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# Construction Starts Forecast

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The remarkable strength and longevity of the current U.S. economic expansion is demonstrated by the fact that initial jobless claims have now been below 300,000 for 214 weeks in a row, or a little more than four years.

#### **Highlights**

- US construction starts declined by 12.7% year-on-year in Q1 2019 with declines in each of the three headline sectors of residential building, non-residential building and civil engineering.
- Economic momentum is expected to slow gradually in 2019 due to reduced fiscal stimulus, subdued global economic activity and lingering trade tensions. Nonetheless, US GDP is forecast to post reasonable growth of 2.3% in 2019, down from 2.9% last year. Strong private sector confidence, a solid labor market and a more accommodative monetary policy stance should prop up economic growth this year.
- Total US construction starts are expected to fall 1.5% in 2019 before improving in 2020. Residential starts are expected to decline, driven by affordability issues and rising labor and material costs. Non-residential building starts are also expected to fall with a weaker investment outlook weighing on the prospects of several sectors. Growth is only expected in the engineering sector, underpinned by a number of upcoming projects in the miscellaneous civil engineering sector (including oil & gas projects).
- Canadian construction starts declined by 45.4% year-on-year in Q1 2019 with steep declines in all three headline sectors. However, the start of a large metro project in Montreal in the same period a year earlier exacerbated the annual decline in the non-residential sector.
- Total Canadian construction starts are forecast to decline by 9.8% this year, before returning to growth of 7.4% in 2020. Both the residential and non-residential building segments are expected to contract, by 14.1% and 17.3% respectively, although the latter decline follows annual growth of nearly 90% in 2018. Civil engineering construction is expected to post modest growth of 3.5%, driven by construction of new oil & gas pipeline projects.

Sources: ConstructConnect\*/Oxford Economics. Forecast reflects actual starts through Q1 2019.

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#### **Overview**

# US construction starts contracted in Q1

Total US construction starts contracted by 12.7% year-on-year in Q1 2019, the third consecutive quarter of annual declines. All three headline segments of residential, non-residential and civil engineering fell from their level a year earlier. The decline in new residential construction was driven by a 28.2% fall in groundbreaking on apartment complexes and a shallower 2.5% decrease in single-family construction.

In the non-residential building segment, the picture across the subsectors was mixed. Several subsectors experienced double-digit annual declines, including private office building, amusement, religious facilities, prisons, warehousing, medical facilities and retail. However, these declines were partially offset by strong growth in a number of other sectors. Factory construction rose 135% from the same period a year earlier, boosted by several large projects. Groundbreaking began on two large projects in manufacturing in Texas: a \$1.5 billion ethane exporting facility in January and a \$1.5 billion expansion of an ExxonMobil refining facility in February. In addition, construction started on two large automotive plants in Alabama in March, also classified in the industrial sector. Outside of manufacturing, other sectors with annual increases of over 30% included transportation terminals, parking garages, libraries & museums, courthouses and industrial laboratories.

The fall in civil engineering projects was driven by a 65% year-on-year decline in the miscellaneous civil engineering sector, which includes oil & gas projects. However, this decline may be overstated, as a \$5.5 billion pipeline project started in West Virginia in March 2018, bumping up last year's Q1 figure. Nonetheless, other engineering sub-sectors, including airports and power infrastructure, fell sharply (by 47% and 88% respectively) in absence of any mega projects boosting growth in Q1 2019.

Other indicators of sector health have improved somewhat over the last quarter. Following declines in the final two quarters

Table 1: Summary forecasts           (Annual percentage changes unless specified otherwise)											
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023				
US											
Macro variables											
GDP	2.2	2.9	2.3	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9				
Population growth	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7				
Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9				
Real disposable income	2.6	2.9	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.9				
Central bank rate (%)	1.0	1.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4				
10-year government yield (%)	2.3	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.1				
Construction starts (y/y % change	of \$ volumes	()									
Total starts	14.5	-3.5	-1.5	5.4	3.7	4.1	4.2				
Residential	16.2	-7.6	-3.3	5.4	4.2	6.0	7.0				
Non-res bldg	8.7	-5.0	-2.1	3.0	1.9	2.2	1.7				
Civil engineering	25.1	8.6	3.0	9.6	6.1	3.9	3.5				
Canada											
Macro variables											
GDP	3.0	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.6				
Population growth	1.2	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9				
Unemployment rate (%)	6.3	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0				
Real disposable income	3.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8				
Central bank rate (%)	0.7	1.4	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.5				
10-year government yield (%)	1.8	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.8	2.9				
Exchange rate C\$ per US\$	1.30	1.30	1.32	1.30	1.28	1.27	1.26				
Construction starts (y/y % change	of \$ volumes	)				,					
Total starts	17.7	27.1	-9.8	7.4	5.0	5.0	3.6				
Residential	7.9	-7.8	-14.1	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.7				
Non-res bldg	61.1	89.1	-17.3	0.7	-0.6	-1.1	-3.1				
Civil engineering	5.7	16.0	3.5	16.5	10.3	10.0	7.7				

of 2018, the Census Bureau's put-in-place measure of construction spending grew by 2.5% and 1% on the month in January and February respectively. Establishment-based employment data show solid job growth in the construction sector in Q1, with 47,000 jobs added over the quarter. However, labor shortages, especially for skilled workers, are of growing concern. The JOLTS labor market survey shows job vacancy rates in the construction sector close to historic highs, although the monthly readings are volatile. Meanwhile, hourly earnings in the construction sector were up 3.1% year-onyear in Q1 and the unemployment rate fell to an historic Q1 low of 6.6% (the data are not seasonally adjusted). Some of the recent weakness in groundbreaking may be a sign that labor shortages are limiting the extent to which construction activity can keep pace with demand.

# Moderate economic slowdown in 2019

Economic momentum is expected to slow gradually in 2019 due to reduced fiscal stimulus, subdued global economic activity and lingering trade tensions. Nonetheless, US GDP is forecast to post reasonable growth of 2.3% in 2019, down from 2.9% growth last year. Strong private sector confidence, a solid labor market and a more accommodative monetary policy stance should prop up economic growth this year.

The labor market continues to be a bright spot — the economy added 196,000 jobs in March and average hourly earnings

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grew by 3.2% year-on-year. This late in the economic cycle, job growth is expected to slow through the course of the year, but we expect solid growth of around 150,000 jobs per month. In addition, rising incomes and strong household wealth should continue to support consumer confidence and solid growth in household spending.

Business activity, by contrast, is expected to moderate in 2019. The boost from energy investment is expected to ease, and the benefits from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are expected to gradually fade. Business investment growth is expected to slow to 4% in 2019, from 6.9% in 2018. Housing activity is also forecast to struggle due to declining affordability and cost pressures faced by builders. Net trade is expected to be a drag on growth this year due to a weak external backdrop and continued trade tensions.

The Federal Reserve delivered a dovish outlook at the conclusion of its March policy meeting. The Fed now forecasts no more interest rate hikes in 2019, which will keep the fed funds target range at 2.25-2.5%. In addition, the Fed will also taper its balance sheet normalization process.

# Modest contraction in new US construction this year

After a weak first quarter, we now expect US construction starts to fall for the second consecutive year in 2019, down 1.5%, before recovering in 2020. Residential starts are expected to shrink 3.3% and non-residential building is expected to fall 2.1%, with growth only expected in the engineering sector.

Despite weakness in Q1, civil engineering construction starts are expected to grow 3% in 2019, with large pipeline and airport projects expected to come on stream by the end of the year. In particular, construction of the Keystone XL pipeline across several states is expected to begin by year-end. In addition, new projects such as the Driftwood pipeline in Louisiana should see construction begin over the next few months. The West Texas Intermediate oil price has been trending up in recent months, towards about \$62 per barrel at the time of writing (from a recent low of \$42 in late-December), which should encourage investment in the energy sector.

Та	ble 2: Drivers of headline sect	tors
Sector	Short-term drivers	Long-term drivers
Residential	Unemployment rate; Household liabilities; Mortgage interest rates; House prices; Population trends	House prices; Incomes
Non-residential building	Output trends in relevant sector; Population trends; Capacity utilization; Borrowing costs; Employment in relevant sector; Disposable income	Output trends in relevant sector; Employment in relevant sector
Civil engineering	Federal/State/Provincial spending; Government borrowing costs; Employment in government sector; Output trends in relevant sector	Federal/State/Provincial spending; Output trends in relevant sector

Outside of energy, construction of roads and bridges is also expected to pick up. Certainly, the need for such traditional infrastructure projects is there — the American Society of Civil Engineers gave US infrastructure a D+ in its most recent report card (from 2017), but the biggest challenge is in state & local politics and funding.

