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MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION SPENDING, SEPTEMBER 2026

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November 2, 2026 — The U.S. Census Bureau announced the following value put in place construction statistics for September 2026:

CONSTRUCTION SPENDING

SEPTEMBER 2026	**$2,186.1 billion**
AUGUST 2026 (revised)	**$2,227.4 billion**

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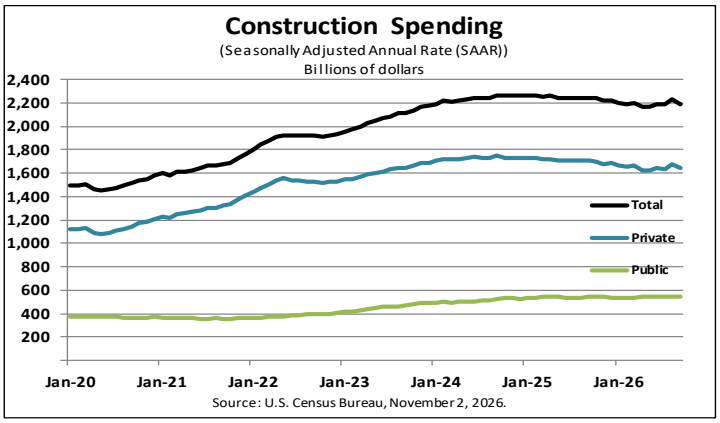
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR)
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, November 2, 2026



Total Construction

Construction spending during September 2026 was estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $2,186.1 billion, 1.9 percent (±0.7 percent) below the revised August estimate of $2,227.4 billion. The September figure is 2.7 percent (±1.5 percent) below the September 2025 estimate of $2,245.8 billion. During the first nine months of this year, construction spending amounted to $1,649.6 billion, 2.9 percent (±1.0 percent) below the $1,698.6 billion for the same period in 2025.

Private Construction

Spending on private construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $1,639.3 billion, 2.4 percent (±0.5 percent) below the revised August estimate of $1,680.3 billion. Residential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $848.8 billion in September, 5.5 percent (±1.3 percent) below the revised August estimate of $898.0 billion. Nonresidential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $790.6 billion in September, 1.1 percent (±0.5 percent) above the revised August estimate of $782.3 billion.

Public Construction

In September, the estimated seasonally adjusted annual rate of public construction spending was $546.8 billion, 0.1 percent (±1.3 percent)* below the revised August estimate of $547.1 billion. Educational construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $113.1 billion, virtually unchanged from (±1.3 percent)* the revised August estimate of $113.1 billion. Highway construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $149.2 billion, 0.3 percent (±3.6 percent)* below the revised August estimate of $149.7 billion.

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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).

