses) on non-farm payrolls. B-8 is for 'production and non-supervisory personnel' only (i.e., it excludes bosses). For 'all jobs' and construction, there are eight relevant percentage changes to consider.

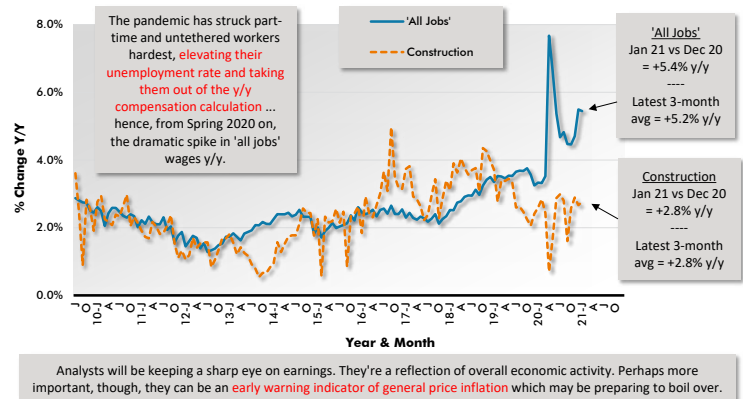
From Table B-3 (including supervisory personnel), 'all-jobs' earnings y/y in January 2021 were notably frothy, at +5.4% hourly and +7.5% weekly. The compensation gains for construction workers (i.e., as a subset of 'all jobs') were less bubbly, +2.8% hourly and +3.1% weekly. From Table B-8 (excluding bosses), 'all jobs' compensation hikes were outstanding, +5.4% hourly and +8.0% weekly. Again, though, the earnings climbs for construction workers were comparatively drab, +2.8% and +3.3%.

The discrepancies 'jump off the page' in Graphs 5 and 6. A big part of the reason for the 'all jobs' pay spikes is that the pandemic has struck part-time and untethered 'gig' workers hardest, relegating them to the unemployed ranks and taking them out of the y/y compensation calculation.

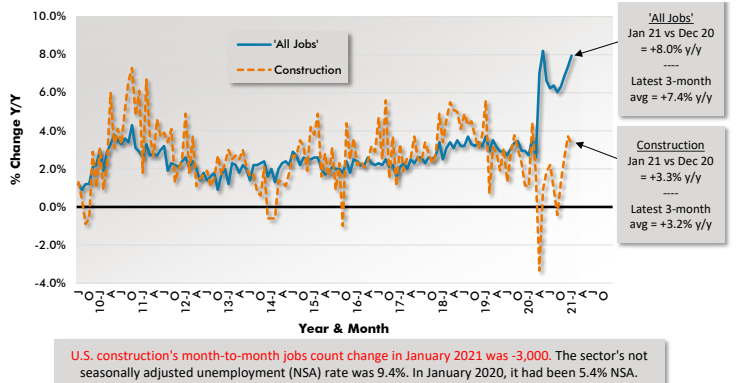
Material Costs Squeezing Margins

December 2020's y/y results for three BLS Producer Price Index (PPI) series were as follows: 'construction materials special index', +6.9% (a

GRAPH 5: AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Y/Y – 'ALL JOBS' & CONSTRUCTION



GRAPH 6: AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Y/Y – 'ALL JOBS' & CONSTRUCTION



From 'Production Workers and Non-supervisory Personnel' Table (B8).

The latest data points are for January, 2021.

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)'s Employment Situation report/Charts: ConstructConnect.

significant bump from November's +4.9%); 'inputs to new construction index, excluding capital investment, labor and imports', +5.0% (again, a rise from November's +4.5%); and 'final demand construction', +1.2% (a level performance compared with the previous month).

Among Producer Price Index (PPI) series, two of the biggest movers recently have been softwood lumber, +52.2% y/y, and copper wire and cable, +11.2% y/y. Material costs have been climbing, but contractors have been holding the line on bid prices. They've sacrificed profits to acquire work from a smaller stockpile of potential projects.

The value of construction starts each month is derived from ConstructConnect's database of all active construction projects in the U.S. Missing project values are estimated with the help of RSMeans' building cost models. ConstructConnect's non-residential construction starts series, because it is comprised of total-value estimates for individual projects, some of which are super-large, has a history of being more volatile than many other leading indicators for the economy.