In the non-residential segment, factory construction is a key driver of growth over the next two years. Groundbreaking on several new LNG projects is expected to start over the next two years (at least three of which are in Louisiana) and construction is also expected on a steel plant and plastics plant. The competitiveness of US manufacturing has improved in recent years, due to cheap energy prices, a skilled workforce, advanced technology supply chains and a huge internal market, and factory construction has benefitted as a result. Transportation terminals is another segment with several large upcoming bus and railway projects over the next two years. Strong growth in these two segments, however, is more than offset by double-digit declines in several sectors, such as hotels & motels, retail, amusement, private office building, warehouses and hospitals.

The contraction in residential construction starts is driven by a 17.1% decline in the construction of new multi-family units. The outlook for the single-family segment is slightly more positive, driven by rising incomes, affordability issues in cities (with

a greater share of apartment living), family formation by the millennial generation and some remaining scope for catch-up growth following a steep decline during the financial crisis. Despite this, construction of new single-family units is seen growing just 2.9% in 2019, and supply-side constraints mean there are reasons to remain cautious. Labor shortages are putting upward pressure on wages, and with the tighter immigration stance of the Trump administration, there is limited scope to bring in labor from overseas. Furthermore, higher material costs are also weighing on homebuilding. Tariffs on Canadian timber imports, for example, are pushing up timber prices. Roughly onethird of softwood lumber used in US homebuilding is imported from Canada, and the National Association of Home Builders estimates the tariffs increase the cost of building a home by \$1,350.

# Construction weak in 2019 in Canada

Total Canadian construction starts declined by 45.4% year-on-year in Q1 2019 with declines in each of the three headline segments of non-residential, residential and civil engineering. However, groundbreaking began in 2018 Q1 on a \$6.3 billion metro line extension in Montreal which distorts the year-on-year growth calculations — excluding this project, construction starts fell by a more mild 21% from the same

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period a year earlier. Non-residential construction fell 60.5% year-on-year, but this was affected by the metro project dropping out of the annual calculation (transportation terminals declined by 99.9%). However, several other sectors also experienced significant annual declines of more than 50%, including hotels & motels, miscellaneous retail, and miscellaneous medical. Strong gains of more than 100% year-on-year growth were posted in government offices, private office building, and warehouse construction, although the latter was due to a particularly weak Q1 last year rather than any major projects. New civil engineering construction contracted 42% from a year earlier with double-digit declines in all sub-sectors except for power infrastructure and roads. New residential construction fell 21.5% from the same period a year earlier, the steepest decline since the global financial crisis. Single-family housing starts experienced a particularly sharp drop, down 30.8% from a year earlier and multi-family starts were down 13.3%.

Canadian economic activity is expected to cool in 2019 and 2020, with GDP forecast to expand by 1.1% and 1.2% respectively, down from 1.8% in 2018, and below its underlying potential of around 1.5%. The softer outlook reflects slower growth in both consumer spending and fixed investment. High house prices and household indebtedness have left Canadian households vulnerable, and we forecast spending on interest-sensitive housing and consumer durables to cool further this year. Moreover, higher oil prices and a new federal carbon tax, which came into effect on April 1st, will combine to reduce disposable income, although the return of the carbon tax proceeds to the economy should mitigate its

impact. Business activity is also weakening driven by production cuts and transport bottlenecks in the energy sector. We expect the Bank of Canada to hold rates steady for the rest of 2019 given weak growth, low inflationary pressures and a more accommodative monetary policy stance in the US.

Total Canadian starts are expected to decline by 9.8% this year amid declines in both non-residential and residential building construction, but partially offset by a small increase in civil engineering construction. Non-residential building construction is forecast to shrink 17.3%, but this should be seen in the context of nearly 90% growth in 2018. This is especially the case in the transportation terminal sector, where the Montreal metro extension, begun in 2018, has fallen out of the annual calculation. Despite this, several new transport projects are in the pipeline, in Calgary, Edmonton and Montreal for example, so sector construction should remain high in a historic context. Manufacturing construction is also expected to decline this year as large projects in 2018 fall out of the annual calculation. Anecdotally, Canadian manufacturing has been struggling, most notably with the announced closure of GM's Oshawa plant. Nonetheless, construction on a number of LNG plants is expected over the next few years, which should keep factory construction at a high, albeit declining,

After a weak start to the year, civil engineering construction is expected to strengthen later in 2019, growing by 3.5% for the year as a whole. Strong construction in the miscellaneous civil engineering sector will be a key driver. Oil & gas investment fell sharply during the oil price collapse of 2014-16 — construction in the

miscellaneous civil sector fell nearly 80% from 2014-18. However, the oil price has been trending up in recent months, and downstream transport bottlenecks have created the need for new pipeline and railroad transport. Indeed, construction of a number of new pipeline projects are expected over the forecast horizon, including two pipeline projects expected to begin construction before the end of this year. Despite a weak first quarter, construction in the miscellaneous civil sector is expected to pick up strongly over the course of 2019.

Residential construction starts are expected to shrink for the second consecutive year in 2019, by 14.1%, with declines expected in both the single-family and multi-family segments. High levels of household indebtedness, ongoing affordability issues and stagnant house prices have left the Canadian housing market vulnerable to an economic slowdown. Moreover, the government has tightened macroprudential regulation in an effort to cool overheating housing markets, particularly in Vancouver and Toronto, including implementing higher down-payment requirements, tougher loan-to-value ratios, and increases in mortgage insurance premiums. Such measures will weigh on homebuilding in the multi-family segment in particular. Although the single-family segment is expected to be especially weak this year, shrinking by 20%, demographic trends favor single-family homebuilding, so growth is more robust over the forecast period. Population growth in Canada is healthy, especially compared to other developed economies, and like in the US, a sizable millennial generation is forming families and moving into larger housing.



	Ta	able 3: U.S. Typ		e Forecasts			
			(\$ Billions USD)				
	Actua	ıls			Forecasts		
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Single-family	199.937	202.131	208.004	216.752	226.705	242.531	262.723
Multi-family	117.978	91.467	75.829	82.478	85.006	88.036	91.056
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	317.915	293.598	283.833	299.230	311.711	330.567	353.779
(Yr/yr % change)	16.2%	-7.6%	-3.3%	5.4%	4.2%	6.0%	7.0%
Hotels/Motels	28.645	26.084	20.987	16.773	15.463	15.305	15.588
Shopping/Retail	19.999	17.709	14.748	14.827	15.381	16.276	16.94
Parking Garages	3.514	2.784	3.469	3.492	3.560	3.674	3.81
Amusement	7.854	8.508	7.212	7.711	8.099	8.434	8.69
Private Offices	28.974	28.945	25.328	26.750	26.375	25.991	25.83
Govenmental Offices	10.572	10.731	11.110	11.447	11.688	11.907	12.08
Laboratories (Schools & Industrial)	2.994	2.958	3.719	3.979	4.186	4.369	4.54
Warehouses	21.567	20.913	18.716	19.061	19.618	20.376	20.85
Sports Stadium/Convention Center	15.493	7.265	8.904	9.969	10.125	9.817	9.12
Transportation Terminals	3.839	5.187	7.450	9.312	9.999	10.582	11.02
TOTAL COMMERCIAL	143.452	131.085	121.645	123.320	124.493	126.731	128.50
(Yr/yr % change)	4.7%	-8.6%	-7.2%	1.4%	1.0%	1.8%	1.49
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL (manufacturing)	36.748	35.305	40.157	41.458	42.538	44.351	45.76
(Yr/yr % change)	81.9%	-3.9%	13.7%	3.2%	2.6%	4.3%	3.25
Religious	2.246	2.134	2.045	2.119	2.130	2.141	2.15
Hospitals/Clinics	16.628	16.324	14.261	14.973	15.659	16.329	16.98
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living	11.906	10.523	10.697	11.139	11.563	11.923	12.25
Libraries/Museums	3.582	2.776	2.924	3.005	3.109	3.217	3.29
Courthouse	2.698	1.928	2.357	2.444	2.522	2.610	2.67
Police/Fire	2.858	3.026	3.140	3.276	3.435	3.602	3.71
Prisons	2.886	3.226	3.223	3.412	3.563	3.698	3.77
Military	4.776	5.301	5.717	6.661	7.021	7.294	7.51
Educational Facilities	69.453	70.319	70.208	72.649	73.476	73.946	74.18
MED misc	10.909	11.062	10.292	10.933	11.433	11.724	11.95
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	127.941	126.617	124.863	130.610	133.910	136.484	138.48
(Yr/yr % change)	2.6%	-1.0%	-1.4%	4.6%	2.5%	1.9%	1.5
Miscellaneous Non-Res Building	7.661	7.071	7.036	7.111	7.182	7.269	7.34
TOTAL NON-RES BLDG	315.802	300.079	293.700	302.499	308.123	314.835	320.09
(Yr/yr % change)	8.7%	-5.0%	-2.1%	3.0%	1.9%	2.2%	1.7
Airport	12.541	7.179	7.209	9.190	10.053	10.716	11.32
Roads	53.103	63.339	65.622	71.424	74.629	77.272	80.18
Bridges	20.610	24.030	25.999	27.332	28.020	28.712	29.38
Dams/Canal/Marine	5.089	6.655	6.473	6.592	6.834	7.089	7.33
Water & Sewage Treatment	32.041	29.578	30.091	32.719	34.720	36.241	37.77
Misc Civil (Power, etc.)	26.358	31.784	32.021	36.307	40.510	42.264	43.37
TOTAL ENGINEERING	149.741	162.564	167.416	183.564	194.766	202.294	209.37
(Yr/yr % change)	25.1%	8.6%	3.0%	9.6%	6.1%	3.9%	3.5
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL	465.544	462.643	461.116	486.063	502.889	517.129	529.47
(Yr/yr % change)	13.5%	-0.6%	-0.3%	5.4%	3.5%	2.8%	2.4
GRAND TOTAL	783.459	756.241	744.949	785.293	814.600	847.696	883.25
(Yr/yr % change)	14.5%	-3.5%	-1.5%	5.4%	3.7%	4.1%	4.25

