

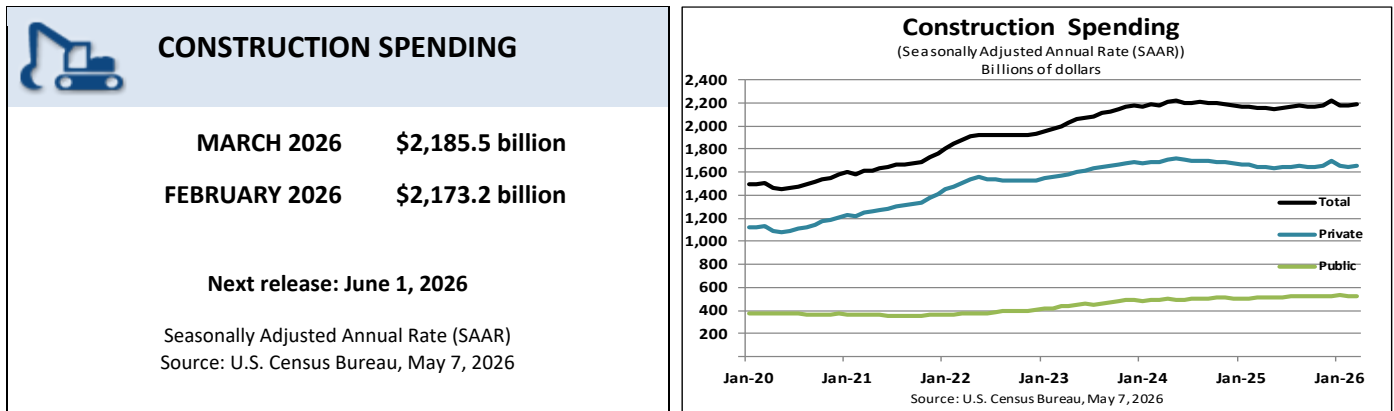
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MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION SPENDING, MARCH 2026

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Special Notice: The March Construction Spending release also contains initial estimates for the month of February.

May 7, 2026 — The U.S. Census Bureau announced the following value put in place construction statistics for March 2026:



Total Construction

Construction spending during March 2026 was estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$2,185.5 billion, 0.6 percent (± 0.5 percent) above the February estimate of \$2,173.2 billion. The March figure is 1.6 percent (± 1.0 percent) above the March 2025 estimate of \$2,150.8 billion. During the first three months of this year, construction spending amounted to \$479.4 billion, 0.3 percent (± 1.0 percent)* above the \$477.9 billion for the same period in 2025.

Private Construction

Spending on private construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1,659.0 billion, 0.8 percent (± 0.5 percent) above the February estimate of \$1,645.6 billion. Residential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$929.7 billion in March, 1.7 percent (± 1.3 percent) above the February estimate of \$914.6 billion. Nonresidential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$729.4 billion in March, 0.2 percent (± 0.5 percent)* below the February estimate of \$731.0 billion.

Public Construction

In March, the estimated seasonally adjusted annual rate of public construction spending was \$526.4 billion, 0.2 percent (± 1.0 percent)* below the February estimate of \$527.6 billion. Educational construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$113.0 billion, 0.6 percent (± 1.6 percent)* below the February estimate of \$113.6 billion. Highway construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$147.8 billion, 0.1 percent (± 2.8 percent)* below the February estimate of \$148.0 billion.

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Notice

With the May 2026 release, unadjusted data will be revised back to January 2024 and seasonally adjusted data will be revised back to January 2019.

The April 2026 Monthly Construction Spending Report is scheduled for release on June 1, 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, 0.74 percent; private construction, 0.95 percent; and public construction, 0.68 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-FY25-0328).