January 2021 'Grand Total' Starts -15.3% Y/Y

From Table 8 on page 9 of this report, ConstructConnect's total residential starts in January 2021 were -5.0% m/m, but +4.7% y/y. The latest month's multi-unit starts were -18.4% m/m and -52.0% y/y. Single-family starts were -2.1 m/m, but +32.4% y/y. 'Grand Total' construction starts in 2021's kick-off month were +6.4% m/m, but -15.3% y/y. ♦

Alex Carrick

ConstructConnect adopts a research-assigned 'start' date. In concept, a 'start' is equivalent to ground being broken for a project to proceed. If work is abandoned or re-bid, the 'start' date is revised to reflect the new information.

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INSIGHT view of starts statistics

TABLE 5: VALUE OF UNITED STATES CONSTRUCTION STARTS
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ARRANGED TO MATCH THE ALPHABETICAL CATEGORY DROP-DOWN MENUS IN INSIGHT

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Jr / Sr High School	27.876	-15.1%	1.322	-35.7%	11.5%
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Shopping	11.689	-29.2%	0.734	-38.9%	30.2%
Retail	27.395	-42.6%	1.601	-51.3%	32.9%
NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	237.551	-30.7%	13.117	-45.1%	11.6%
Multi-Family	74.481	-24.8%	3.554	-52.0%	-18.4%
Single-Family	221.803	11.6%	20.118	32.4%	-2.1%
RESIDENTIAL	296.284	-0.5%	23.672	4.7%	-5.0%
NON-RESIDENTIAL	390.829	-26.5%	26.218	-27.8%	19.3%
GRAND TOTAL	687.114	-17.2%	49.890	-15.3%	6.4%

Table 1 conforms to the type-of-structure ordering adopted by many firms and organizations in the industry. Specifically, it breaks nonresidential building into ICI work (i.e., industrial, commercial and institutional), since each has its own set of economic and demographic drivers.

Table 5 presents an alternative, perhaps more user-friendly and intuitive type-of-structure ordering that matches how the data appears in ConstructConnect's on-line product 'Insight'.

Source: ConstructConnect/Table: ConstructConnect.

“Top Ten” projects of the month

TABLE 6: ConstructConnect’s TOP 10 PROJECT STARTS IN JANUARY 2021

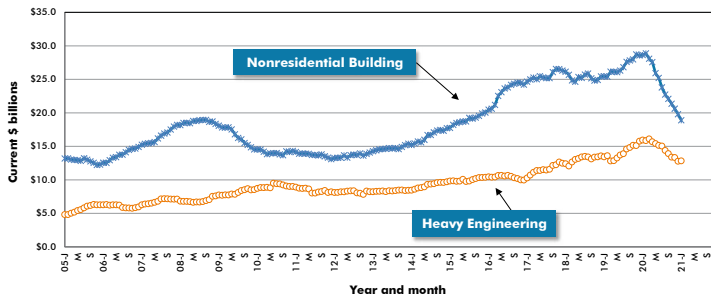
LOCATION (EAST TO WEST)	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	DESCRIPTION	SQUARE FEET 000S*	DOLLARS 000,000S
Maine				
Farmington	Civil/Engineering	Central Maine Power New England Clean Energy Connect Line (1 structure) ME-27 Central Maine Power Company	*	\$1,000
Rhode Island				
Providence	Civil/Engineering	RFQ D/B - Combined Sewer Overflow Program - Phase III - Pawtucket Tunnel (1 structure) Multiple Locations Narragansett Bay Commission	*	\$245
Georgia				
Union City	Commercial	MAC V (1 structure) GA-403 Majestic Realty Co. - Atlanta / Commerce Construction Co. LP	1,150	\$245
Ohio				
Batavia	Industrial	Nestle Purina PetCare Dry Pet Food Facility (2 structures) 4226 Half-Acre Rd Nestle Purina Petcare Co - Main Office	1,200	\$550
Michigan				
Midland	Industrial	Corteva Agriscience Dow Midland Operations Industrial Park, Alterations (2 structures) 693 Washington St Dow AgroSciences / Corteva Agriscience	*	\$235
Indiana				
Franklin	Civil/Engineering	I-69 Section 6 Contract 4 (6 structures) Multiple Locations Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)	*	\$346
Minnesota				
Pinewood	Civil/Engineering	Line 3 Pipeline Renovation (1 structure) Multiple Locations Enbridge Energy LP - Superior	*	\$2,600
Texas				
New Hope	Civil/Engineering	Sister Grove Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility (1 structure) Trail Dr & Co Rd 336 North Texas Municipal Water District	*	\$285
California				
Sacramento	Civil/Engineering	US 50 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement and Rehabilitation (2 structures) US-50 Caltrans - District 3	*	\$430
Beaumont	Institutional	Beaumont High School Expansion - Beaumont Unified School District, Addition/Alterations (2 structures) 39139 Cherry Valley Blvd Beaumont Unified School District	100	\$300
TOTALS:			2,450	\$6,236

*A square footage measure does not apply for alteration, some forms of industrial (e.g., petrochemical) and most engineering/civil work.