EXPLANATION: Table 3 conforms to the type-of-structure ordering adopted by many firms and organizations in the industry. Specifically, it breaks non-residential building into ICI work (i.e., industrial, commercial and institutional), since each has its own set of economic and demographic drivers.

Table 4 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'.

 $Source\ of\ actuals: Construct Connect\ "Insight" / Forecasts:\ Oxford\ Economics\ and\ Construct Connect\ /\ Table:\ Connec$ 



	<b>Tabl</b> Arranged to match th		of-Structure l		Billions USD)		
	Actua		gery arep aemi iii		Forecasts		
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2
Summary							
CIVIL	149.741	162.564	167.416	183.564	194.766	202.294	209
NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	315.802	300.079	293.700	302.499	308.123	314.835	320
RESIDENTIAL Grand Total	317.915 783.459	293.598 756.241	283.833 744.949	299.230 785.293	311.711 814.600	330.567 847.696	35
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'erticals							
Airport	12.541	7.179	7.209	9.190	10.053	10.716	1
All Other Civil	15.627	24.174	24.961	28.128	31.740	33.075	3
Bridges	20.610	24.030	25.999	27.332	28.020	28.712	2
Dams / Canals / Marine Work	5.089	6.655	6.473	6.592	6.834	7.089	
Power Infrastructure	10.731	7.609	7.059	8.180	8.770	9.189	
Roads	53.103	63.339	65.622	71.424	74.629	77.272	8
Water and Sewage Treatment	32.041	29.578	30.091	32.719	34.720	36.241	3
IVIL	149.741	162.564	167.416	183.564	194.766	202.294	20
(Yr/yr % change)	25.1%	8.6%	3.0%	9.6%	6.1%	3.9%	
Offices (private)	28.974	28.945	25.328	26.750	26.375	25.991	2
Parking Garages Transportation Terminals	3.514 3.839	2.784	3.469 7.450	3.492 9.312	3.560 9.999	3.674 10.582	1
Commercial	3.839	5.187 36.917	36.248	39.554	39.934	40.247	
(Yr/yr % change)	3.2%	1.6%	-1.8%	9.1%	1.0%	0.8%	4
Amusement	7.854	8.508	7.212	7.711	8.099	8.434	
Libraries / Museums	3.582	2.776	2.924	3.005	3.109	3.217	
Religious	2.246	2.134	2.045	2.119	2.130	2.141	
Sports Arenas / Convention Centers	15.493	7.265	8.904	9.969	10.125	9.817	
Community	29.175	20.683	21.084	22.804	23.463	23.610	2
(Yr/yr % change)	50.1%	-29.1%	1.9%	8.2%	2.9%	0.6%	
College / University	22.270	19.080	17.701	17.881	18.100	18.255	1
Elementary / Pre School	18.885	19.271	19.892	21.601	22.181	22.685	2
Jr / Sr High School	26.549	30.233	30.707	31.224	31.176	30.926	3
Special / Vocational	1.749	1.734	1.909	1.942	2.019	2.081	
Educational	69.453	70.319	70.208	72.649	73.476	73.946	7
(Yr/yr % change)	-0.9%	1.2%	-0.2%	3.5%	1.1%	0.6%	
Courthouses	2.698	1.928	2.357	2.444	2.522	2.610	
Fire and Police Stations	2.858	3.026	3.140	3.276	3.435	3.602	
Government Offices	10.572	10.731	11.110	11.447	11.688	11.907	1
Prisons	2.886	3.226	3.223	3.412	3.563	3.698	
Government	19.013	18.911	19.830	20.579	21.208	21.817	2
(Yr/yr % change)	-0.4%	-0.5%	4.9%	3.8%	3.1%	2.9%	
Industrial Labs / Labs / School Labs	2.994	2.958	3.719	3.979	4.186	4.369	
Manufacturing	36.748	35.305	40.157	41.458	42.538	44.351	
Warehouses Industrial	21.567 61.309	20.913 59.176	18.716 62.592	19.061 64.497	19.618 66.342	20.376 69.095	- 2
(Yr/yr % change)	57.6%	-3.5%	5.8%	3.0%	2.9%	69.095 4.2%	,
Hospitals / Clinics	16.628	16.324	14.261	14.973	15.659	16.329	]
Medical Misc.	10.909	11.062	10.292	10.933	11.433	11.724	
Nursing Homes	11.906	10.523	10.697	11.139	11.563	11.923	
Medical	39.443	37.909	35.249	37.045	38.655	39.976	
(Yr/yr % change)	1.2%	-3.9%	-7.0%	5.1%	4.3%	3.4%	
Military	4.776	5.301	5.717	6.661	7.021	7.294	
(Yr/yr % change)	2.1%	11.0%	7.9%	16.5%	5.4%	3.9%	
Hotels	28.645	26.084	20.987	16.773	15.463	15.305	1
Retail Misc.	7.661	7.071	7.036	7.111	7.182	7.269	
Shopping	19.999	17.709	14.748	14.827	15.381	16.276	1
Retail	56.306	50.864	42.772	38.710	38.025	38.850	3
(Yr/yr % change)	-12.3%	-9.7%	-15.9%	-9.5%	-1.8%	2.2%	
ON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	315.802	300.079	293.700	302.499	308.123	314.835	32
(Yr/yr % change)	8.7%	-5.0%	-2.1%	3.0%	1.9%	2.2%	
Multi-Family	117.978	91.467	75.829	82.478	85.006	88.036	9
Single-Family	199.937	202.131	208.004	216.752	226.705	242.531	26
ESIDENTIAL (Wife % shapes)	317.915	293.598	283.833	299.230	311.711	330.567	35
(Yr/yr % change)	16.2%	-7.6%	-3.3%	5.4%	4.2%	6.0%	00
GRAND TOTAL (Yr/yr % change)	783.459 <i>14.5%</i>	756.241 -3.5%	744.949 -1.5%	785.293 5.4%	814.600 3.7%	847.696 <i>4.1%</i>	88