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	Mar 2026 ^p	Feb 2026 ^{p*}	Jan 2026 ^f	Dec 2025 ^f	Nov 2025	Mar 2025	Percent change Mar 2026 from -	
							Feb 2026	Mar 2025
Total Construction	2,185,455	2,173,193	2,178,092	2,219,926	2,181,160	2,150,847	0.6	1.6
Residential	941,703	926,849	927,464	971,295	929,674	909,661	1.6	3.5
Nonresidential	1,243,753	1,246,344	1,250,627	1,248,631	1,251,487	1,241,186	-0.2	0.2
Lodging	24,695	24,859	24,888	24,763	24,942	23,061	-0.7	7.1
Office	111,605	110,661	110,993	110,226	107,984	104,340	0.9	7.0
Commercial	122,407	123,194	122,897	122,774	122,911	121,641	-0.6	0.6
Health care	70,187	70,111	70,380	68,748	69,119	68,673	0.1	2.2
Educational	138,756	139,365	140,077	140,826	141,770	136,362	-0.4	1.8
Religious	5,542	5,366	5,441	5,167	5,161	4,835	3.3	14.6
Public safety	19,307	19,266	19,294	19,880	19,905	19,200	0.2	0.6
Amusement and recreation	45,966	45,476	45,594	45,144	44,845	41,861	1.1	9.8
Transportation	69,616	69,918	69,995	69,892	69,586	67,976	-0.4	2.4
Communication	29,643	29,705	29,564	29,521	29,886	28,963	-0.2	2.3
Power	165,207	164,797	164,375	163,899	161,648	156,917	0.2	5.3
Highway and street	148,904	149,214	148,820	145,205	143,922	143,469	-0.2	3.8
Sewage and waste disposal	53,763	53,515	54,441	54,393	54,212	49,499	0.5	8.6
Water supply	35,445	35,641	35,592	36,189	36,951	33,810	-0.5	4.8
Conservation and development	12,639	13,089	12,951	12,548	12,535	11,691	-3.4	8.1
Manufacturing	190,071	192,168	195,326	199,458	206,109	228,888	-1.1	-17.0
Total Private Construction¹	1,659,049	1,645,569	1,649,104	1,693,335	1,654,433	1,642,676	0.8	1.0
Residential ²	929,690	914,559	915,220	959,132	917,055	897,761	1.7	3.6
New single family	417,426	406,256	411,908	411,582	405,387	435,542	2.7	-4.2
New multifamily	115,687	115,370	115,156	115,949	116,667	115,149	0.3	0.5
Nonresidential	729,359	731,010	733,885	734,203	737,378	744,915	-0.2	-2.1
Lodging	23,157	23,283	23,276	23,133	23,385	22,164	-0.5	4.5
Office	95,656	94,644	94,900	93,761	91,742	87,678	1.1	9.1
Commercial	116,435	117,182	116,797	116,081	116,000	114,763	-0.6	1.5
Health care	53,651	53,665	53,835	52,857	53,071	53,031	0.0	1.2
Educational	25,784	25,761	25,959	26,286	26,461	24,036	0.1	7.3
Religious	5,542	5,366	5,441	5,167	5,161	4,835	3.3	14.6
Amusement and recreation	21,326	21,042	20,782	20,449	20,305	18,679	1.3	14.2
Transportation	19,717	19,645	19,581	19,726	19,601	19,279	0.4	2.3
Communication	28,884	28,992	28,884	28,731	28,782	28,349	-0.4	1.9
Power	146,097	145,816	145,559	145,270	143,290	139,640	0.2	4.6
Manufacturing	188,931	191,237	194,446	198,426	205,117	227,643	-1.2	-17.0
Total Public Construction³	526,406	527,624	528,987	526,591	526,727	508,171	-0.2	3.6
Residential	12,013	12,290	12,245	12,164	12,618	11,901	-2.3	0.9
Nonresidential	514,393	515,334	516,742	514,428	514,109	496,271	-0.2	3.7
Office	15,949	16,016	16,093	16,464	16,242	16,662	-0.4	-4.3
Commercial	5,972	6,012	6,100	6,693	6,911	6,879	-0.7	-13.2
Health care	16,537	16,447	16,546	15,891	16,049	15,642	0.5	5.7
Educational	112,972	113,605	114,119	114,540	115,309	112,326	-0.6	0.6
Public safety	19,277	19,239	19,264	19,778	19,834	18,948	0.2	1.7
Amusement and recreation	24,641	24,434	24,813	24,695	24,540	23,183	0.8	6.3
Transportation	49,900	50,274	50,414	50,165	49,986	48,697	-0.7	2.5
Power	19,111	18,982	18,816	18,629	18,358	17,278	0.7	10.6
Highway and street	147,767	147,983	147,679	144,105	142,741	142,350	-0.1	3.8
Sewage and waste disposal	52,215	52,059	52,967	52,948	52,702	47,619	0.3	9.7
Water supply	34,116	34,126	33,996	34,645	35,347	32,276	0.0	5.7
Conservation and development	12,502	12,939	12,765	12,422	12,437	11,657	-3.4	7.2