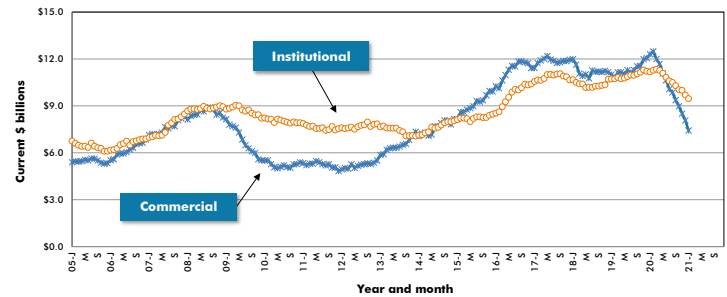
Source: ConstructConnect/Table: ConstructConnect.

Trend graphs for 12 key categories

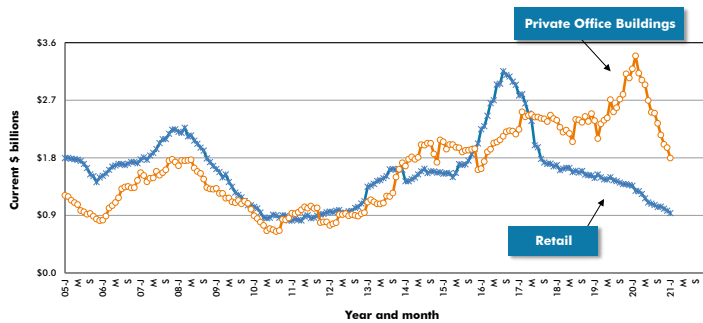
GRAPH 7: U.S. NONRESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION STARTS — ConstructConnect® (12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)



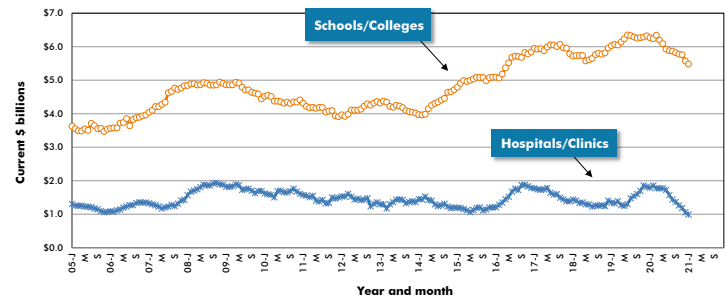
GRAPH 8: U.S. COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRUCTION STARTS — ConstructConnect® (12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)



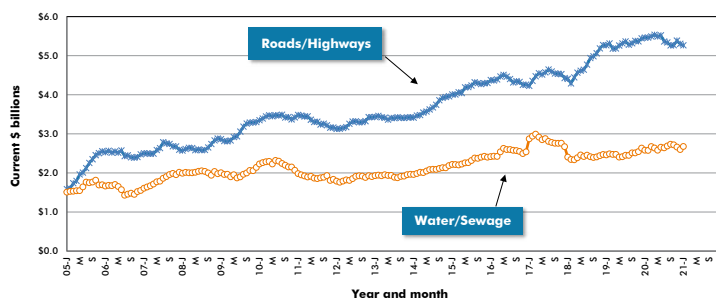
GRAPH 9: U.S. RETAIL AND PRIVATE OFFICE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION STARTS — ConstructConnect® (12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)



