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Construction statistics, Great Britain: 2025

Statistics on the construction industry, including value of output, new orders by sector, number of firms and total employment, and Construction Output Price Indices.

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1 . Main points

- The value of construction new work in current prices in Great Britain in 2025 increased by 1.9% to £139,106 million; this increase was driven by a rise of 1.7% (£636 million) in public sector new work and 1.9% (£1,915 million) in the private sector.
- Construction new orders grew by 16.2% in 2025 to £83,335 million, driven predominantly by increases in public and private infrastructure, private industrial, other public non-housing and private commercial; the only sector to decrease was private new housing.
- In Quarter 3 (July to Sept) 2025, 376,518 Value Added Tax (VAT) and Pay As You Earn (PAYE) registered construction firms were operating in the construction industry across Great Britain, a 1.6% increase compared with 2024.
- Sourced from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR), construction-related employees (excluding self-employment) in Great Britain increased by 1.9% in Quarter 3 2025 compared with Quarter 3 2024, totalling 1.5 million workers; England was the main contributor to this growth, increasing by 2.8% in 2025 (following no growth in 2024), while Wales increased by 0.5% and Scotland decreased by 5.9%.
- The all-work Construction Output Price Index saw annual price growth of 2.2% in December 2025.

2 . Data on construction

[Construction statistics annual tables](#)

Dataset | Released 23 October 2026

The construction industry in Great Britain, including value of output and type of work, new orders by sector, number of firms and total employment.

[Output in the construction industry](#)

Dataset | Released 15 October 2026

Monthly construction output for Great Britain at current price and chained volume measures, seasonally adjusted.

[Construction output price indices](#)

Dataset | Released 13 August 2026

A summary of the Construction Output Price Indices (OPIs) from January 2014 to June 2026, UK.

[New orders in the construction industry](#)

Dataset | Released 13 August 2026

Quarterly new orders at current price and chained volume measures, seasonally adjusted by public and private sector. Quarterly non-seasonally adjusted type of work and regional data.

[Output in the construction industry: subnational and subsector](#)

Dataset | Released 13 August 2026

Quarterly non-seasonally adjusted type of work and regional data at current prices, Great Britain.

3 . Data sources and quality

This annual publication brings together a range of statistics currently available on the construction industry from the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

The construction industry is categorised as section F of the Companies House UK [Standard Industrial Classification \(SIC\) 2007](#), which is defined as:

- division 41: Construction of buildings
- division 42: Civil engineering
- division 43: Specialised construction activities

All data published are in current prices and, unless otherwise stated, non-seasonally adjusted and correct at the time of release, however, are subject to revisions as per the respective revisions policies.

Data relating to the numbers of construction firms and employees are point-in-time estimates classified in the third quarter of 2025 (July to Sept) on the IDBR. We use the same point in time each year to ensure consistency.

The following links provide annual data published externally, or elsewhere by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

- [Average weekly earnings](#)
- [Building materials and components: monthly statistics](#)
- [Business demography. quarterly experimental statistics. UK](#)
- [Business insights and impact on the UK economy](#)
- [Department for Business and Trade: Business population estimates for UK and regions 2025](#)
- [Department for Communities \(Northern Ireland\): Housing statistics](#)
- [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Planning application statistics](#)
- [Employees and self-employed by industry](#)
- [Health and Safety Executive: Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations \(RIDDOR\)](#)
- [House building data. UK](#)
- [LABD: Labour disputes in the UK](#)
- [Non-financial business economy. UK and regional \(Annual Business Survey\)](#)
- [Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency: Construction output statistics](#)
- [Regional economic activity by gross domestic product estimates](#)
- [The Insolvency Service: Company Insolvency Statistics](#)
- [UK business: activity, size and location](#)
- [Workforce jobs by region and industry](#)

Quality and methodology information (QMI)

- [Construction output QMI](#) (last revised 8 August 2019)
- [Construction Output Price Indices \(OPIs\) QMI](#) (last revised 10 May 2023)
- [New orders in construction QMI](#) (last revised 8 August 2019)
- [UK business: activity, size and location QMI](#) (last revised 24 September 2026)

4 . Glossary

Construction output estimates

Construction output estimates are monthly estimates of the amount of output chargeable to customers for building and civil engineering work done in the relevant period, excluding Value Added Tax (VAT) and payments to subcontractors.

Construction Output Price Indices (OPIs)

The construction OPIs are compiled using input costs; material, labour and plant, which are weighted together for a selection of types of construction projects. A mark-up is then applied to account for profit by the construction firm. The result is considered a proxy for output prices.

Inter-Departmental Business Register

The Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR) is a comprehensive list of UK businesses registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and Pay As You Earn (PAYE) used by government for statistical purposes. The IDBR provides the main sampling frame for surveys of businesses carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and other government departments. It is also an important data source for analysis of business activities.

The two main sources of input are VAT and PAYE records from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC). Additional information comes from Companies House, Dun and Bradstreet and the ONS business surveys.

New orders

The new orders data measure the value and volume of new orders of main contractors by type of work and region.

Seasonally adjusted estimates

Seasonally adjusted estimates are derived by estimating and removing calendar effects (for example, leap years such as 2024) and seasonal effects (for example, decreased activity at Christmas because of site shutdowns) from the non-seasonally adjusted estimates.

Value estimates

The value estimates reflect the total value of work that businesses have completed over a reference month. Value estimates are also referred to as the data in current prices.

Volume estimates

The volume estimates are calculated by taking the value estimates and adjusting to remove the impact of price changes. Where [chain-linking](#) is applied, volume estimates are referred to as chained volume measures.

5 . Related links

[Construction output in Great Britain](#)

Bulletin| Released monthly

Short-term measures of output by the construction industry in Great Britain and contracts awarded for new construction work in the UK. Also, quarterly new orders and subnational and subsector data.

[Construction development: improvements to regional and subsector level estimates. UK: July 2021](#)

Article | Released 20 July 2021

Latest improvements to input data used to model subnational and subsector level construction output estimates, including the impact of the changes.

[Construction statistics development: improving the understanding of new orders in the construction industry and the gap between output and new orders](#)

Article | Released 30 October 2018

Explanation and analysis as to the possible causes to explain the differences in Office for National Statistics construction output and new orders data.

[Construction statistics: sources and outputs](#)

Methodology | Released 18 November 2022

A list of the known sources of information available on the construction industry and their outputs.

6 . Cite this article

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