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li	able 5: U.S. States, 1	otal Construction	ı Starts — Coı	nstructConnect		
	Actuals (Level in \$ Millions USD)		Forecasts (Year	versus previous year	% change)	
States (alphabetical by 2-letter co		2019	2020	2021	2022	202
Alaska - AK	\$2,076	-17.3%	16.6%	3.4%	3.6%	3.2
Alabama - AL	\$9,984	35.1%	-2.6%	3.7%	3.4%	4.7
Arkansas - AR	\$5,804	2.3%	8.4%	4.0%	4.7%	4.5
Arizona - AZ	\$18,458	-10.0%	0.8%	2.7%	4.4%	4.8
California - CA*	\$69,710	-0.5%	0.9%	3.7%	3.7%	4.1
Colorado - CO	\$19,043	8.6%	-2.2%	3.8%	4.9%	5.3
Connecticut - CT	\$5,375	34.1%	4.8%	2.7%	2.6%	2.2
District Of Columbia - DC	\$4,886	-8.2%	13.7%	6.0%	1.5%	2.3
Delaware - DE	\$2,509	-1.2%	1.4%	3.3%	4.0%	4.1
Florida - FL*	\$55,269	3.9%	6.2%	2.9%	4.4%	4.8
Georgia - GA	\$24,431	9.1%	1.1%	3.2%	4.2%	4.2
Hawaii - HI	\$2,903	6.7%	9.3%	4.6%	3.8%	2.9
owa - IA	\$6,900	-12.2%	8.2%	3.4%	2.5%	3.6
daho - ID	\$5,071	-9.8%	1.1%	2.9%	4.4%	4.8
llinois - IL	\$18,028	-9.6 % 13.1%	5.6%	6.5%	2.3%	2.
ndiana - IN		13.7%	6.2%	2.8%	3.8%	3.
	\$13,321					
Kansas - KS	\$7,328	-11.2%	12.0%	3.3%	3.6%	3.
Kentucky - KY	\$9,197	-15.2%	12.2%	3.2%	3.9%	3.
Louisiana - LA	\$8,560	42.5%	5.1%	-1.3%	4.2%	4.
Massachusetts - MA	\$15,106	2.9%	1.3%	4.3%	2.5%	2.
Maryland - MD	\$11,324	12.9%	-5.5%	3.2%	2.6%	2.
Naine - ME	\$2,948	9.0%	-6.0%	2.2%	2.3%	3.
Aichigan - MI	\$15,875	-12.1%	14.7%	5.2%	4.0%	3.
Minnesota - MN	\$14,711	-4.7%	11.1%	3.6%	3.5%	3.
Missouri - MO	\$11,538	-7.4%	-1.3%	3.0%	3.3%	3.
Mississippi - MS	\$4,208	9.6%	-0.3%	3.1%	3.0%	4.
Montana - MT	\$2,089	-1.5%	7.3%	3.2%	3.7%	3.
North Carolina - NC	\$29,111	-2.1%	3.3%	3.8%	4.9%	5.
North Dakota - ND	\$3,744	-41.3%	10.1%	4.4%	3.2%	4.
Nebraska - NE	\$3,750	26.8%	6.7%	4.3%	2.6%	4.
New Hampshire - NH	\$2,644	8.0%	8.6%	2.5%	3.5%	3.
New Jersey - NJ	\$12,402	-10.5%	13.5%	3.3%	3.4%	2.
New Mexico - NM	\$3,201	-8.7%	14.0%	3.4%	2.6%	3.
Nevada - NV	\$9,836	6.5%	0.7%	4.9%	4.2%	4.
New York - NY*	\$37,760	6.8%	17.8%	3.3%	3.3%	3.
Ohio - OH	\$22,298	-19.0%	15.1%	3.2%	3.3%	2.
Oklahoma - OK	\$8,621	13.3%	2.7%	4.0%	4.5%	4.
Oregon - OR	\$10,123	-4.8%	3.7%	4.0%	4.4%	4.
Pennsylvania - PA	\$21,669	8.4%	1.7%	2.6%	3.1%	2.
Rhode Island - RI	\$3,116	-46.4%	14.3%	3.2%	1.7%	2.
South Carolina - SC	\$13,047	5.6%	3.7%	2.9%	4.2%	4.
South Dakota - SD	\$2,388	7.4%	-9.4%	3.6%	3.0%	4.
Tennessee - TN	\$17,935	-0.3%	4.9%	3.1%	4.4%	4.
Texas - TX*	\$95,172	5.1%	8.3%	5.4%	6.0%	6.
Jtah - UT	\$11,370	-18.9%	6.1%	3.1%	4.4%	4.
/irginia - VA	\$25,161	-19.5%	5.5%	3.5%	3.7%	3.
/ermont - VT	\$857	-7.8%	24.4%	4.0%	3.2%	4.
Washington - WA	\$22,507	-3.8%	0.6%	4.0%	4.3%	4.
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Nisconsin - WI	\$23,666	-56.8%	-3.1%		3.4%	3.
Nest Virginia - WV	\$7,781	-65.5%	10.2%	3.9%	3.3%	3.
Nyoming - WY	\$1,429	-2.1% -1.5%	22.0% 5.4%	3.7%	3.6%	3. 4.

\*One in three Americans lives in one of the four shaded states, New York, Florida, Texas or California. Sum of first column may not exactly equal total due to rounding.



Table 6: U.S. Four Largest States: Type-of-Structure Forecasts (\$ Billions USD)											
		Actua	ıls								
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
New York	Residential	15.218	9.635	10.496	12.858	13.182	13.735	14.359			
	Non-res Building	21.955	17.325	18.571	20.328	20.661	21.109	21.432			
	Engineering/Civil	12.929	10.799	11.260	14.316	15.230	15.849	16.676			
	Total	50.101	37.760	40.327	47.502	49.072	50.694	52.467			
(Yr vs previou	us yr % Change)	20.8%	-24.6%	6.8%	17.8%	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%			
Florida	Residential	28.404	26.507	27.661	30.187	31.392	33.346	35.869			
	Non-res Building	20.326	18.701	19.233	19.348	19.246	19.596	19.828			
	Engineering/Civil	9.727	10.061	10.529	11.430	12.079	12.544	12.957			
	Total	58.458	55.269	57.423	60.965	62.716	65.486	68.654			
(Yr vs previou	us yr % Change)	24.2%	-5.5%	3.9%	6.2%	2.9%	4.4%	4.8%			
Texas	Residential	42.241	41.556	43.413	49.819	52.655	56.544	61.190			
	Non-res Building	44.902	33.488	35.589	35.813	37.156	38.903	40.461			
	Engineering/Civil	14.867	20.128	21.013	22.689	24.378	25.583	26.654			
	Total	102.009	95.172	100.015	108.321	114.189	121.030	128.305			
(Yr vs previou	us yr % Change)	14.3%	-6.7%	5.1%	8.3%	5.4%	6.0%	6.0%			
California	Residential	30.170	26.791	23.380	23.191	23.993	25.329	27.206			
	Non-res Building	32.879	25.901	28.855	29.697	30.417	31.065	31.457			
	Engineering/Civil	15.443	17.018	17.145	17.095	18.147	18.826	19.645			
	Total	78.492	69.710	69.380	69.983	72.557	75.220	78.307			
(Yr vs previou	us yr % Change)	31.5%	-11.2%	-0.5%	0.9%	3.7%	3.7%	4.1%			

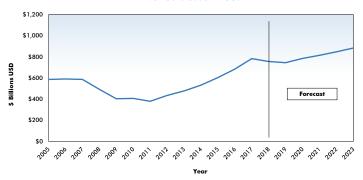
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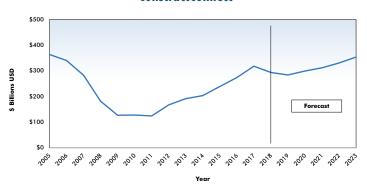




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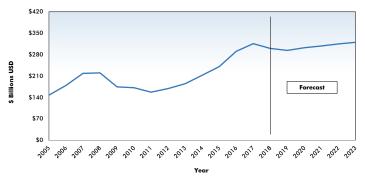
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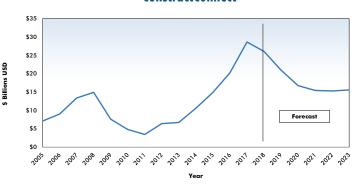
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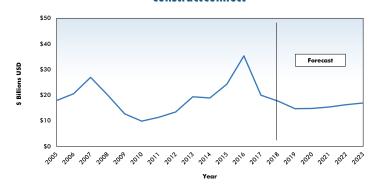
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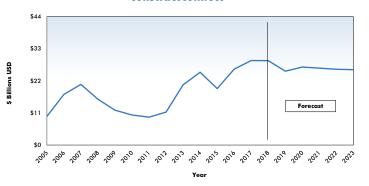
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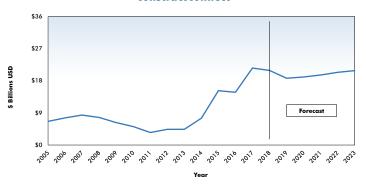
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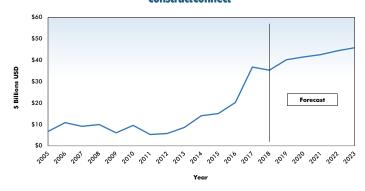




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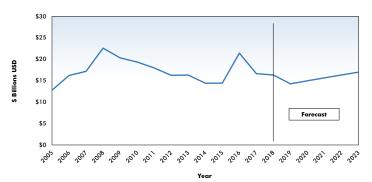
Graph 8: U.S. Industrial/Manufacturing Construction Starts — ConstructConnect