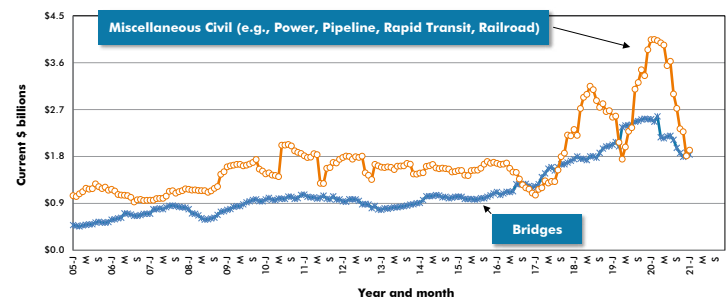
GRAPH 10: U.S. HOSPITAL/CLINIC AND SCHOOL/COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION STARTS — ConstructConnect® (12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)



GRAPH 11: U.S. ROAD/HIGHWAY AND WATER/SEWAGE CONSTRUCTION STARTS — ConstructConnect® (12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)



GRAPH 12: U.S. BRIDGES AND MISCELLANEOUS CIVIL CONSTRUCTION STARTS — ConstructConnect® (12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)



The last data points in all the graphs on this page are for January, 2021.

Source: ConstructConnect/Charts: ConstructConnect.

Regional starts table

TABLE 7: U.S. YEAR-TO-DATE REGIONAL STARTS, NONRESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION* — ConstructConnect®

	Jan 2020	Jan 2021	% Change
Connecticut	\$213,407,172	\$94,868,204	-55.5%
Maine	\$65,780,843	\$1,190,747,077	1710.2%
Massachusetts	\$911,615,410	\$340,976,594	-62.6%
New Hampshire	\$54,738,812	\$47,860,123	-12.6%
Rhode Island	\$104,944,567	\$268,025,025	155.4%
Vermont	\$18,202,823	\$23,180,417	27.3%
Total New England	\$1,368,689,627	\$1,965,657,440	43.6%
New Jersey	\$650,814,680	\$257,328,966	-60.5%
New York	\$1,478,050,584	\$846,448,795	-42.7%
Pennsylvania	\$1,049,081,683	\$486,638,430	-53.6%
Total Middle Atlantic	\$3,177,946,947	\$1,590,416,191	-50.0%
TOTAL NORTHEAST	\$4,546,636,574	\$3,556,073,631	-21.8%
Illinois	\$795,534,383	\$594,570,452	-25.3%
Indiana	\$739,907,955	\$720,243,957	-2.7%
Michigan	\$398,912,650	\$480,384,299	20.4%
Ohio	\$924,745,383	\$1,126,983,161	21.9%
Wisconsin	\$619,287,319	\$404,377,210	-34.7%
Total East North Central	\$3,478,387,690	\$3,326,559,079	-4.4%
Iowa	\$178,074,204	\$89,464,047	-49.8%
Kansas	\$545,262,677	\$174,028,148	-68.1%
Minnesota	\$342,808,567	\$2,738,565,474	698.9%
Missouri	\$590,521,972	\$401,709,882	-32.0%
Nebraska	\$195,089,251	\$257,074,569	31.8%
North Dakota	\$98,086,176	\$222,555,922	126.9%
South Dakota	\$105,592,516	\$86,817,844	-17.8%
Total West North Central	\$2,055,435,363	\$3,970,215,886	93.2%
TOTAL MIDWEST	\$5,533,823,053	\$7,296,774,965	31.9%
Delaware	\$368,228,183	\$9,109,478	-97.5%
District of Columbia	\$57,195,198	\$20,233,914	-64.6%
Florida	\$2,278,190,629	\$1,457,891,178	-36.0%
Georgia	\$1,257,191,355	\$1,212,089,225	-3.6%
Maryland	\$1,371,360,480	\$239,467,734	-82.5%
North Carolina	\$812,927,775	\$754,392,445	-7.2%
South Carolina	\$486,812,227	\$478,102,306	-1.8%
Virginia	\$1,836,204,984	\$665,704,982	-63.7%
West Virginia	\$195,701,768	\$39,668,704	-79.7%
Total South Atlantic	\$8,663,812,599	\$4,876,659,966	-43.7%
Alabama	\$701,636,075	\$255,994,168	-63.5%
Kentucky	\$215,825,457	\$189,574,400	-12.2%
Mississippi	\$476,565,498	\$96,568,058	-79.7%
Tennessee	\$1,466,046,359	\$734,337,315	-49.9%
Total East South Central	\$2,860,073,389	\$1,276,473,941	-55.4%
Arkansas	\$503,966,793	\$171,441,251	-66.0%
Louisiana	\$569,100,605	\$337,899,422	-40.6%
Oklahoma	\$371,840,187	\$359,120,465	-3.4%
Texas	\$3,554,301,628	\$3,561,680,022	0.2%
Total West South Central	\$4,999,209,213	\$4,430,141,160	-11.4%
TOTAL SOUTH	\$16,523,095,201	\$10,583,275,067	-35.9%
Arizona	\$490,384,325	\$251,428,777	-48.7%
Colorado	\$579,276,758	\$333,123,934	-42.5%
Idaho	\$109,125,846	\$52,818,412	-51.6%
Montana	\$109,504,526	\$32,386,944	-70.4%
Nevada	\$253,474,189	\$138,764,832	-45.3%
New Mexico	\$198,762,401	\$252,604,141	27.1%
Utah	\$1,096,998,468	\$328,067,266	-70.1%
Wyoming	\$70,201,665	\$54,549,858	-22.3%
Total Mountain	\$2,907,728,178	\$1,443,744,164	-50.3%
Alaska	\$72,193,538	\$38,622,923	-46.5%
California	\$5,547,549,774	\$2,544,093,072	-54.1%
Hawaii	\$90,962,710	\$88,813,575	-2.4%
Oregon	\$222,083,528	\$373,516,710	68.2%
Washington	\$872,360,952	\$293,072,813	-66.4%
Total Pacific	\$6,805,150,502	\$3,338,119,093	-50.9%
TOTAL WEST	\$9,712,878,680	\$4,781,863,257	-50.8%
TOTAL U.S.	\$36,316,433,508	\$26,217,986,920	-27.8%

