

# BC Construction Industry Statistics (Spring 2026)



Statistic (Source)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	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>	\$125B	\$135.4B	\$156.8B	\$170B	\$158B	\$145B	-8%	16%
Value of Proposed Construction Projects in BC <a href="#">(British Columbia Major Projects Inventory, Ministry of JTST)</a>	\$220B	\$220B	\$174B	\$166B	\$174B	\$173B	-1%	-21%
Number of Employees in BC's Construction Sector <a href="#">(Labour Force Statistics Data, Statistics Canada)</a>	212,800	236,300	218,000	243,000	267,400	264,600	-1%	24%
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>	\$62,398	\$66,101	\$72,252	\$72,200	\$83,667	\$85,488	2%	37%
Cumulative Yearly Wage of the Employees of BC's Construction Industry <a href="#">(Earnings and Employment Trends Data, Statistics Canada)</a>	\$13.3B	\$15.6B	\$15.7B	\$17.5B	\$22.4B	\$22.6B	1%	70%
Contribution by the Construction Industry to BC's GDP (%) <a href="#">(British Columbia Financial and Economic Review, Ministry of Finance)</a>	9.30%	9.70%	10.30%	10.0%	9.2%	9.2%	0%	-1%
Contribution by the Construction Industry to BC's GDP (\$) <a href="#">(British Columbia Financial and Economic Review, Ministry of Finance)</a>	\$23.0B	\$25.4B	\$27.0B	\$29.3B	\$28.5B	\$28.5B	0%	24%
# of Job Openings in BC Construction Market due to Retirements (Preliminary BuildForce Numbers, Report will be published in late Spring) <a href="#">(BuildForce Canada, LMI Reports)</a>	26,806 by '30	27,630 by '27	22,700 by '32	20,700 by '33	22,500 by '34	26,200 by '35	16%	-2%
# of Workers BC Construction will need to Recruit to meet Demand (Preliminary BuildForce Numbers, Report will be published in late Spring) <a href="#">(BuildForce Canada, LMI Reports)</a>	11,331 by '30	5,653 by '27	6,000 by '32	6,600 by '33	14,100 by '34	7,800 by '35	-45%	-31%
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>	172,045	171,470	163,900	167,300	191,200	199,900	5%	16%
% of Women in Construction Trades <i>Ministry of Post Secondary Education &amp; Future Skills - sourced through Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey 2024</i>	6.20%	5.70%	4.50%	5.7%	5.3%	6.2%	17%	0%
Number of Construction Companies in British Columbia <a href="#">(Canadian Business Counts, with employees, Dec 2025 (Stats Canada))</a>	25,784	26,262	27,837	28,065	28,225	28,173	0%	9%
BC Construction Companies with less than 20 employees <a href="#">(Canadian Business Counts, with employees, Dec 2025 (Stats Canada))</a>	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	-	-
BC's rank in labour productivity across Canada <a href="#">(Statistics Canada, Industrial capacity utilization rates, by industry)</a>	-	-	-	#4	#5	#5	-	-
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	19%   #3	0%	-
Current number of construction jobs in BC that are unfilled <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>	16,575	14,210	13,760	11,555	7,310	8,240	13%	-50%
Multi-Unit Residential Construction Starts - Apartment 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>	34,282	37,630	40,908	36,612	40,822	34,556	-15%	1%
Number of Tower Cranes currently erected across BC <i>WorksafeBC - Preliminary data NOP-TC</i>	-	-	-	400	350	380	9%	-
Residential multi-unit permits in BC (# of apartment units; 6 month rolling average) <a href="https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/45a00be0-d572-4e42-be18-1bbaaf6c85ee/resource/2c3df971-def0-48a9-916b-3b4cb22b041a/download/building_permits_monthly.xlsx">https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/45a00be0-d572-4e42-be18-1bbaaf6c85ee/resource/2c3df971-def0-48a9-916b-3b4cb22b041a/download/building_permits_monthly.xlsx</a>	2,379	3,408	3,817	3,513	3,851	2,910	-24%	22%
Value of I,C,I building permits in BC (6 month rolling average) <a href="https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/45a00be0-d572-4e42-be18-1bbaaf6c85ee/resource/2c3df971-def0-48a9-916b-3b4cb22b041a/download/building_permits_monthly.xlsx">https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/45a00be0-d572-4e42-be18-1bbaaf6c85ee/resource/2c3df971-def0-48a9-916b-3b4cb22b041a/download/building_permits_monthly.xlsx</a>	\$404M	\$810M	\$715M	\$639M	\$696M	\$801M	15%	98%
Investment in Building Construction in BC, for Q3/Q4 2025 and Provincial Rank <a href="#">(Statistics Canada. Table 34-10-0293-01 Investment in Building Construction)</a>	-	-	-	-	\$9.7B   #4	\$9.4B   #3	-	-
Cost of Construction in BC, % change for Q42025 v. Q42024 <a href="#">(Statistics Canada. Table 18-10-0289-01 Building construction price indexes, by type of building and division)</a>	-	-	-	-	up 4%   #4	up 2.5%   #8	-	-