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Graph 9: U.S. Hospital and Clinic Construction Starts —
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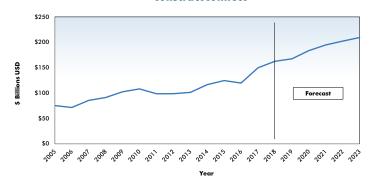
Graph 10: U.S. Total Educational Construction Starts —
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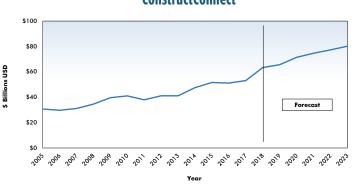
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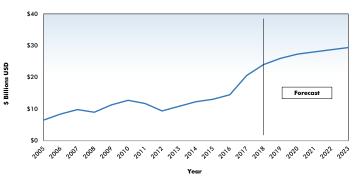
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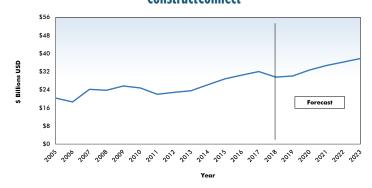




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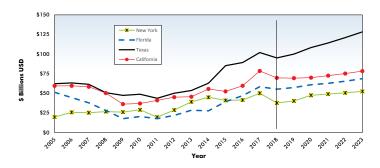
Graph 14: U.S. Water and Sewage Treatment Construction Starts —
ConstructConnect



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Graph 15: U.S. Four Largest States (by Population): Total Construction Starts — ConstructConnect



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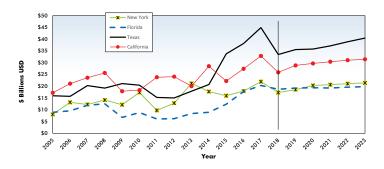
Graph 16: U.S. Four Largest States: Total Residential Construction Starts — ConstructConnect



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Graph 17: U.S. Four Largest States: Total Non-residential Building Starts — ConstructConnect



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Graph 18: U.S. Four Largest States: Total Engineering/ Civil Construction Starts — ConstructConnect

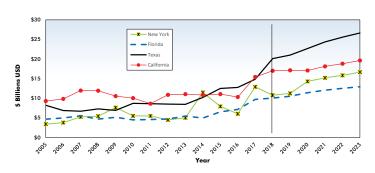




	Table 7: Canada Type-of-Structure Forecasts									
			(\$ Billions CAD)							
	Actua	als			Forecasts					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Single-family	16.838	14.487	11.592	12.535	13.305	14.069	14.846			
Multi-family	14.657	14.558	13.353	13.444	13.835	14.379	14.950			
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	31.495	29.045	24.944	25.979	27.140	28.448	29.797			
(Yr/yr % change)	7.9%	-7.8%	-14.1%	4.1%	4.5%	4.8%	4.7%			
Hotels/Motels	1.068	0.337	0.280	0.412	0.474	0.455	0.426			
Private Offices	1.451	1.812	2.576	2.178	1.991	1.795	1.545			
Govenmental Offices	1.356	1.499	1.801	1.697	1.734	1.774	1.813			
Shopping/Retail	1.019	0.778	0.657	0.659	0.686	0.715	0.744			
Retail Miscellaneous	0.191	0.205	0.160	0.170	0.176	0.181	0.185			
Parking Garages	0.166	0.191	0.201	0.206	0.216	0.228	0.237			
Amusement	2.253	2.535	2.138	2.335	2.464	2.580	2.691			
Warehouses	1.424	1.618	1.791	1.960	2.097	2.222	2.329			
TOTAL COMMERCIAL	8.927	8.974	9.603	9.617	9.837	9.950	9.970			
(Yr/yr % change)	15.0%	0.5%	7.0%	0.1%	2.3%	1.1%	0.2%			
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL (manufacturing)	3.578	18.165	14.445	13.829	12.823	11.726	10.040			
(Yr/yr % change)	435.3%	407.7%	-20.5%	-4.3%	-7.3%	-8.6%	-14.4%			
Religious	0.132	0.144	0.133	0.137	0.141	0.145	0.148			
Hospitals/Clinics	4.206	3.100	3.817	4.065	4.254	4.457	4.633			
MED misc	0.520	0.220	0.214	0.272	0.333	0.403	0.485			
Transportation Terminals*	0.467	6.981	2.877	2.995	3.125	3.279	3.443			
Police/Fire	1.035	2.010	1.012	1.155	1.195	1.232	1.273			
Educational Facilities	4.138	3.917	3.872	4.148	4.301	4.429	4.523			
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	10.498	16.371	11.925	12.772	13.349	13.946	14.505			
(Yr/yr % change)	79.4%	55.9%	-27.2%	7.1%	4.5%	4.5%	4.0%			
TOTAL NON-RES BUILDING	23.003	43.510	35.973	36.218	36.009	35.622	34.515			
(Yr/yr % change)	61.1%	89.1%	-17.3%	0.7%	-0.6%	-1.1%	-3.1%			
Bridges	1.608	6.684	2.819	2.954	3.035	3.103	3.154			
Dams/Canal/Marine	0.620	0.909	0.822	0.908	0.976	1.049	1.129			
Water & Sewage Treatment	6.970	5.602	4.047	4.526	4.807	5.108	5.413			
Roads	7.238	9.946	10.227	10.782	11.216	11.647	12.054			
Power Infrastructure	3.699	2.481	3.782	4.461	4.978	5.546	6.081			
All Other Civil (Oil & Gas etc.)	9.190	8.386	13.516	17.375	20.236	23.334	25.778			
TOTAL ENGINEERING	29.326	34.008	35.213	41.007	45.248	49.787	53.609			
(Yr/yr % change)	5.7%	16.0%	3.5%	16.5%	10.3%	10.0%	7.7%			
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL	52.329	77.518	71.186	77.225	81.257	85.410	88.124			
(Yr/yr % change)	24.5%	48.1%	-8.2%	8.5%	5.2%	5.1%	3.2%			
GRAND TOTAL	83.824	106.563	96.130	103.204	108.398	113.858	117.921			
(Yr/yr % change)	17.7%	27.1%	-9.8%	7.4%	5.0%	5.0%	3.6%			

<sup>\*</sup> With respect to Tables 3 and 7, 'transportation terminals' is the one type-of-structure that is categorized differently in Canada (institutional) than in the U.S. (commercial), for reasons having to do with government statistics.

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Dams / Canals / Marine Work	0.620	0.909	0.822	0.908	0.976	1.049	
Power Infrastructure	3.699	2.481	3.782	4.461	4.978	5.546	1
Roads	7.238	9.946	10.227	10.782	11.216	11.647	1:
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IVIL	29.326	34.008	35.213	41.007	45.248	49.787	5
(Yr/yr % change)	5.7%	16.0%	3.5%	16.5%	10.3%	10.0%	
Offices (private)	1.451	1.812	2.576	2.178	1.991	1.795	
Parking Garages	0.166	0.191	0.201	0.206	0.216	0.228	
Transportation Terminals	0.467	6.981	2.877	2.995	3.125	3.279	
Commercial	2.084	8.983	5.653	5.379	5.331	5.302	
(Yr/yr % change)	117.9%	331.0%	-37.1%	-4.8%	-0.9%	-0.6%	-
Amusement	2.253	2.535	2.138	2.335	2.464	2.580	
Religious	0.132	0.144	0.133	0.137	0.141	0.145	
Community	2.385	2.679	2.271	2.472	2.604	2.725	
(Yr/yr % change)	22.3%	12.3%	-15.2%	8.8%	5.4%	4.6%	
Educational	4.138	3.917	3.872	4.148	4.301	4.429	
(Yr/yr % change)	15.9%	-5.4%	-1.1%	7.1%	3.7%	3.0%	
Fire and Police Stations	1.035	2.010	1.012	1.155	1.195	1.232	
Government Offices	1.356	1.499	1.801	1.697	1.734	1.774	
Government	2.390	3.508	2.813	2.852	2.928	3.006	
(Yr/yr % change)	31.6%	46.8%	-19.8%	1.4%	2.7%	2.7%	- 1
Manufacturing	3.578	18.165	14.445	13.829	12.823	11.726	1
Warehouses	1.424	1.618	1.791	1.960	2.097	2.222	-
Industrial	5.002	19.783	16.236	15.789	14.921	13.948	1
(Yr/yr % change)	119.6%	295.5%	-17.9%	-2.8%	-5.5%	-6.5%	- j
Hospitals / Clinics	4.206	3.100	3.817	4.065	4.254	4.457	
Medical Misc.	0.520	0.220	0.214	0.272	0.333	0.403	
Medical	4.725	3.320	4.031	4.337	4.588	4.861	
(Yr/yr % change)	<u>196.4%</u>	<i>-29.7%</i>	21.4%	7.6%	5.8%	6.0%	
Hotels	1.068	0.337	0.280	0.412	0.474	0.455	
Retail Misc.	0.191	0.205	0.160	0.170	0.176	0.181	
Shopping	1.019	0.778	0.657	0.659	0.686	0.715	
Retail	2.278	1.320	1.096	1.241	1.336	1.351	
(Yr/yr % change)	7.7%	-42.1%	-16.9%	13.2%	7.6%	1.1%	
ON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	23.003	43.510	35.973	36.218	36.009	35.622	3
(Yr/yr % change)	61.1%	89.1%	-17.3%	0.7%	-0.6%	-1.1%	- 1
Multi-Family	14.657	14.558	13.353	13.444	13.835	14.379	1
Single-Family	16.838	14.487	11.592	12.535	13.305	14.069	1
ESIDENTIAL (Value of a transport	31.495	29.045	24.944	25.979	27.140	28.448	2
(Yr/yr % change)	7.9%	-7.8%	-14.1%	4.1%	4.5%	4.8%	
OTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL	52.329	77.518	71.186	77.225	81.257	85.410	8
(Yr/yr % change)	24.5%	48.1%	-8.2%	8.5%	5.2%	5.1%	111
GRAND TOTAL	83.824	106.563	96.130	103.204	108.398	113.858	117