*Figures above are comprised of non-res building and engineering (i.e., residential is omitted).

Source: ConstructConnect/Table: ConstructConnect.

Detailed national table

TABLE 8: VALUE OF U.S. NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION STARTS — JANUARY 2021 — ConstructConnect®
BILLIONS OF CURRENT \$\$, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (NSA)

	Latest month actuals			Moving averages (placed in end month)						Year to Date	
	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	January 2019	January 2020
Single Family	20.288	20.550	20.118	21.508	21.242	20.319	18.069	18.484	18.894	15.198	20.118
month-over-month % change	-11.4%	1.3%	-2.1%	-0.4%	-1.2%	-4.3%	2.4%	2.3%	2.2%		
year-over-year % change	32.9%	32.0%	32.4%	29.6%	32.7%	32.4%	10.9%	11.6%	14.0%	0.5%	32.4%
Apartment	5.745	4.357	3.554	6.047	5.627	4.552	6.566	6.207	5.885	7.410	3.554
month-over-month % change	-15.3%	-24.2%	-18.4%	-0.7%	-6.9%	-19.1%	-4.4%	-5.5%	-5.2%		
year-over-year % change	-38.5%	-49.7%	-52.0%	-40.1%	-42.3%	-46.3%	-20.0%	-24.8%	-29.0%	7.0%	-52.0%
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	26.032	24.907	23.672	27.555	26.869	24.870	24.634	24.690	24.779	22.608	23.672
month-over-month % change	-12.3%	-4.3%	-5.0%	-0.5%	-2.5%	-7.4%	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%		
year-over-year % change	5.8%	2.8%	4.7%	3.3%	4.3%	4.4%	0.5%	-0.5%	-0.3%	2.6%	4.7%
Hotel/Motel	0.996	0.206	0.510	0.663	0.590	0.571	1.000	0.846	0.761	1.526	0.510
month-over-month % change	75.9%	-79.3%	147.9%	23.4%	-11.1%	-3.2%	-13.3%	-15.4%	-10.0%		
year-over-year % change	-64.9%	-89.9%	-66.5%	-71.1%	-75.1%	-73.3%	-48.4%	-56.9%	-61.1%	-3.0%	-66.5%
Retail/Shopping	0.851	0.563	0.734	0.945	0.805	0.716	1.005	0.974	0.935	1.201	0.734
month-over-month % change	-15.0%	-33.8%	30.2%	-8.3%	-14.8%	-11.1%	-3.2%	-3.1%	-4.0%		
year-over-year % change	-32.2%	-39.9%	-38.9%	-19.7%	-21.9%	-36.7%	-27.6%	-29.2%	-31.5%	-9.8%	-38.9%
Parking Garages	0.103	0.078	0.202	0.118	0.098	0.128	0.149	0.145	0.130	0.375	0.202
month-over-month % change	-7.6%	-24.8%	159.7%	-18.6%	-17.0%	30.7%	9.0%	-2.7%	-10.0%		
year-over-year % change	-63.0%	-38.1%	-46.2%	-45.1%	-56.5%	-50.9%	-47.1%	-45.1%	-51.5%	18.5%	-46.2%
Amusement	0.340	0.376	0.395	0.506	0.474	0.371	0.531	0.508	0.480	0.737	0.395
month-over-month % change	-51.7%	10.5%	5.2%	-1.1%	-6.4%	-21.8%	-1.4%	-4.2%	-5.6%		
year-over-year % change	-21.5%	-41.5%	-46.3%	-16.2%	-25.8%	-38.7%	-16.0%	-19.7%	-25.7%	27.4%	-46.3%
