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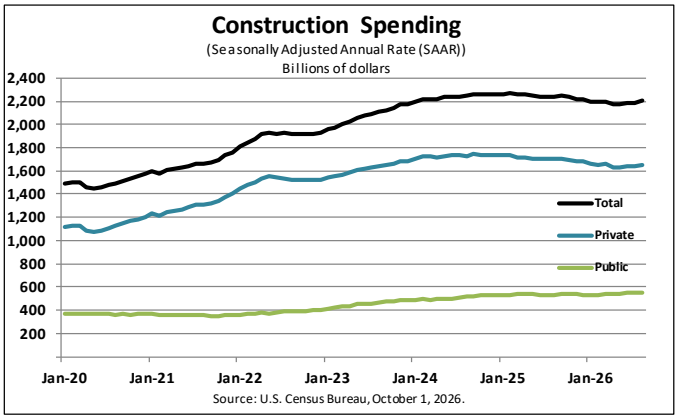
October 1, 2026 — The U.S. Census Bureau announced the following value put in place construction statistics for August 2026:

CONSTRUCTION SPENDING

AUGUST 2026	**$2,203.1 billion**
JULY 2026 (revised)	**$2,184.5 billion**

Next release: November 2, 2026

Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR)
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, October 1, 2026



Total Construction

Construction spending during August 2026 was estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $2,203.1 billion, 0.9 percent (±1.0 percent)* above the revised July estimate of $2,184.5 billion. The August figure is 1.7 percent (±1.5 percent) below the August 2025 estimate of $2,242.0 billion. During the first eight months of this year, construction spending amounted to $1,450.4 billion, 3.1 percent (±1.0 percent) below the $1,496.6 billion for the same period in 2025.

Private Construction

Spending on private construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $1,655.3 billion, 1.1 percent (±0.5 percent) above the revised July estimate of $1,637.7 billion. Residential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $882.3 billion in August, 1.1 percent (±1.3 percent)* above the revised July estimate of $872.7 billion. Nonresidential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $773.0 billion in August, 1.0 percent (±0.5 percent) above the revised July estimate of $765.0 billion.

Public Construction

In August, the estimated seasonally adjusted annual rate of public construction spending was $547.8 billion, 0.2 percent (±2.0 percent)* above the revised July estimate of $546.8 billion. Educational construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $113.1 billion, 0.1 percent (±1.5 percent)* above the revised July estimate of $112.9 billion. Highway construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $150.6 billion, 0.1 percent (±5.6 percent)* above the revised July estimate of $150.5 billion.

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The September 2026 Monthly Construction Spending Report is scheduled for release on November 2, 2026. View the full schedule in the Economic Briefing Room: <www.census.gov/economic-indicators/>. The full text and tables for this release can be found at <www.census.gov/constructionspending/>.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

In interpreting changes in the statistics in this release, note that month-to-month changes in seasonally adjusted statistics often show movements which may be irregular. It may take 2 months to establish an underlying trend for total construction and as long as 8 months for specific categories of construction. The statistics in this release are estimated from several sources and surveys and are subject to sampling variability as well as nonsampling error including bias and variance from response, nonreporting, and undercoverage. Estimates of the standard errors are provided in Table 3. Whenever a statement such as "2.3 percent (±3.1 percent) above" appears in the text, this indicates the range (-0.8 to +5.4 percent) in which the actual percentage change is likely to have occurred. All ranges given are 90 percent confidence intervals and account only for sampling variability. If a range does not contain zero, the change is statistically significant. If it does contain zero, the change is not statistically significant; that is, it is uncertain whether there was an increase or decrease. Statistics for the current month are preliminary estimates subject to revision in following months as additional data become available. The average absolute percent changes from preliminary estimate to first revision for the major seasonally adjusted components are as follows: total construction, 0.65 percent; private construction, 0.75 percent; and public construction, 0.59 percent.
Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our website at <www.census.gov/construction/c30/meth.html>.

The Census Bureau has reviewed this data product to ensure appropriate access, use, and disclosure avoidance protection of the confidential source data (Disclosure Review Board (DRB) approval number: CBDRB-FY26-0231).

RESOURCES

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*** The 90 percent confidence interval includes zero. There is insufficient evidence to conclude that the actual change is different from zero.**

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Table 1. **Value of Construction Put in Place in the United States, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate**
(Millions of dollars. Details may not add to totals due to rounding.)