EXPLANATION: Table 7 conforms to the type-of-structure ordering adopted by many firms and organizations in the industry. Specifically, it breaks non-residential building into ICI work (i.e., industrial, commercial and institutional), since each has its own set of economic and demographic drivers.

Table 8 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'.



	Table 9: Canadian P	rovinces, Total Co	nstruction Star	ts — ConstructO	onnect		
	Actuals (Level in \$ Millions CAD)	Forecasts (Year versus previous year % change)					
Regions/Provinces (East to West)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Atlantic region	\$5,099	22.6%	6.2%	14.0%	6.0%	3.5%	
Quebec	\$20,918	-29.7%	1.6%	0.8%	3.8%	2.9%	
Ontario	\$34,304	-18.2%	6.0%	0.0%	3.8%	1.7%	
Manitoba	\$2,177	22.5%	0.8%	4.9%	3.4%	1.8%	
Saskatchewan	\$2,276	15.0%	35.4%	2.3%	4.6%	2.5%	
Alberta	\$16,218	15.4%	12.4%	9.5%	6.4%	8.9%	
British Columbia	\$25,571	-9.6%	6.4%	7.9%	5.9%	1.7%	
Canada	\$106,563	-9.8%	7.4%	5.0%	5.0%	3.6%	

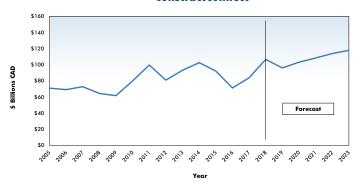
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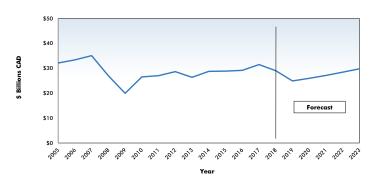
	Table 10: Canada Four Largest Provinces: Type-of-Structure Forecasts (\$ Billions CAD)										
		Actua	ls			Forecasts					
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Quebec	Residential	4.573	4.072	2.843	3.344	3.424	3.560	3.692			
	Non-res Building	4.950	11.883	6.811	6.397	6.229	6.220	6.233			
	Engineering/Civil	4.451	4.963	5.042	5.196	5.402	5.848	6.161			
	Total	13.974	20.918	14.697	14.938	15.055	15.628	16.086			
(Yr vs previous y	r % Change)	48.4%	49.7%	-29.7%	1.6%	0.8%	3.8%	2.9%			
Ontario	Residential	13.967	13.172	11.837	11.401	11.578	12.054	12.507			
	Non-res Building	6.826	8.828	8.796	9.502	8.992	8.918	8.537			
	Engineering/Civil	5.300	12.304	7.432	8.848	9.165	9.890	10.337			
	Total	26.093	34.304	28.064	29.750	29.736	30.862	31.381			
(Yr vs previous y	ır % Change)	-5.9%	31.5%	-18.2%	6.0%	0.0%	3.8%	1.7%			
Alberta	Residential	4.737	3.499	3.789	3.769	4.238	4.573	4.951			
	Non-res Building	5.426	7.174	5.095	5.898	6.099	6.233	6.189			
	Engineering/Civil	11.510	5.546	9.840	11.385	12.719	13.722	15.572			
	Total	21.673	16.218	18.724	21.052	23.056	24.528	26.712			
(Yr vs previous y	r % Change)	84.7%	-25.2%	15.4%	12.4%	9.5%	6.4%	8.9%			
British Columbia	Residential	5.998	6.272	4.719	5.269	5.557	5.799	6.075			
	Non-res Building	2.555	12.400	10.617	9.741	9.708	9.296	8.658			
	Engineering/Civil	2.681	6.898	7.772	9.577	11.263	13.003	13.845			
	Total	11.234	25.571	23.108	24.587	26.528	28.097	28.578			
(Yr vs previous y	r % Change)	7.0%	127.6%	-9.6%	6.4%	7.9%	5.9%	1.7%			



Graph 19: Canadian Grand Total Construction Starts —
ConstructConnect



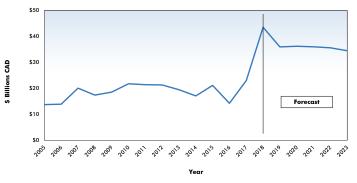
Graph 20: Canadian Residential Construction Starts —
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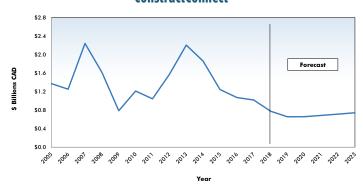
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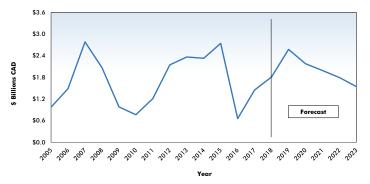
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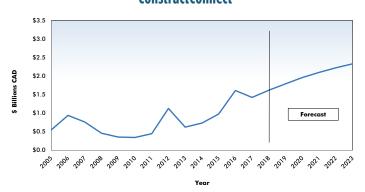
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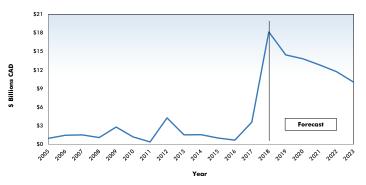
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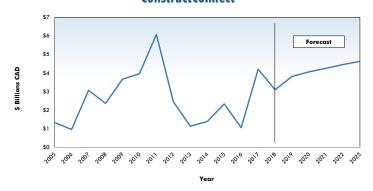




Graph 25: Canadian Industrial/Manufacturing Construction Starts —
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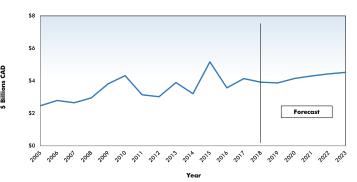
Graph 26: Canadian Hospital/Clinic Construction Starts —
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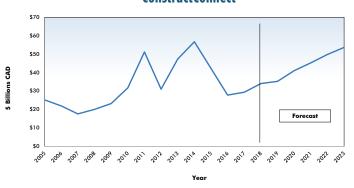
Graph 27: Canadian Education Construction Starts —
ConstructConnect



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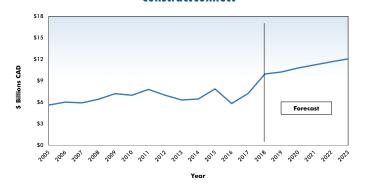
Graph 28: Canadian Engineering Construction Starts —
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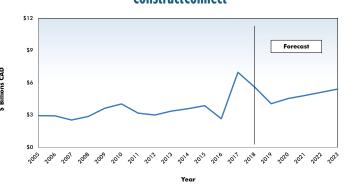
Graph 29: Canadian Roadwork Construction Starts — ConstructConnect



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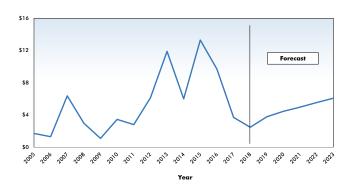
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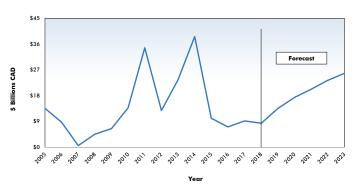