Office	3.525	1.358	0.893	2.101	2.108	1.925	2.011	1.960	1.797	2.855	0.893
month-over-month % change	144.6%	-61.5%	-34.3%	22.6%	0.3%	-8.7%	-6.8%	-2.5%	-8.3%		
year-over-year % change	-33.4%	-31.0%	-68.7%	-48.1%	-41.8%	-42.9%	-35.4%	-35.7%	-43.7%	152.7%	-68.7%
Governmental Offices	0.764	0.780	0.640	1.070	0.751	0.728	0.900	0.902	0.890	0.780	0.640
month-over-month % change	7.9%	2.0%	-18.0%	-5.4%	-29.8%	-3.1%	-3.0%	0.2%	-1.3%		
year-over-year % change	-30.2%	2.7%	-18.0%	2.9%	-23.6%	-17.1%	-7.3%	-7.9%	-9.6%	9.1%	-18.0%
Laboratories	0.114	0.236	0.070	0.195	0.196	0.140	0.192	0.186	0.154	0.448	0.070
month-over-month % change	-52.3%	107.3%	-70.2%	-1.3%	0.8%	-28.6%	-2.9%	-3.1%	-16.9%		
year-over-year % change	-37.9%	-23.3%	-84.3%	-3.4%	0.1%	-55.2%	-2.3%	-7.7%	-30.4%	122.1%	-84.3%
Warehouse	2.189	0.833	0.737	1.800	1.607	1.253	2.091	1.984	1.763	3.379	0.737
month-over-month % change	21.7%	-62.0%	-11.6%	-1.4%	-10.8%	-22.0%	0.5%	-5.1%	-11.1%		
year-over-year % change	6.2%	-60.8%	-78.2%	2.8%	-14.6%	-50.3%	17.9%	5.5%	-13.7%	138.7%	-78.2%
Misc Commercial	0.405	0.165	0.174	0.447	0.297	0.248	0.625	0.566	0.514	0.793	0.174
month-over-month % change	26.1%	-59.4%	5.9%	-17.6%	-33.5%	-16.5%	-13.6%	-9.4%	-9.1%		
year-over-year % change	-74.4%	-81.1%	-78.0%	-76.9%	-74.8%	-77.1%	-63.0%	-67.0%	-68.4%	-57.6%	-78.0%
TOTAL COMMERCIAL	9.288	4.595	4.355	7.845	6.925	6.079	8.503	8.070	7.425	12.094	4.355
month-over-month % change	34.8%	-50.5%	-5.2%	2.8%	-11.7%	-12.2%	-5.3%	-5.1%	-8.0%		
year-over-year % change	-38.1%	-53.0%	-64.0%	-40.8%	-42.9%	-50.6%	-29.0%	-33.1%	-39.7%	32.4%	-64.0%
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL (Manufacturing)	0.676	0.404	1.446	1.641	1.182	0.842	1.664	1.562	1.560	1.476	1.446
month-over-month % change	-72.6%	-40.3%	258.3%	-35.5%	-28.0%	-28.8%	-9.9%	-6.1%	-0.2%		
year-over-year % change	-76.4%	-75.2%	-2.1%	-26.7%	-52.1%	-57.7%	-65.4%	-66.4%	-65.4%	-53.3%	-2.1%
Religious	0.071	0.148	0.034	0.104	0.113	0.084	0.120	0.123	0.114	0.138	0.034
month-over-month % change	-42.1%	110.1%	-77.0%	-10.5%	9.1%	-25.7%	-9.4%	2.5%	-7.1%		
year-over-year % change	-67.8%	32.0%	-75.4%	-32.2%	-20.7%	-46.2%	-28.3%	-21.8%	-24.7%	-32.1%	-75.4%
Hospitals/Clinics	1.636	0.651	0.412	1.196	1.156	0.900	1.188	1.059	0.991	1.219	0.412
month-over-month % change	38.4%	-60.2%	-36.6%	34.5%	-3.3%	-22.2%	-6.1%	-10.8%	-6.3%		
year-over-year % change	-36.1%	-70.4%	-65.2%	-45.5%	-51.6%	-54.8%	-36.1%	-41.7%	-44.6%	-20.0%	-66.2%