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public safety, highway and street, sewage and waste disposal, water supply, and conservation and development.

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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, May 7, 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	Mar 2026 ^p	Feb 2026 ^{p*}	Jan 2026 ^r	Dec 2025 ^r	Nov 2025	Mar 2025	Year-to-date		
							Mar 2026	Mar 2025	Percent change
Total Construction	171,108	154,309	154,001	166,851	178,643	168,917	479,418	477,904	0.3
Residential	75,184	63,444	63,181	69,945	74,958	73,052	201,809	200,140	0.8
Nonresidential	95,923	90,865	90,820	96,905	103,685	95,866	277,609	277,764	-0.1
Lodging	2,046	1,973	1,945	2,017	2,093	1,922	5,964	5,651	5.5
Office	9,019	8,524	8,577	8,782	8,956	8,440	26,120	24,782	5.4
Commercial	9,765	9,416	9,409	9,697	10,317	9,656	28,590	28,348	0.9
Health care	5,716	5,452	5,502	5,621	5,801	5,558	16,670	16,340	2.0
Educational	10,368	9,815	9,860	10,368	11,184	10,181	30,042	29,471	1.9
Religious	452	417	433	425	432	388	1,302	1,139	14.3
Public safety	1,548	1,477	1,470	1,599	1,666	1,531	4,495	4,494	0.0
Amusement and recreation	3,554	3,342	3,368	3,497	3,747	3,263	10,264	9,294	10.4
Transportation	5,262	5,006	5,036	5,526	5,882	5,143	15,304	14,770	3.6
Communication	2,455	2,248	2,215	2,816	2,626	2,372	6,918	6,784	2.0
Power	13,637	13,483	13,304	13,375	13,404	12,907	40,424	38,461	5.1
Highway and street	8,897	7,803	7,396	8,508	11,608	8,486	24,096	22,998	4.8
Sewage and waste disposal	3,975	3,627	3,728	4,092	4,578	3,684	11,329	10,439	8.5
Water supply	2,641	2,477	2,477	2,740	3,070	2,528	7,595	7,219	5.2
Conservation and development	978	981	927	1,081	1,044	901	2,885	2,598	11.0
Manufacturing	15,609	14,826	15,176	16,762	17,278	18,907	45,611	54,977	-17.0
Total Private Construction¹	133,690	119,582	119,648	129,369	135,718	132,867	372,920	375,729	-0.7
Residential ²	74,261	62,534	62,301	69,006	73,926	72,128	199,096	197,507	0.8
New single family	33,740	27,807	28,856	30,551	34,815	35,418	90,403	96,208	-6.0
New multifamily	9,539	9,171	9,115	9,100	9,579	9,397	27,825	27,659	0.6
Nonresidential	59,429	57,048	57,347	60,364	61,792	60,739	173,824	178,223	-2.5
Lodging	1,918	1,842	1,811	1,882	1,963	1,847	5,570	5,445	2.3
Office	7,746	7,327	7,373	7,503	7,588	7,104	22,447	20,949	7.2
Commercial	9,277	8,953	8,942	9,141	9,732	9,098	27,172	26,786	1.4
Health care	4,375	4,185	4,230	4,332	4,496	4,314	12,790	12,700	0.7
Educational	2,070	1,949	1,956	2,034	2,140	1,937	5,975	5,625	6.2
Religious	452	417	433	425	432	388	1,302	1,139	14.3
Amusement and recreation	1,689	1,628	1,630	1,634	1,713	1,498	4,946	4,339	14.0
Transportation	1,491	1,471	1,503	1,713	1,730	1,469	4,464	4,369	2.2
Communication	2,392	2,189	2,158	2,750	2,534	2,321	6,739	6,636	1.6
Power	12,200	12,028	11,884	11,943	11,892	11,612	36,111	34,472	4.8
Manufacturing	15,514	14,749	15,103	16,676	17,195	18,803	45,365	54,717	-17.1
Total Public Construction³	37,418	34,727	34,354	37,481	42,925	36,050	106,498	102,175	4.2
Residential	923	909	880	940	1,032	923	2,713	2,633	3.0
Nonresidential	36,495	33,817	33,473	36,542	41,892	35,127	103,785	99,542	4.3
Office	1,273	1,197	1,203	1,278	1,368	1,336	3,673	3,833	-4.2
Commercial	488	464	468	556	585	558	1,419	1,562	-9.2
Health care	1,342	1,267	1,272	1,290	1,305	1,243	3,880	3,641	6.6
Educational	8,298	7,866	7,904	8,334	9,044	8,244	24,067	23,846	0.9
Public safety	1,546	1,475	1,468	1,592	1,660	1,512	4,489	4,444	1.0
Amusement and recreation	1,866	1,714	1,738	1,863	2,034	1,766	5,318	4,955	7.3
Transportation	3,771	3,535	3,533	3,813	4,151	3,674	10,839	10,401	4.2
Power	1,438	1,455	1,420	1,432	1,512	1,295	4,313	3,989	8.1
Highway and street	8,808	7,711	7,307	8,426	11,516	8,402	23,827	22,745	4.8
Sewage and waste disposal	3,863	3,527	3,629	3,974	4,445	3,547	11,018	10,060	9.5
Water supply	2,551	2,371	2,357	2,626	2,932	2,422	7,279	6,864	6.0
Conservation and development	966	968	911	1,071	1,036	898	2,845	2,587	10.0