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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	Sep 2026[p]	Aug 2026[r]	Jul 2026[r]	Jun 2026	May 2026	Sep 2025	Percent change Sep 2026 from - Aug 2026	Percent change Sep 2026 from - Sep 2025
Total Construction	**2,186,145**	**2,227,374**	**2,184,026**	**2,187,350**	**2,168,396**	**2,245,799**	**-1.9**	**-2.7**
Residential	861,192	910,188	878,544	894,328	887,277	944,242	-5.4	-8.8
Nonresidential	1,324,954	1,317,186	1,305,483	1,293,022	1,281,118	1,301,557	0.6	1.8
Lodging	25,012	25,022	25,109	24,925	24,352	26,111	0.0	-4.2
Office	162,299	154,622	146,933	138,562	131,642	121,640	5.0	33.4
Commercial	122,942	123,138	123,691	123,315	123,787	128,091	-0.2	-4.0
Health care	76,456	76,698	76,323	75,904	74,901	76,137	-0.3	0.4
Educational	137,588	137,756	137,552	137,472	137,942	141,206	-0.1	-2.6
Religious	7,057	6,978	6,813	6,773	6,712	5,802	1.1	21.6
Public safety	21,508	21,646	21,354	21,315	21,561	23,274	-0.6	-7.6
Amusement and recreation	49,026	49,598	49,620	49,472	48,914	49,186	-1.2	-0.3
Transportation	73,896	73,580	73,086	72,881	72,079	72,685	0.4	1.7
Communication	29,678	29,611	29,592	29,450	29,163	28,803	0.2	3.0
Power	191,650	189,871	187,303	183,032	178,422	172,475	0.9	11.1
Highway and street	150,941	151,601	151,202	151,992	151,878	145,297	-0.4	3.9
Sewage and waste disposal	54,278	54,178	54,091	53,387	53,499	55,115	0.2	-1.5
Water supply	37,141	36,874	36,510	36,372	36,377	37,366	0.7	-0.6
Conservation and development	15,266	15,983	16,396	16,937	16,249	13,351	-4.5	14.3
Manufacturing	170,217	170,032	169,908	171,232	173,641	205,019	0.1	-17.0
Total Private Construction[1]	**1,639,330**	**1,680,267**	**1,638,000**	**1,640,971**	**1,624,146**	**1,704,370**	**-2.4**	**-3.8**
Residential[2]	848,777	897,995	866,436	882,120	874,705	931,223	-5.5	-8.9
New single family	403,436	403,477	403,157	411,712	408,737	413,190	0.0	-2.4
New multifamily	115,888	115,814	115,556	114,985	115,637	116,146	0.1	-0.2
Nonresidential	790,554	782,272	771,564	758,852	749,441	773,148	1.1	2.3
Lodging	23,593	23,533	23,527	23,329	23,088	24,285	0.3	-2.8
Office	145,633	138,103	130,208	121,940	115,159	104,376	5.5	39.5
Commercial	115,924	116,239	116,864	116,906	117,728	121,292	-0.3	-4.4
Health care	57,664	57,667	57,480	57,066	56,401	58,661	0.0	-1.7
Educational	24,519	24,678	24,684	24,662	24,862	26,477	-0.6	-7.4
Religious	7,015	6,938	6,770	6,732	6,712	5,802	1.1	20.9
Amusement and recreation	23,200	23,505	23,672	23,629	23,335	22,920	-1.3	1.2
Transportation	20,329	20,201	19,809	19,694	19,684	20,490	0.6	-0.8
Communication	28,554	28,479	28,450	28,311	28,197	27,614	0.3	3.4
Power	171,658	169,698	167,276	163,039	158,648	153,101	1.2	12.1
Manufacturing	167,226	167,675	167,742	168,924	171,381	203,744	-0.3	-17.9
Total Public Construction[3]	**546,815**	**547,108**	**546,027**	**546,378**	**544,250**	**541,429**	**-0.1**	**1.0**
Residential	12,415	12,193	12,108	12,208	12,572	13,020	1.8	-4.6
Nonresidential	534,400	534,914	533,919	534,170	531,677	528,409	-0.1	1.1
Office	16,666	16,519	16,725	16,623	16,483	17,264	0.9	-3.5
Commercial	7,018	6,899	6,827	6,410	6,059	6,799	1.7	3.2
Health care	18,792	19,032	18,843	18,839	18,500	17,476	-1.3	7.5
Educational	113,069	113,078	112,868	112,810	113,080	114,729	0.0	-1.4
Public safety	21,046	21,298	21,118	21,044	21,312	23,133	-1.2	-9.0
Amusement and recreation	25,826	26,093	25,948	25,843	25,579	26,266	-1.0	-1.7
Transportation	53,567	53,379	53,278	53,187	52,395	52,195	0.4	2.6
Power	19,992	20,174	20,028	19,993	19,775	19,374	-0.9	3.2
Highway and street	149,220	149,725	149,717	150,623	150,728	144,111	-0.3	3.5
Sewage and waste disposal	52,782	52,476	52,467	52,127	52,193	53,585	0.6	-1.5
Water supply	35,713	35,441	34,965	34,818	34,984	35,898	0.8	-0.5
Conservation and development	15,135	15,783	16,202	16,770	16,101	13,289	-4.1	13.9