Nursing/Assisted Living	0.587	0.448	0.330	0.605	0.548	0.455	0.590	0.589	0.553	0.769	0.330
month-over-month % change	-3.4%	-23.7%	-26.3%	-6.4%	-9.6%	-16.9%	-1.8%	-0.1%	-6.2%		
year-over-year % change	-17.8%	-1.7%	-57.1%	-32.5%	-21.4%	-29.6%	-30.1%	-26.3%	-28.3%	-31.1%	-57.1%
Libraries/Museums	0.144	0.108	0.160	0.140	0.127	0.137	0.311	0.302	0.254	0.721	0.160
month-over-month % change	13.4%	-25.2%	48.0%	-18.2%	-9.4%	8.5%	-4.5%	-2.7%	-15.5%		
year-over-year % change	-54.8%	-48.2%	-77.8%	-69.9%	-65.3%	-67.0%	-7.4%	-10.9%	-32.9%	228.6%	-77.8%
Fire/Police/Courthouse/Prison	1.060	0.744	0.819	0.774	0.811	0.874	0.656	0.676	0.660	0.933	0.819
month-over-month % change	68.1%	-29.8%	10.1%	2.3%	4.9%	7.7%	6.3%	3.0%	-1.4%		
year-over-year % change	78.9%	46.5%	-12.2%	-1.2%	31.3%	29.0%	10.3%	16.8%	8.7%	79.1%	-12.2%
Military	1.108	0.403	1.198	1.020	0.836	0.903	0.748	0.763	0.809	0.641	1.198
month-over-month % change	11.1%	-63.6%	197.0%	24.0%	-18.0%	8.0%	5.3%	1.9%	6.1%		
year-over-year % change	68.4%	75.7%	86.9%	28.2%	33.7%	77.2%	71.3%	81.3%	79.4%	131.5%	86.9%
Schools/Colleges	4.296	3.101	3.623	4.148	3.854	3.673	5.763	5.577	5.482	4.765	3.623
month-over-month % change	3.1%	-27.8%	16.8%	-9.9%	-7.1%	-4.7%	-0.2%	-3.2%	-1.7%		
year-over-year % change	-3.3%	-41.9%	-24.0%	-9.1%	-20.2%	-24.2%	-8.4%	-11.8%	-12.5%	-12.6%	-24.0%
Misc Medical	0.610	0.714	0.383	0.533	0.604	0.569	0.621	0.612	0.595	0.587	0.383
month-over-month % change	25.5%	16.9%	-46.3%	8.2%	13.2%	-5.7%	2.2%	-1.4%	-2.8%		
year-over-year % change	35.1%	-13.0%	-34.7%	-23.0%	-17.5%	-8.2%	-19.3%	-21.4%	-19.7%	-43.4%	-34.7%
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	9.513	6.317	6.960	8.520	8.050	7.597	9.997	9.701	9.466	9.773	6.960
month-over-month % change	14.4%	-33.6%	10.2%	0.3%	-5.5%	-5.6%	-0.4%	-3.0%	-2.4%		
year-over-year % change	-4.5%	-36.0%	-28.8%	-19.2%	-22.6%	-23.0%	-11.5%	-13.5%	-15.2%	-5.6%	-28.8%
Misc Non Residential	0.455	0.436	0.357	0.472	0.467	0.416	0.464	0.463	0.446	0.563	0.357
month-over-month % change	-10.7%	-4.3%	-18.0%	-1.6%	-1.1%	-10.9%	-7.2%	-0.2%	-3.7%		
year-over-year % change	-48.8%	-2.4%	-36.6%	-44.4%	-41.6%	-34.3%	-26.9%	-27.6%	-31.4%	30.1%	-36.6%
TOTAL NON-RES BUILDING	19.933	11.751	13.117	18.477	16.624	14.934	20.627	19.796	18.897	23.906	13.117
month-over-month % change	9.6%	-41.0%	11.6%	-3.5%	-10.2%	-10.2%	-3.4%	-4.0%	-4.5%		
year-over-year % change	-30.6%	-45.9%	-45.1%	-31.3%	-35.6%	-39.8%	-28.2%	-30.7%	-34.0%	3.6%	-45.1%
