

BC Construction Industry Statictics (Fall 2025)



Statistic (Source)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	1 Year Trend	5 Year Trend
Value of Current Construction Projects Underway in BC (British Columbia Major Projects Inventory, Ministry of JTST)	\$112.3B	\$125.0B	\$135.4B	\$156.8B	\$170B	\$158B	-7%	41%
Value of Proposed Construction Projects in BC (British Columbia Major Projects Inventory, Ministry of JTST)	\$220B	\$220B	\$220B	\$174B	\$166B	\$174B	5%	-21%
Number of Employees in BC's Construction Sector (Labour Force Statistics Data, Statistics Canada)	205,500	212,800	236,300	218,000	243,000	267,400	10%	30%
Construction's Rank as an Employer in BC's Goods Sector (Labour Force Statistics Data, Statistics Canada)	#1	#1	#1	#1	#1	#1	–	–
Annual Wage of a BC Construction Worker (Earnings and Employment Trends Data, Statistics Canada)	\$59,141	\$62,398	\$66,101	\$72,252	\$72,200	\$83,667	16%	41%
Cumulative Yearly Wage of the Employees of BC's Construction Industry (Earnings and Employment Trends Data, Statistics Canada)	\$12.5B	\$13.3B	\$15.6B	\$15.7B	\$17.5B	\$22.4B	28%	79%
Contribution by the Construction Industry to BC's GDP (%) (British Columbia Financial and Economic Review, Ministry of Finance)	8.90%	9.30%	9.70%	10.30%	10.0%	9.2%	-0.8 percentage points	+0.3 percentage points
Contribution by the Construction Industry to BC's GDP (\$) (British Columbia Financial and Economic Review, Ministry of Finance)	\$22.7B	\$23.0B	\$25.4B	\$27.0B	\$29.3B	\$28.5B	-3%	26%
# of Job Openings in BC Construction Market due to Retirements & Expansion (BuildForce Canada LMI Reports)	24,387 by '29	26,806 by '30	27,630 by '27	22,700 by '32	20,700 by '33	22,500 by '34	9%	-8%
# of Workers BC Construction will need to Recruit to meet Demand (BuildForce Canada LMI Reports)	8,408 by '29	11,331 by '30	5,653 by '27	6,000 by '32	6,600 by '33	14,100 by '34	114%	68%
Total Number of Workers in Trades Jobs <i>Ministry of Post Secondary Education & Future Skills - sourced through Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey 2024</i>	178,600	172,045	171,470	163,900	167,300	191,200	14%	7%
% of Women in Construction Trades <i>Ministry of Post Secondary Education & Future Skills - sourced through Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey 2024</i>	6.00%	6.20%	5.70%	4.50%	5.7%	5.3%	-0.4 percentage points	-0.7 percentage points
Number of Construction Companies in British Columbia (Canadian Business Counts, with employees, June 2025 (Stats Canada))	25,817	25,784	26,262	27,837	28,065	28,225	1%	9%
BC Construction Companies with less than 20 employees (Canadian Business Counts, with employees, June 2025 (Stats Canada))	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	–	–
BC's rank in labour productivity across Canada Statistics Canada, Industrial capacity utilization rates, by industry	–	–	–	–	#4	#5	–	–
BC's labour productivity compared to the national average Statistics Canada, Industrial capacity utilization rates, by industry	–	–	–	–	2%	2.1%	+0.1 percentage points	–
Share of Value Added to the National Economy, and provincial ranking ICIC Construction Sector Quarterly Insights	–	–	–	–	18% #3	-	–	–
Share of Multi-Unit Residential Construction Investment Across Canada, and Provincial Ranking Statistics Canada, Investment in building construction	–	–	–	–	23% #2	19% #3	-4.0 percentage points	–
Current number of construction jobsin BC that are unfilled Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0442-01 Job vacancies, payroll employees, job vacancy rate, and average offered hourly wage by industry sub-sector, quarterly, unadjusted for seasonality.	10,810	16,575	14,210	13,760	11,555	7,310	-37%	-32%
Multi-Unit Residential Construction Starts - Apartment and other unit types, 6-month rolling average Statistics Canada - Table 34-10-0156-01 Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, housing starts in all centres 10,000 and over, Canada, provinces, and census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted at annual rates, monthly (x 1,000)	27,386	34,282	37,630	40,908	36,612	40,822	11%	49%
Number of Tower Cranes currently erected across BC <i>WorksafeBC - Preliminary data NOP-TC</i>	–	–	–	–	400	350	–	–
BC's Rank of Trade Dependence on US across Canada Statistics Canada Canadian international merchandise trade by industry for all countries, monthly - Open Government Portal	–	–	–	–	–	#3	–	–
% of BC's International Imports Coming from the US Statistics Canada International merchandise trade - Canadian Internal Trade Data and Information Hub, Supply and Use Tables	–	–	–	–	–	35%	–	–
Residential multi-unit permits in BC (# of apartment units; 6 month rolling average) https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/45a00be0-d572-4e42-be18-1bbaaf6c85ee/resource/2c3df971-def0-48a9-916b-3b4cb22b041a/download/building_permits_monthly.xlsx	2,721	2,379	3,408	3,817	3,513	3,851	10%	42%
Value of I,C,I building permits in BC (6 month rolling average) https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/45a00be0-d572-4e42-be18-1bbaaf6c85ee/resource/2c3df971-def0-48a9-916b-3b4cb22b041a/download/building_permits_monthly.xlsx	\$408M	\$404M	\$810M	\$715M	\$639M	\$696M	9%	70%
Investment in Building Construction in BC, for Q22025 and Provincial Rank Statistics Canada. Table 34-10-0293-01 Investment in Building Construction	–	–	–	–	–	\$9.7B #4	–	–
Cost of Construction in BC, % change for Q22025 v. Q22024 Statistics Canada. Table 18-10-0289-01 Building construction price indexes, by type of building and division	–	–	–	–	–	up 4% #4	–	–