



## Construction Industry Round Table

## Economic News

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### 12/02/2016 – October 2016 Construction Rises to \$1,172.6 Billion Annual Rate

The U.S. Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce announced today that construction spending during October 2016 was estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1,172.6 billion, 0.5 percent **above** the revised September estimate of \$1,166.5 billion. The October figure is 3.4 percent **above** the October 2015 estimate of \$1,134.4 billion. During the first 10 months of this year, construction spending amounted to \$972.2 billion, a solid 4.5 percent **above** the \$930.7 billion for the same period in 2015.

**PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION:** Spending on private construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$885.9 billion, 0.2 percent below the revised September estimate of \$887.4 billion. Residential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$466.2 billion in October, 1.6 percent **above** the revised September estimate of \$458.8 billion. Unfortunately, the slow down seems concentrated in *nonresidential* construction which was reported at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$419.6 billion in October, a sizable 2.1 percent below the revised September estimate of \$428.6 billion.

**PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION:** In October, the estimated seasonally adjusted annual rate of public construction spending was \$286.8 billion, 2.8 percent **above** the revised September estimate of \$279.1 billion. This *spike* reflects in part the beginning of the federal government's fiscal year, when new funds become available for projects. Educational construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$72.2 billion, some 4.1 percent **above** the revised September estimate of \$69.4 billion. Highway construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$91.5 billion, 1.9 percent **above** the revised September estimate of \$89.8 billion.

#### BY THE NUMBERS:

TOTAL in millions:	October 2016 \$ 1,172,638
<b>Private Sector:</b>	\$ 885,850 (76.49% of total)
Residential	\$ 466,238 (39.45%) <b>Highest \$\$ figure since Nov. 2007</b>
Nonresidential	\$ 419,612 (37.04%)
<b>Public Sector:</b>	\$ 286,788 (23.51% of total)
State/Local	\$ 263,051 (21.62%)
Federal	\$ 23,738 (01.89%) <b>An increase of 9.2% over Sept. 2016</b>

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