Type of Construction	Aug 2026[p]	Jul 2026[r]	Jun 2026[r]	May 2026	Apr 2026	Aug 2025	Percent change Aug 2026 from - Jul 2026	Aug 2025
Total Construction	**2,203,129**	**2,184,474**	**2,187,350**	**2,168,396**	**2,168,231**	**2,242,024**	**0.9**	**-1.7**
Residential	894,597	884,995	894,328	887,277	894,242	940,035	1.1	-4.8
Nonresidential	1,308,532	1,299,479	1,293,022	1,281,118	1,273,990	1,301,989	0.7	0.5
Lodging	24,862	24,949	24,925	24,352	24,477	27,629	-0.3	-10.0
Office	150,669	145,057	138,562	131,642	127,936	120,941	3.9	24.6
Commercial	122,810	123,001	123,315	123,787	123,156	129,870	-0.2	-5.4
Health care	75,787	75,504	75,904	74,901	74,480	78,100	0.4	-3.0
Educational	137,469	137,537	137,472	137,942	137,946	138,186	0.0	-0.5
Religious	6,853	6,668	6,773	6,712	6,279	5,791	2.8	18.3
Public safety	21,648	21,247	21,315	21,561	21,505	23,302	1.9	-7.1
Amusement and recreation	49,435	49,491	49,472	48,914	48,453	47,766	-0.1	3.5
Transportation	73,215	73,028	72,881	72,079	71,649	71,039	0.3	3.1
Communication	29,617	29,568	29,450	29,163	29,059	28,678	0.2	3.3
Power	185,973	184,409	183,032	178,422	175,695	171,380	0.8	8.5
Highway and street	152,213	151,846	151,992	151,878	151,628	145,561	0.2	4.6
Sewage and waste disposal	53,791	53,677	53,387	53,499	53,151	53,417	0.2	0.7
Water supply	36,804	36,471	36,372	36,377	36,013	36,314	0.9	1.3
Conservation and development	16,685	16,688	16,937	16,249	15,539	12,873	0.0	29.6
Manufacturing	170,701	170,339	171,232	173,641	177,023	211,142	0.2	-19.2
Total Private Construction[1]	**1,655,280**	**1,637,686**	**1,640,971**	**1,624,146**	**1,627,358**	**1,707,389**	**1.1**	**-3.1**
Residential[2]	882,270	872,707	882,120	874,705	882,091	926,942	1.1	-4.8
New single family	403,333	402,707	411,712	408,737	411,934	418,129	0.2	-3.5
New multifamily	115,756	115,537	114,985	115,637	115,823	116,466	0.2	-0.6
Nonresidential	773,010	764,979	758,852	749,441	745,266	780,447	1.0	-1.0
Lodging	23,328	23,354	23,329	23,088	23,051	25,954	-0.1	-10.1
Office	134,119	128,199	121,940	115,159	111,220	103,300	4.6	29.8
Commercial	116,448	116,516	116,906	117,728	117,208	123,038	-0.1	-5.4
Health care	57,026	56,702	57,066	56,401	56,108	60,261	0.6	-5.4
Educational	24,396	24,598	24,662	24,862	25,222	26,510	-0.8	-8.0
Religious	6,810	6,620	6,732	6,712	6,279	5,791	2.9	17.6
Amusement and recreation	23,438	23,517	23,629	23,335	23,121	22,274	-0.3	5.2
Transportation	20,131	19,888	19,694	19,684	19,465	20,169	1.2	-0.2
Communication	28,476	28,448	28,311	28,197	28,150	27,556	0.1	3.3
Power	165,900	164,453	163,039	158,648	155,834	151,277	0.9	9.7
Manufacturing	168,209	168,220	168,924	171,381	175,033	209,798	0.0	-19.8
Total Public Construction[3]	**547,849**	**546,788**	**546,378**	**544,250**	**540,874**	**534,635**	**0.2**	**2.5**
Residential	12,327	12,288	12,208	12,572	12,150	13,094	0.3	-5.9
Nonresidential	535,522	534,499	534,170	531,677	528,724	521,542	0.2	2.7
Office	16,550	16,858	16,623	16,483	16,717	17,642	-1.8	-6.2
Commercial	6,362	6,484	6,410	6,059	5,948	6,831	-1.9	-6.9
Health care	18,761	18,803	18,839	18,500	18,372	17,839	-0.2	5.2
Educational	113,073	112,939	112,810	113,080	112,724	111,676	0.1	1.3
Public safety	21,360	21,034	21,044	21,312	21,156	23,140	1.5	-7.7
Amusement and recreation	25,997	25,974	25,843	25,579	25,332	25,492	0.1	2.0
Transportation	53,084	53,139	53,187	52,395	52,184	50,871	-0.1	4.4
Power	20,073	19,956	19,993	19,775	19,861	20,103	0.6	-0.1
Highway and street	150,610	150,505	150,623	150,728	150,418	144,279	0.1	4.4
Sewage and waste disposal	52,470	52,362	52,127	52,193	51,817	51,817	0.2	1.3
Water supply	35,451	35,049	34,818	34,984	34,433	34,844	1.1	1.7
Conservation and development	16,521	16,515	16,770	16,101	15,437	12,867	0.0	28.4

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[1]Includes the following categories of private construction not shown separately:
public safety, highway and street, sewage and waste disposal, water supply, and conservation and development.