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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, November 2, 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	Sep 2026[p]	Aug 2026[r]	Jul 2026[r]	Jun 2026	May 2026	Sep 2025	Year-to-date Sep 2026	Year-to-date Sep 2025	Year-to-date Percent change
Total Construction	**196,349**	**204,944**	**199,751**	**197,330**	**187,981**	**202,041**	**1,649,634**	**1,698,613**	**-2.9**
Residential	76,722	84,997	82,581	82,204	78,773	84,925	680,569	712,717	-4.5
Nonresidential	119,627	119,947	117,169	115,126	109,209	117,116	969,065	985,896	-1.7
Lodging	2,124	2,129	2,108	2,116	2,076	2,213	18,538	20,319	-8.8
Office	14,319	13,756	12,702	11,904	11,192	10,671	103,666	90,560	14.5
Commercial	10,889	10,751	10,627	10,639	10,425	11,298	92,538	97,806	-5.4
Health care	6,640	6,540	6,479	6,505	6,306	6,621	56,436	57,495	-1.8
Educational	12,005	13,216	13,432	13,318	11,939	12,322	105,102	107,772	-2.5
Religious	614	597	575	571	554	506	4,918	3,959	24.2
Public safety	1,940	1,894	1,826	1,897	1,848	2,102	15,989	17,076	-6.4
Amusement and recreation	4,375	4,429	4,373	4,342	4,222	4,384	36,731	35,395	3.8
Transportation	6,772	6,693	6,450	6,445	6,133	6,638	53,833	52,856	1.8
Communication	2,529	2,454	2,453	2,409	2,369	2,449	21,311	20,730	2.8
Power	16,360	16,096	15,744	15,496	14,983	14,683	136,110	128,564	5.9
Highway and street	16,381	16,863	16,429	15,341	13,753	15,778	114,631	111,484	2.8
Sewage and waste disposal	5,038	5,096	4,891	4,883	4,563	5,116	40,133	39,768	0.9
Water supply	3,437	3,397	3,277	3,384	3,147	3,454	27,183	26,965	0.8
Conservation and development	1,554	1,441	1,451	1,389	1,246	1,371	11,589	9,479	22.3
Manufacturing	14,650	14,596	14,353	14,486	14,453	17,513	130,359	165,669	-21.3
Total Private Construction[1]	**143,952**	**151,371**	**147,109**	**145,697**	**140,668**	**150,244**	**1,240,353**	**1,293,859**	**-4.1**
Residential[2]	75,595	83,907	81,486	81,088	77,691	83,750	671,325	703,162	-4.5
New single family	36,582	36,896	36,604	36,417	35,437	37,420	306,075	321,620	-4.8
New multifamily	9,829	9,882	9,737	10,023	9,818	9,852	87,141	87,385	-0.3
Nonresidential	68,358	67,465	65,623	64,609	62,977	66,494	569,028	590,697	-3.7
Lodging	2,006	2,005	1,976	1,983	1,971	2,061	17,479	19,291	-9.4
Office	12,818	12,271	11,249	10,443	9,778	9,118	91,228	77,542	17.6
Commercial	10,230	10,168	10,039	10,094	9,929	10,676	87,759	92,712	-5.3
Health care	4,961	4,908	4,841	4,851	4,756	5,044	42,523	44,513	-4.5
Educational	2,061	2,198	2,217	2,258	2,168	2,225	18,913	19,592	-3.5
Religious	610	594	572	568	554	506	4,904	3,959	23.9
Amusement and recreation	2,007	2,052	2,052	2,014	1,979	1,972	17,425	16,393	6.3
Transportation	1,755	1,706	1,668	1,674	1,668	1,761	14,525	15,082	-3.7
Communication	2,435	2,360	2,358	2,314	2,288	2,350	20,599	20,047	2.8
Power	14,601	14,304	14,028	13,692	13,255	12,976	121,155	113,271	7.0
Manufacturing	14,401	14,400	14,172	14,293	14,265	17,406	128,912	164,739	-21.7
Total Public Construction[3]	**52,396**	**53,573**	**52,642**	**51,634**	**47,314**	**51,798**	**409,281**	**404,754**	**1.1**
Residential	1,128	1,090	1,095	1,116	1,082	1,175	9,244	9,555	-3.3
Nonresidential	51,269	52,483	51,546	50,517	46,232	50,622	400,037	395,199	1.2
Office	1,501	1,484	1,453	1,461	1,414	1,553	12,438	13,018	-4.5
Commercial	659	583	588	546	496	623	4,779	5,094	-6.2
Health care	1,679	1,631	1,638	1,654	1,550	1,577	13,913	12,982	7.2
Educational	9,945	11,017	11,215	11,060	9,772	10,097	86,188	88,180	-2.3
Public safety	1,903	1,864	1,802	1,867	1,823	2,091	15,802	16,887	-6.4
Amusement and recreation	2,368	2,377	2,321	2,328	2,243	2,412	19,306	19,001	1.6
Transportation	5,017	4,987	4,781	4,771	4,465	4,877	39,308	37,774	4.1
Power	1,759	1,792	1,716	1,804	1,728	1,707	14,955	15,293	-2.2
Highway and street	16,227	16,703	16,296	15,209	13,653	15,672	113,568	110,600	2.7
Sewage and waste disposal	4,896	4,939	4,753	4,769	4,449	4,972	39,039	38,490	1.4
Water supply	3,307	3,263	3,137	3,249	3,031	3,318	26,039	25,770	1.0
Conservation and development	1,543	1,425	1,435	1,375	1,233	1,366	11,471	9,468	21.2

