



The Economic Impact of Construction in the United States and California

Economic Impact of Construction:

- U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) value of all goods and services produced in the total \$29 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate in the quarter of 2024. Construction contributed \$1.1 trillion (4%).
- In California, construction contributed \$4 billion (3.9%) of the state's GDP.
- There were 94,300 construction establishments in the U.S. in the quarter of 2024, including 95,800 in California. (An establishment is a fixed business location; about 99% of construction firms have only one establishment.)

Construction Spending:

- Nonresidential spending in the U.S. totaled \$1.1 trillion in 2023 (\$700 billion private, \$400 billion public).
- Residential construction spending in the U.S. totaled \$700 billion in 2023 (\$331 billion single-family, \$16 billion multifamily, \$331 billion improvements, \$1 billion public).
- Private nonresidential spending in California totaled \$34 billion in 2023. State and local spending totaled \$4 billion. (Totals are not available for residential, railroad, power, communication, or federal construction.)

Construction Employment (Seasonally Adjusted):

- Construction (residential + nonresidential) employed 8.3 million workers in August 2024, an increase of 2.1% from August 2023 and an increase of 8.7% from February 2020, a pandemic month.
- Construction employment in California in August 2024 totaled 922,400, an increase of 6,000 (0.7%) from August 2023 and an increase of 12,200 or 1% from February 2020.

Construction Industry Pay:

- Construction industry pay in 2023 was \$125.4 billion, or 1.5% of GDP. The industry's pay per worker was \$14,777, or 109% of the median wage of \$13,500 for all workers in the economy.