Graph 31: Canadian Power Infrastructure Construction Starts — ConstructConnect



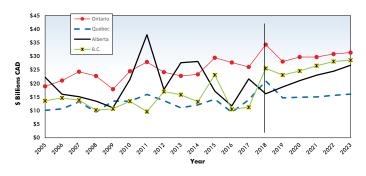
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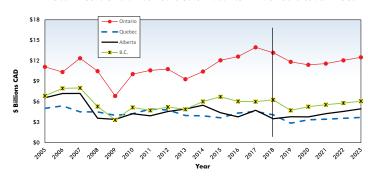
Graph 33: Canada Four Largest Provinces (by Population):
Total Construction Starts — ConstructConnect



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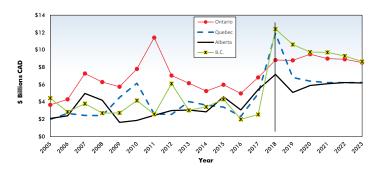
Graph 34: Canada Four Largest Provinces:
Total Residential Construction Starts — ConstructConnect



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Graph 35: Canada Four Largest Provinces:
Total Non-residential Building Starts — ConstructConnect



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Graph 36: Canada Four Largest Provinces: Total Engineering/ Civil Construction Starts — ConstructConnect

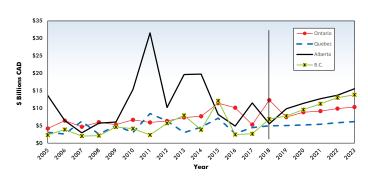






Table 11: U.S. Type-of-Structure Forecasts (Square Feet Millions)										
	Actua	als			Forecasts					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Single-family	1,653.2	1,671.3	1,712.3	1,788.4	1,873.5	2,005.1	2,172.2			
Multi-family	651.8	510.1	397.9	440.5	457.4	474.5	491.0			
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	2,304.9	2,181.4	2,110.2	2,228.9	2,330.9	2,479.6	2,663.2			
(Yr/yr % change)	12.3%	-5.4%	-3.3%	5.6%	4.6%	6.4%	7.4%			
Hotels/Motels	158.5	108.5	90.5	70.9	64.6	63.8	64.9			
Shopping/Retail	89.7	74.2	57.6	59.8	62.7	66.5	69.3			
Parking Garages	30.8	27.4	36.1	34.4	33.8	34.6	35.9			
Amusement	24.2	27.8	24.7	25.7	26.1	27.0	27.8			
Private Offices	107.1	88.1	67.9	74.0	74.0	73.1	72.7			
Govenmental Offices	15.4	15.1	15.4	16.0	16.4	16.7	16.9			
Laboratories (Schools & Industrial)	6.5	4.9	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0			
Warehouses	214.0	195.3	185.5	185.6	190.5	197.7	202.3			
Sports Stadium/Convention Center	28.5	13.3	15.9	17.1	17.4	16.9	15.7			
Transportation Terminals	7.3	5.6	9.5	11.1	12.3	13.6	15.0			
TOTAL COMMERCIAL	682.1	560.1	509.1	501.5	505.7	518.9	530.5			
(Yr/yr % change)	0.4%	-17.9%	-9.1%	-1.5%	0.8%	2.6%	2.2%			
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL (manufacturing)	92.3	96.4	108.4	105.6	109.0	113.8	117.4			
(Yr/yr % change)	-11.4%	4.5%	12.4%	-2.6%	3.2%	4.4%	3.2%			
Religious	7.6	6.0	5.6	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0			
Hospitals/Clinics	26.5	24.3	19.6	23.1	27.0	31.1	35.0			
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living	54.3	44.6	44.9	47.6	49.4	51.0	52.4			
Libraries/Museums	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.6			
Courthouse	2.5	2.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0			
Police/Fire	8.1	7.7	7.9	8.2	8.6	9.1	9.3			
Prisons	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6			
Military	12.8	11.1	14.6	15.9	16.3	16.8	17.3			
Educational Facilities	161.6	153.5	151.4	157.5	161.0	162.4	163.0			
MED misc	24.5	22.0	19.5	21.2	22.6	23.3	23.7			
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	306.6	280.4	275.7	291.5	303.3	312.5	319.9			
(Yr/yr % change)	0.8%	-8.5%	-1.7%	5.8%	4.0%	3.0%	2.4%			
Miscellaneous Non-Res Building	28.4	25.3	23.8	24.6	25.1	25.5	25.8			
TOTAL NON-RES BLDG	1,109.3	962.2	917.0	923.3	943.1	970.7	993.7			
(Yr/yr % change)	-1.0%	-13.3%	-4.7%	0.7%	2.2%	2.9%	2.4%			
RESIDENTIAL + NON-RES BLDG	3,414.2	3,143.6	3,027.2	3,152.2	3,274.0	3,450.3	3,656.8			
(Yr/yr % change)	7.6%	-7.9%	-3.7%	4.1%	3.9%	5.4%	6.0%			

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The square footage forecasts are largely determined by dividing the dollar value forecasts by an average dollar-per-square-foot value. The underlying dollar-per-square-foot calculation is based on the most relevant of current data. While the projected dollar values are generated through econometric modeling driven by key economic and demographic variables, both the dollar value and square footage forecasts also allow for discretionary overrides when warranted by extraordinary circumstances, such as unique mega project start-ups.





	Arranged to match	Table 12: U.S. the alphabetical ca	Type-of-Struc ategory drop-down r	ture Forecas nenus in INSIGHT	<b>ts</b> (Square Feet Million	s)	
		Actuals			Forecasts		
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Summary							
NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	1,109.3	962.2	917.0	923.3	943.1	970.7	993.7
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Verticals							
Offices (private)	107.1	88.1	67.9	74.0	74.0	73.1	72.7
Parking Garages	30.8	27.4	36.1	34.4	33.8	34.6	35.9
Transportation Terminals	7.3	5.6	9.5	11.1	12.3	13.6	15.0
Commercial	145.2	121.1	113.4	119.5	120.0	121.3	123.6
(Yr/yr % change)	-1.4%	-16.6%	-6.3%	5.3%	0.5%	1.1%	1.9%
Amusement	24.2	27.8	24.7	25.7	26.1	27.0	27.8
Libraries / Museums	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.6
Religious	7.6	6.0	5.6	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0
Sports Arenas / Convention Centers	28.5	13.3	15.9	17.1	17.4	16.9	15.7
Community	64.2	51.0	50.2	52.7	53.8	54.4	54.1
(Yr/yr % change)	9.2%	-20.5%	-1.6%	5.0%	2.0%	1.1%	-0.5%
College / University	46.2	38.0	31.9	33.0	33.9	34.2	34.6
Elementary / Pre School	47.6	43.0	44.1	47.7	49.9	51.3	52.2
Jr / Sr High School	61.9	68.3	69.8	71.3	71.6	71.1	70.2
Special / Vocational	5.9	4.2	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.9
Educational	161.6	153.5	151.4	157.5	161.0	162.4	163.0
(Yr/yr % change)	-5.2%	-5.0%	-1.4%	4.0%	2.2%	0.9%	0.4%
Courthouses	2.5	2.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0
Fire and Police Stations	8.1	7.7	7.9	8.2	8.6	9.1	9.3
Government Offices	15.4	15.1	15.4	16.0	16.4	16.7	16.9
Prisons	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6
	30.9	30.1			33.2	34.2	34.9
Government			31.6	32.3			
(Yr/yr % change)	-1.4%	-2.6%	4.9%	2.4%	2.7% 8.0	3.0%	2.1%
Industrial Labs / Labs / School Labs	6.5	4.9	6.0	7.0		9.0	10.0
Manufacturing	92.3	96.4	108.4	105.6	109.0	113.8	117.4
Warehouses	214.0	195.3	185.5	185.6	190.5	197.7	202.3
Industrial	312.8	296.6	300.0	298.2	307.4	320.5	329.7
(Yr/yr % change)	17.5%	-5.2%	1.1%	-0.6%	3.1%	4.2%	2.9%
Hospitals / Clinics	26.5	24.3	19.6	23.1	27.0	31.1	35.0
Medical Misc.	24.5	22.0	19.5	21.2	22.6	23.3	23.7
Nursing Homes	54.3	44.6	44.9	47.6	49.4	51.0	52.4
Medical	105.3	90.9	84.0	91.9	99.0	105.3	111.1
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Military	12.8	11.1	14.6	15.9	16.3	16.8	17.3
(Yr/yr % change)	43.4%	-13.0%	31.3%	9.2%	2.4%	3.2%	2.8%
Hotels	158.5	108.5	90.5	70.9	64.6	63.8	64.9
Retail Misc.	28.4	25.3	23.8	24.6	25.1	25.5	25.8
Shopping	89.7	74.2	57.6	59.8	62.7	66.5	69.3
Retail	276.6	208.0	171.9	155.3	152.4	155.8	160.0
(Yr/yr % change)	-17.4%	-24.8%	-17.4%	-9.6%	-1.8%	2.2%	2.7%
NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	1,109.3	962.2	917.0	923.3	943.1	970.7	993.7
(Yr/yr % change)	-1.0%	-13.3%	-4.7%	0.7%	2.2%	2.9%	2.4%
Multi-Family	651.8	510.1	397.9	440.5	457.4	474.5	491.0
Single-Family	1,653.2	1,671.3	1,712.3	1,788.4	1,873.5	2,005.1	2,172.2
RESIDENTIAL	2,304.9	2,181.4	2,110.2	2,228.9	2,330.9	2,479.6	2,663.2
(Yr/yr % change)	12.3%	-5.4%	-3.3%	5.6%	4.6%	6.4%	7.4%
RESIDENTIAL + NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	3,414.2	3,143.6	3,027.2	3,152.2	3,274.0	3,450.3	3,656.8
(Yr/yr % change)	7.6%	-7.9%	-3.7%	4.1%	3.9%	5.4%	6.0%