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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**	**0.4**	**0.9**
Residential	5.6	4.7	4.8	3.0	6.2
Nonresidential	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.9
Lodging	2.4	2.1	2.5	1.0	3.5
Office	1.0	0.7	1.4	0.4	1.4
Commercial	1.7	1.3	1.6	1.0	1.8
Health care	1.5	1.2	1.4	0.7	1.7
Educational	1.6	1.2	1.6	0.7	1.9
Religious	4.7	3.2	6.4	1.8	6.2
Public safety	2.8	2.3	2.6	1.4	3.1
Amusement and recreation	1.8	1.5	2.0	0.9	2.3
Transportation	2.9	2.5	1.6	0.9	2.0
Communication	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.6
Highway and street	2.6	1.7	2.7	2.2	4.5
Sewage and waste disposal	2.2	1.8	2.5	1.5	3.2
Water supply	2.5	1.7	2.3	1.8	3.2
Conservation and development	10.4	12.0	11.4	6.0	14.5
Manufacturing	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.2
Total Private Construction	**0.5**	**0.4**	**0.5**	**0.3**	**0.6**
Residential	5.0	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.4
New single family	8.7	8.5	2.3	0.5	2.6
New multifamily	7.9	7.6	3.2	0.9	3.7
Nonresidential	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6
Lodging	2.5	2.1	2.6	1.0	3.7
Office	1.0	0.7	1.5	0.4	1.6
Commercial	1.7	1.3	1.7	0.8	1.6
Health care	1.7	1.4	1.7	0.9	2.0
Educational	2.8	2.3	2.9	1.5	3.0
Religious	4.7	3.2	6.4	1.8	6.1
Amusement and recreation	2.6	2.2	2.9	1.4	3.1
Transportation	3.1	2.6	2.4	1.2	2.9
Communication	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.5
Manufacturing	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.6
Total Public Construction	**1.1**	**0.8**	**1.0**	**0.8**	**1.7**
Residential	5.6	4.7	4.8	3.0	6.2
Nonresidential	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.7
Office	4.3	4.0	2.8	1.8	3.3
Commercial	8.6	8.0	7.3	9.2	15.4
Health care	2.8	2.5	2.2	1.1	2.3
Educational	1.9	1.4	1.8	0.8	2.3
Public safety	2.8	2.3	2.6	1.4	3.1
Amusement and recreation	2.5	2.0	2.6	1.2	3.3
Transportation	3.3	2.9	1.9	1.0	2.3
Power	4.9	3.9	4.5	3.4	5.5
Highway and street	2.6	1.7	2.7	2.2	4.5
Sewage and waste disposal	2.2	1.8	2.6	1.5	3.3
Water supply	2.5	1.8	2.4	1.9	3.2
Conservation and development	10.6	12.1	11.5	6.1	14.6

NA Not applicable

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Construction Spending, November 2, 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.