[2]Includes private residential improvements.

[3]Includes the following categories of public construction not shown separately:
lodging, religious, communication, and manufacturing.

Data are at an annual rate, adjusted for seasonality but not price changes. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Construction Spending, October 1, 2026.
Table 3 provides estimated measures of sampling variability. Additional information on the survey methodology may be found at
<www.census.gov/construction/c30/meth.html>

Table 2. **Value of Construction Put in Place in the United States, Not Seasonally Adjusted**
(Millions of dollars. Details may not add to totals due to rounding.)

Type of Construction	Aug 2026[p]	Jul 2026[r]	Jun 2026[r]	May 2026	Apr 2026	Aug 2025	Year-to-date Aug 2026	Year-to-date Aug 2025	Year-to-date Percent change
Total Construction	**202,851**	**198,912**	**197,330**	**187,981**	**178,807**	**206,857**	**1,450,353**	**1,496,572**	**-3.1**
Residential	83,719	82,233	82,204	78,773	74,711	88,430	602,220	627,792	-4.1
Nonresidential	119,131	116,679	115,126	109,209	104,096	118,428	848,133	868,780	-2.4
Lodging	2,116	2,095	2,116	2,076	2,069	2,348	16,387	18,106	-9.5
Office	13,372	12,593	11,904	11,192	10,710	10,687	88,853	79,889	11.2
Commercial	10,706	10,545	10,639	10,425	10,281	11,350	81,523	86,508	-5.8
Health care	6,448	6,397	6,505	6,306	6,244	6,647	49,623	50,874	-2.5
Educational	13,201	13,439	13,318	11,939	11,180	13,263	93,089	95,450	-2.5
Religious	586	563	571	554	527	500	4,281	3,454	23.9
Public safety	1,893	1,815	1,897	1,848	1,788	2,024	14,037	14,974	-6.3
Amusement and recreation	4,407	4,358	4,342	4,222	4,088	4,268	32,319	31,011	4.2
Transportation	6,655	6,443	6,445	6,133	5,794	6,482	47,017	46,218	1.7
Communication	2,456	2,452	2,409	2,369	2,396	2,374	18,781	18,281	2.7
Power	15,750	15,504	15,496	14,983	14,616	14,487	119,165	113,881	4.6
Highway and street	16,935	16,493	15,341	13,753	11,451	16,268	98,386	95,706	2.8
Sewage and waste disposal	5,061	4,852	4,883	4,563	4,295	5,038	35,021	34,652	1.1
Water supply	3,388	3,274	3,384	3,147	2,906	3,358	23,734	23,512	0.9
Conservation and development	1,506	1,465	1,389	1,246	1,210	1,171	10,114	8,108	24.7
Manufacturing	14,651	14,393	14,486	14,453	14,539	18,163	115,803	148,156	-21.8
Total Private Construction[1]	**149,209**	**146,206**	**145,697**	**140,668**	**135,757**	**154,439**	**1,093,336**	**1,143,616**	**-4.4**
Residential[2]	82,619	81,126	81,088	77,691	73,712	87,264	594,083	619,412	-4.1
New single family	36,778	36,420	36,417	35,437	34,510	38,317	269,191	284,200	-5.3
New multifamily	9,871	9,723	10,023	9,818	9,908	9,922	77,286	77,533	-0.3
Nonresidential	66,591	65,080	64,609	62,977	62,046	67,174	499,253	524,203	-4.8
Lodging	1,988	1,962	1,983	1,971	1,951	2,208	15,441	17,230	-10.4
Office	11,886	11,124	10,443	9,778	9,325	9,101	77,900	68,424	13.8
Commercial	10,170	9,988	10,094	9,929	9,796	10,772	77,479	82,037	-5.6
Health care	4,846	4,761	4,851	4,756	4,703	5,128	37,421	39,469	-5.2
Educational	2,173	2,212	2,258	2,168	2,121	2,363	16,822	17,366	-3.1
Religious	582	559	568	554	527	500	4,270	3,454	23.6
Amusement and recreation	2,045	2,033	2,014	1,979	1,954	1,942	15,391	14,422	6.7
Transportation	1,703	1,681	1,674	1,668	1,609	1,705	12,779	13,321	-4.1
Communication	2,360	2,358	2,314	2,288	2,321	2,280	18,165	17,697	2.6
Power	13,972	13,795	13,692	13,255	12,988	12,717	105,989	100,295	5.7
Manufacturing	14,443	14,216	14,293	14,265	14,374	18,051	114,598	147,333	-22.2
Total Public Construction[3]	**53,641**	**52,706**	**51,634**	**47,314**	**43,050**	**52,419**	**357,017**	**352,957**	**1.2**
Residential	1,101	1,107	1,116	1,082	1,000	1,165	8,138	8,380	-2.9
Nonresidential	52,541	51,599	50,517	46,232	42,050	51,253	348,879	344,577	1.2
Office	1,486	1,469	1,461	1,414	1,385	1,586	10,953	11,465	-4.5
Commercial	536	558	546	496	485	578	4,044	4,472	-9.6
Health care	1,603	1,636	1,654	1,550	1,541	1,520	12,203	11,405	7.0
Educational	11,029	11,227	11,060	9,772	9,060	10,900	76,267	78,084	-2.3
Public safety	1,867	1,793	1,867	1,823	1,758	2,010	13,891	14,795	-6.1
Amusement and recreation	2,362	2,325	2,328	2,243	2,134	2,325	16,928	16,589	2.0
Transportation	4,952	4,762	4,771	4,465	4,184	4,777	34,238	32,897	4.1
Power	1,778	1,709	1,804	1,728	1,628	1,770	13,176	13,586	-3.0
Highway and street	16,798	16,374	15,209	13,653	11,345	16,163	97,514	94,928	2.7
Sewage and waste disposal	4,941	4,743	4,769	4,449	4,189	4,891	34,135	33,518	1.8
Water supply	3,263	3,146	3,249	3,031	2,778	3,217	22,741	22,451	1.3
Conservation and development	1,492	1,451	1,375	1,233	1,202	1,171	10,012	8,103	23.6