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<www.census.gov/construction/c30/meth.html>

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	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6
Residential	6.6	5.7	5.4	2.8	5.5
Nonresidential	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6
Lodging	2.7	2.5	2.8	1.6	3.1
Office	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.6	1.5
Commercial	1.9	1.6	1.8	0.9	1.8
Health care	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.8	1.7
Educational	1.6	1.3	1.7	0.9	1.7
Religious	5.6	4.4	8.1	5.2	9.2
Public safety	2.8	2.7	3.0	1.8	3.3
Amusement and recreation	2.0	1.7	2.5	1.1	2.5
Transportation	3.2	3.2	1.7	1.1	1.9
Communication	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.6
Highway and street	2.5	1.8	2.8	1.7	2.8
Sewage and waste disposal	2.2	1.8	2.9	1.8	3.0
Water supply	2.4	2.4	3.4	2.1	3.4
Conservation and development	7.3	8.9	7.8	5.7	9.8
Manufacturing	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.8
Total Private Construction	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6
Residential	5.0	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.4
New single family	9.2	8.0	3.0	0.7	3.4
New multifamily	7.4	8.2	4.5	0.9	4.8
Nonresidential	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6
Lodging	2.8	2.6	2.8	1.6	3.1
Office	1.4	0.9	1.4	0.6	1.6
Commercial	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.8
Health care	1.9	1.5	1.7	0.9	1.9
Educational	2.9	2.7	3.6	1.5	3.8
Religious	5.6	4.4	8.1	5.2	9.2
Amusement and recreation	2.9	2.6	3.8	1.4	3.7
Transportation	3.4	2.6	2.6	1.8	2.6
Communication	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.5
Manufacturing	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.8
Total Public Construction	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.6	1.1
Residential	6.6	5.7	5.4	2.8	5.5
Nonresidential	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.6	1.1
Office	4.6	4.4	3.2	2.5	4.0
Commercial	7.3	7.8	7.2	3.9	7.3
Health care	2.6	2.9	2.8	1.7	2.9
Educational	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.0	2.0
Public safety	2.9	2.7	3.0	1.8	3.3
Amusement and recreation	2.7	2.3	3.3	1.6	3.3
Transportation	3.7	3.7	2.1	1.2	2.3
Power	6.1	4.7	5.9	3.1	6.5
Highway and street	2.5	1.8	2.8	1.7	2.8
Sewage and waste disposal	2.3	1.8	3.0	1.8	3.1
Water supply	2.5	2.4	3.6	2.2	3.6
Conservation and development	7.4	9.0	7.8	5.8	9.8