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Table 13: Canada Type-of-Structure Forecasts (Square Feet Millions)								
	Actua	Is			Forecasts	Forecasts		
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Single-family	144.9	124.8	98.3	107.6	114.5	121.2	127.9	
Multi-family	79.7	77.3	70.0	70.5	72.7	75.6	78.6	
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	224.6	202.1	168.3	178.2	187.3	196.8	206.5	
(Yr/yr % change)	5.8%	-10.0%	-16.7%	5.9%	5.1%	5.1%	4.9%	
Hotels/Motels	4.2	1.7	1.8	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.5	
Private Offices	5.9	8.6	12.7	10.4	9.5	8.6	7.4	
Govenmental Offices	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	
Shopping/Retail	7.3	6.3	4.2	4.4	4.9	5.1	5.4	
Retail Miscellaneous	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	
Parking Garages	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	
Amusement	5.5	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.8	
Warehouses	11.4	12.5	13.8	14.3	15.3	16.3	17.0	
TOTAL COMMERCIAL	38.5	36.9	40.0	39.4	40.7	41.2	41.2	
(Yr/yr % change)	5.0%	-4.1%	8.4%	-1.3%	3.2%	1.3%	-0.1%	
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL (manufacturing)	5.2	6.1	6.9	5.9	5.2	4.7	4.0	
(Yr/yr % change)	90.1%	17.2%	13.7%	-14.7%	-12.7%	-9.8%	-14.7%	
Religious	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Hospitals/Clinics	10.9	8.5	9.0	9.5	10.4	11.0	11.4	
MED misc	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	8.0	1.0	
Transportation Terminals*	0.7	4.0	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.0	
Police/Fire	2.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	
Educational Facilities	9.7	11.3	12.1	12.9	13.3	13.7	13.9	
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	25.2	26.3	24.2	25.8	27.4	28.8	29.7	
(Yr/yr % change)	59.0%	4.1%	-7.6%	6.3%	6.5%	4.9%	3.2%	
TOTAL NON-RES BLDG	68.9	69.2	71.2	71.1	73.3	74.7	74.9	
(Yr/yr % change)	24.8%	0.5%	2.8%	0.0%	3.1%	1.9%	0.2%	
RESIDENTIAL + NON-RES BLDG	293.5	271.3	239.4	249.3	260.6	271.5	281.4	
(Yr/yr % change)	9.7%	-7.6%	-11.7%	4.1%	4.5%	4.2%	3.6%	

<sup>\*</sup> With respect to Tables 11 and 13, 'transportation terminals' is the one type-of-structure that is categorized differently in Canada (institutional) than in the U.S. (commercial), for reasons having to do with government statistics.

EXPLANATION: Table 13 conforms to the type-of-structure ordering adopted by many firms and organizations in the industry. Specifically, it breaks non-residential building into ICI work (i.e., industrial, commercial and institutional), since each has its own set of economic and demographic drivers.

Table 14 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'.

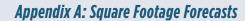




Table 14: Canada Type-of-Structure Forecasts Arranged to match the alphabetical category drop-down menus in INSIGHT (Square Feet Millions)									
	Actuals Forecasts								
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	20		
Summary									
NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	68.9	69.2	71.2	71.1	73.3	74.7	7		
RESIDENTIAL	224.6	202.1	168.3	178.2	187.3	196.8	20		
RESIDENTIAL + NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	293.5	271.3	239.4	249.3	260.6	271.5	28		
Verticals									
Offices (private)	5.9	8.6	12.7	10.4	9.5	8.6			
Parking Garages	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8			
Transportation Terminals	0.7	4.0	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.0			
Commercial	7.7	12.9	14.7	12.7	12.2	11.5			
(Yr/yr % change)	117.9%	66.3%	14.6%	-14.0%	-4.0%	-5.9%	-1		
Amusement	5.5	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.6			
Religious	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3			
Community	6.1	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.9			
(Yr/yr % change)	3.2%	-21.7%	-9.6%	6.4%	3.4%	4.2%			
Educational	9.7	11.3	12.1	12.9	13.3	13.7			
(Yr/yr % change)	-10.1%	16.3%	7.0%	6.4%	3.1%	2.8%			
Fire and Police Stations	2.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1			
Government Offices	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0			
Government	3.9	3.5	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.1			
(Yr/yr % change)	8.0%	-11.1%	-13.0%	-3.7%	4.6%	2.2%			
Manufacturing	5.2	6.1	6.9	5.9	5.2	4.7			
Warehouses	11.4	12.5	13.8	14.3	15.3	16.3			
Industrial	11.4	18.6	20.7	20.3	20.5	20.9			
	29.5%	12.3%	11.2%	-2.4%	20.5 1.3%	2.0%			
(Yr/yr % change)									
Hospitals / Clinics	10.9	8.5	9.0	9.5	10.4	11.0			
Medical Misc.	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8			
Medical	12.2	9.0	9.4	10.1	11.0	11.8			
(Yr/yr % change)	215.3%	-26.3%	5.1%	6.9%	9.4%	7.0%			
Hotels	4.2	1.7	1.8	2.4	2.7	2.7			
Retail Misc.	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1			
Shopping	7.3	6.3	4.2	4.4	4.9	5.1			
Retail	12.7	9.3	6.9	7.8	8.6	8.9			
(Yr/yr % change)	-13.4%	-27.2%	-25.9%	13.8%	10.0%	3.4%			
ION-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	68.9	69.2	71.2	71.1	73.3	74.7			
(Yr/yr % change)	24.8%	0.5%	2.8%	0.0%	3.1%	1.9%			
Multi-Family	79.7	77.3	70.0	70.5	72.7	75.6			
Single-Family	144.9	124.8	98.3	107.6	114.5	121.2			
RESIDENTIAL	224.6	202.1	168.3	178.2	187.3	196.8			
(Yr/yr % change)	5.8%	-10.0%	-16.7%	5.9%	5.1%	5.1%			
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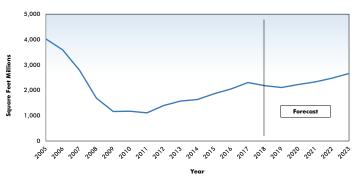
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Appendix A: Square Footage Forecasts



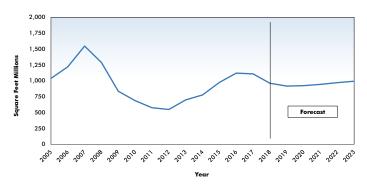
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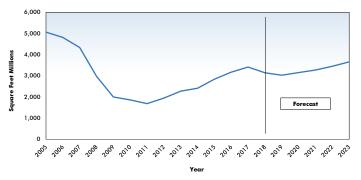
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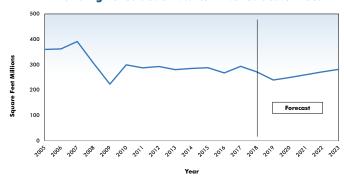
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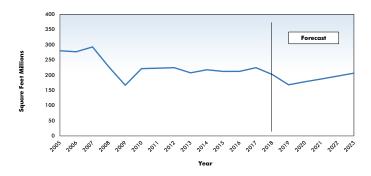
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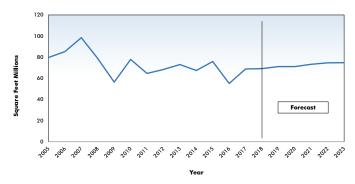
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## Graph 42: Canada Non-Residential Building Construction Starts — ConstructConnect



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