

# BC Construction Industry Statistics (Spring 2025)

Statistic (Source)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	1 Year Trend	5 Year Trend
Value of Current Construction Projects Underway in BC ( <a href="#">British Columbia Major Projects Inventory, Ministry of JTST</a> )	\$112.3B	\$125.0B	\$135.4B	\$156.8B	\$170B	\$158B	-7%	41%
Value of Proposed Construction Projects in BC ( <a href="#">British Columbia Major Projects Inventory, Ministry of JTST</a> )	\$220B	\$220B	\$220B	\$174B	\$166B	\$172	4%	-22%
Number of Employees in BC's Construction Sector ( <a href="#">Labour Force Statistics Data, Statistics Canada</a> )	205,500	212,800	236,300	218,000	243,000	251,000	3%	22%
Construction's Rank as an Employer in BC's Goods Sector ( <a href="#">Labour Force Statistics Data, Statistics Canada</a> )	#1	#1	#1	#1	#1	#1	—	—
Annual Wage of a BC Construction Worker ( <a href="#">Earnings and Employment Trends Data, Statistics Canada</a> )	\$59,141	\$62,398	\$66,101	\$72,252	\$72,200	\$81,555	13%	38%
Cumulative Yearly Wage of the Employees of BC's Construction Industry ( <a href="#">Earnings and Employment Trends Data, Statistics Canada</a> )	\$12.5B	\$13.3B	\$15.6B	\$15.7B	\$17.5B	\$20.5B	17%	64%
Contribution by the Construction Industry to BC's GDP (%) ( <a href="#">British Columbia Financial and Economic Review, Ministry of Finance</a> )	8.90%	9.30%	9.70%	10.30%	10.0%	10.0%	0%	12%
Contribution by the Construction Industry to BC's GDP (\$) ( <a href="#">British Columbia Financial and Economic Review, Ministry of Finance</a> )	\$22.7B	\$23.0B	\$25.4B	\$27.0B	\$29.3B	\$29.3B	0%	29%
# of Job Openings in BC Construction Market due to Retirements & Expansion ( <a href="#">BuildForce Canada LMI Reports</a> )	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 ( <a href="#">BuildForce Canada LMI Reports</a> )	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 &amp; 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 &amp; Future Skills - sourced through Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey 2024</i>	6.00%	6.20%	5.70%	4.50%	5.7%	5.3%	-7%	-12%
Number of Construction Companies in British Columbia ( <a href="#">Canadian Business Counts, with employees, February 2022 (Stats Canada)</a> )	25,817	25,784	26,262	27,837	28,065	28,096	0%	9%
BC Construction Companies with less than 20 employees ( <a href="#">Canadian Business Counts, with employees, February 2022 (Stats Canada)</a> )	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	—	—

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BC's rank in labour productivity across Canada <a href="#">Statistics Canada, Industrial capacity utilization rates, by industry</a>	–	–	–	–	#4	#4	–	–
BC's labour productivity compared to the national average <a href="#">Statistics Canada, Industrial capacity utilization rates, by industry</a>	–	–	–	–	2%	2.1%	5%	–
Share of Value Added to the National Economy, and provincial ranking <a href="#">ICIC Construction Sector Quarterly Insights</a>	–	–	–	–	18%   #3	-	–	–
Share of Multi-Unit Residential Construction Investment Across Canada, and Provincial Ranking <a href="#">Statistics Canada, Investment in building construction</a>	–	–	–	–	23%   #2	19%   #3	-17%	–
Current Job Vacancies in Construction in BC <a href="#">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.</a>	10,810	16,575	14,210	13,760	11,555	11,555	0%	7%
Multi-Unit Residential Construction Starts - Apartment and other unit types and other unit types. 6-month rolling average <a href="#">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)</a>	27,386	34,282	37,630	40,908	36,612	35,346	-3%	29%
Number of Tower Cranes currently erected across BC <a href="#">WorksafeBC - Preliminary data NOP-TC</a>	–	–	–	–	–	400	–	–
BC's Rank of Trade Dependence on US across Canada <a href="#">Statistics Canada Canadian international merchandise trade by industry for all countries, monthly - Open Government Portal</a>	–	–	–	–	–	#3	–	–
% of BC's International Imports Coming from the US <a href="#">Statistics Canada International merchandise trade - Canadian Internal Trade Data and Information Hub, Supply and Use Tables</a>	–	–	–	–	–	35%	–	–