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Table 3. **Coefficients of Variation and Standard Errors by Type of Construction**
(Percent)

Type of Construction	Coefficient of variation		Standard error		
	Monthly estimate	Year-to-date estimate	Year-to-date change	Month-to-month change	Month-to-month change from prev. year
Total Construction	**0.6**	**0.4**	**0.6**	**0.6**	**0.9**
Residential	5.7	4.8	4.9	2.5	5.6
Nonresidential	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.9
Lodging	2.5	2.1	2.6	1.1	2.7
Office	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.4	1.3
Commercial	1.7	1.4	1.7	0.9	1.7
Health care	1.5	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.5
Educational	1.6	1.3	1.6	0.8	2.0
Religious	4.9	3.3	6.8	2.4	6.4
Public safety	2.8	2.4	2.7	1.6	3.3
Amusement and recreation	1.9	1.5	2.1	0.9	2.6
Transportation	2.9	2.5	1.6	0.9	2.0
Communication	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.7
Highway and street	2.5	1.7	2.7	3.4	4.7
Sewage and waste disposal	2.2	1.8	2.6	1.6	3.5
Water supply	2.5	1.8	2.6	1.9	3.8
Conservation and development	9.8	11.6	11.5	5.4	14.4
Manufacturing	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.5	1.2
Total Private Construction	**0.5**	**0.4**	**0.6**	**0.3**	**0.6**
Residential	5.0	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.4
New single family	8.7	8.4	2.4	0.9	2.7
New multifamily	7.9	7.6	3.4	0.8	4.2
Nonresidential	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.6
Lodging	2.6	2.2	2.6	1.2	2.8
Office	1.1	0.7	1.5	0.4	1.4
Commercial	1.8	1.4	1.7	0.9	1.8
Health care	1.7	1.5	1.7	0.9	1.7
Educational	2.8	2.4	3.1	1.2	2.9
Religious	4.9	3.3	6.8	2.4	6.4
Amusement and recreation	2.7	2.3	3.1	1.1	3.3
Transportation	3.1	2.6	2.3	1.3	2.9
Communication	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.6
Manufacturing	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.6
Total Public Construction	**1.1**	**0.8**	**1.0**	**1.2**	**1.7**
Residential	5.7	4.8	4.9	2.5	5.6
Nonresidential	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.7
Office	4.3	3.9	2.9	1.4	3.5
Commercial	7.9	7.4	6.5	3.0	6.7
Health care	2.8	2.6	2.3	1.3	2.6
Educational	1.9	1.5	1.9	0.9	2.4
Public safety	2.8	2.4	2.7	1.6	3.3
Amusement and recreation	2.5	2.0	2.8	1.4	3.8
Transportation	3.4	2.9	1.9	1.0	2.4
Power	4.7	3.9	4.6	2.8	4.9
Highway and street	2.5	1.8	2.7	3.4	4.7
Sewage and waste disposal	2.2	1.8	2.6	1.6	3.6
Water supply	2.5	1.9	2.7	1.9	3.9
Conservation and development	9.9	11.7	11.6	5.4	14.5

NA Not applicable

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Construction Spending, October 1, 2026. Additional information on the survey methodology may be found at <www.census.gov/construction/c30/meth.html>

Coefficients of variation and standard errors are relevant to the estimate from the most recent period.