Airports	0.662	0.165	0.116	0.606	0.425	0.315	0.528	0.505	0.502	0.156	0.116
month-over-month % change	48.2%	-75.0%	-29.8%	-2.8%	-29.9%	-26.0%	5.3%	-4.3%	-0.7%		
year-over-year % change	91.5%	-62.2%	-25.4%	-4.4%	-27.0%	0.5%	-13.3%	-18.0%	-14.5%	-69.0%	-25.4%
Roads/Highways	5.382	3.367	3.510	4.798	4.585	4.087	5.386	5.300	5.265	3.940	3.510
month-over-month % change	7.6%	-37.4%	4.2%	1.2%	-4.4%	-10.9%	2.3%	-1.6%	-0.7%		
year-over-year % change	36.4%	-23.3%	-10.9%	4.1%	3.4%	-0.1%	0.4%	-2.6%	-3.6%	6.5%	-10.9%
Bridges	1.059	2.586	1.800	1.025	1.576	1.815	1.793	1.873	1.837	2.232	1.800
month-over-month % change	-2.3%	144.2%	-30.4%	-4.1%	53.7%	15.2%	-2.3%	3.8%	-4.4%		
year-over-year % change	-44.5%	58.6%	-19.4%	-56.0%	-19.1%	-5.6%	-29.0%	-25.5%	-27.0%	0.6%	-19.4%
Dams/Marine	0.770	0.409	0.281	0.775	0.778	0.487	0.684	0.685	0.629	0.958	0.281
month-over-month % change	-33.4%	-46.9%	-31.4%	-1.3%	0.4%	-37.5%	-3.5%	0.1%	-8.2%		
year-over-year % change	-27.7%	2.6%	-70.7%	-11.7%	-6.2%	-39.7%	-4.9%	-3.8%	-17.3%	153.3%	-70.7%
Water/Sewage	1.856	2.420	3.009	2.432	2.187	2.428	2.660	2.598	2.670	2.071	3.009
month-over-month % change	-18.9%	30.4%	24.4%	-10.0%	-10.1%	11.0%	-2.0%	-2.4%	3.0%		
year-over-year % change	-26.5%	-23.7%	45.3%	-4.5%	-19.6%	-6.2%	4.6%	-1.4%	3.7%	-24.2%	45.3%
Misc Civil (Power, etc.)	1.376	1.271	4.385	1.043	1.190	2.344	2.275	1.811	1.922	3.055	4.385
month-over-month % change	49.3%	-7.7%	245.0%	-19.7%	14.1%	97.0%	-2.5%	-20.4%	6.1%		
year-over-year % change	-33.5%	-81.4%	43.6%	-73.6%	-75.4%	-41.2%	-32.1%	-52.9%	-52.4%	311.5%	43.6%
TOTAL ENGINEERING (Civil)	11.105	10.218	13.101	10.679	10.741	11.475	13.327	12.773	12.831	12.411	13.101
month-over-month % change	1.9%	-8.0%	28.2%	-4.6%	0.6%	6.8%	-0.5%	-4.2%	0.5%		
year-over-year % change	-6.4%	-39.4%	5.6%	-28.5%	-30.0%	-16.3%	-11.8%	-19.0%	-19.6%	20.8%	5.6%
GRAND TOTAL	57.070	46.876	49.890	56.711	54.234	51.279	58.588	57.259	56.507	58.924	49.890
month-over-month % change	-2.9%	-17.9%	6.4%	-2.3%	-4.4%	-5.4%	-1.1%	-2.3%	-1.3%		
year-over-year % change	-12.5%	-25.4%	-15.3%	-17.2%	-19.0%	-17.7%	-14.3%	-17.2%	-18.6%	6.4%	-15.3%
NON-RES BLDG + ENGINEERING	31.038	21.969	26.218	29.156	27.364	26.408	33.954	32.569	31.728	36.316	26.218
month-over-month % change	6.7%	-29.2%	19.3%	-3.9%	-6.1%	-3.5%	-2.3%	-4.1%	-2.6%		
year-over-year % change	-23.5%	-43.1%	-27.8%	-30.3%	-33.5%	-31.4%	-22.5%	-26.5%	-28.8%	8.9%	-27.8%