NA Not applicable

Table 4. Annual Value of Construction Put in Place in the United States

(Millions of dollars. Details may not add to totals due to rounding.)

Type of Construction	2025 ^f	2024	Percent change	Coefficient of variation
Total Construction	2,169,657	2,194,752	-1.1	0.5
Residential	921,731	940,671	-2.0	6.4
Nonresidential	1,247,926	1,254,081	-0.5	0.5
Lodging	24,144	24,353	-0.9	2.2
Office	106,727	104,374	2.3	1.1
Commercial	122,071	132,345	-7.8	1.2
Health care	69,093	69,036	0.1	1.4
Educational	138,201	138,223	0.0	1.3
Religious	4,908	4,219	16.3	3.9
Public safety	19,622	18,622	5.4	2.4
Amusement and recreation	43,331	40,963	5.8	1.6
Transportation	68,559	65,683	4.4	2.9
Communication	29,471	29,553	-0.3	NA
Power	158,483	155,898	1.7	0.4
Highway and street	143,195	144,406	-0.8	1.8
Sewage and waste disposal	52,572	46,136	14.0	1.9
Water supply	35,236	32,887	7.1	1.6
Conservation and development	12,290	11,653	5.5	5.4
Manufacturing	220,023	235,730	-6.7	0.8
Total Private Construction¹	1,652,340	1,696,044	-2.6	0.4
Residential ²	909,506	929,547	-2.2	1.1
New single family	419,202	433,280	-3.2	9.5
New multifamily	114,671	125,113	-8.3	6.8
Nonresidential	742,834	766,497	-3.1	0.4
Lodging	22,896	23,695	-3.4	2.2
Office	90,014	87,376	3.0	1.1
Commercial	115,109	126,815	-9.2	1.3
Health care	53,228	54,713	-2.7	1.7
Educational	25,141	25,807	-2.6	2.4
Religious	4,908	4,219	16.3	3.9
Public safety	198	226	-12.4	35.4
Amusement and recreation	19,510	19,188	1.7	2.3
Transportation	19,361	19,737	-1.9	3.1
Communication	28,564	28,754	-0.7	NA
Power	140,611	136,761	2.8	0.3
Sewage and waste disposal	1,672	1,560	7.2	11.3
Water supply	1,612	1,461	10.3	10.8
Manufacturing	218,842	234,872	-6.8	0.7
Total Public Construction³	517,317	498,708	3.7	0.8
Residential	12,224	11,124	9.9	6.4
Nonresidential	505,093	487,584	3.6	0.8
Office	16,713	16,998	-1.7	3.9
Commercial	6,962	5,530	25.9	6.1
Health care	15,865	14,323	10.8	2.2
Educational	113,061	112,416	0.6	1.5
Public safety	19,424	18,395	5.6	2.5
Amusement and recreation	23,821	21,775	9.4	2.2
Transportation	49,198	45,946	7.1	3.4
Power	17,873	19,137	-6.6	4.4
Highway and street	142,096	143,193	-0.8	1.8
Sewage and waste disposal	50,900	44,576	14.2	1.9
Water supply	33,624	31,426	7.0	1.6
Conservation and development	12,220	11,554	5.8	5.4

NA Not applicable ^fRevised

¹Includes the following categories of private construction not shown separately: highway and street, and conservation and development.

²Includes private residential improvements.

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Construction Spending, May 7, 2026. Additional information on the survey methodology may be found at <www.census.gov/construction/c30/meth.html>