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APRIL 2007 CONSTRUCTION AT \$1,190.0 BILLION ANNUAL RATE

The U.S. Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce announced today that construction spending during April 2007 was estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1,190.0 billion, 0.1 percent ($\pm 1.3\%$)* above the revised March estimate of \$1,188.9 billion. The April figure is 2.0 percent ($\pm 1.9\%$) below the April 2006 estimate of \$1,214.4 billion.

During the first 4 months of this year, construction spending amounted to \$345.1 billion, 2.5 percent ($\pm 1.8\%$) below the \$353.8 billion for the same period in 2006.

PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION

Spending on private construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$898.9 billion, 0.1 percent ($\pm 1.3\%$)* below the revised March estimate of \$899.9 billion. Residential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$563.0 billion in April, 1.0 percent ($\pm 1.3\%$)* below the revised March estimate of \$568.8 billion. Nonresidential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$335.9 billion in April, 1.5 percent ($\pm 1.3\%$) above the revised March estimate of \$331.1 billion.

PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION

In April, the estimated seasonally adjusted annual rate of public construction spending was \$291.0 billion, 0.7 percent ($\pm 2.1\%$)* above the revised March estimate of \$289.1 billion. Educational construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$76.4 billion, 0.7 percent ($\pm 3.5\%$)* above the revised March estimate of \$75.9 billion. Highway construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$80.2 billion, 0.3 percent ($\pm 6.2\%$)* above the revised March estimate of \$80.0 billion.

May 2007 data will be released on June 29, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. EDT.

For more detailed data and methodologies, go to our website:

<http://www.census.gov/constructionspending>

EXPLANATORY NOTES

In interpreting changes in the statistics in this release, note that month-to-month changes in seasonally adjusted statistics often show movements which may be irregular. It may take 2 months to establish an underlying trend for total construction and as long as 8 months for specific categories of construction. The statistics in this release are estimated from several sources and surveys and are subject to sampling variability as well as nonsampling error including bias and variance from response, nonreporting, and undercoverage. Estimates of the standard errors are provided in Table 3. Whenever a statement such as "2.3 (± 3.1) percent above" appears in the text, this indicates the range (-0.8 to +5.4 percent) in which the actual percent change is likely to have occurred. All ranges given are 90 percent confidence intervals and account only for sampling variability. If a range does not contain zero, the change is statistically significant. If it does contain zero, the change is not statistically significant; that is, it is uncertain whether there was an increase or decrease. Statistics for the current month are preliminary estimates subject to revision in following months as additional data become available. The average absolute percent changes from preliminary estimate to first revision for the major seasonally adjusted components are as follows: total construction, 0.8 percent; private construction, 0.7 percent; and public construction, 1.4 percent.

In the May 2007 press release, Total, Public, and State & local construction categories will revise back to January 1993 due to a change in methodology. Private communications will revise back to January 2003; private gas pipelines and farm nonresidential will revise back to January 2004; and all other categories will revise back to January 2005.

* 90% confidence interval includes zero. The U.S. Census Bureau does not have sufficient statistical evidence to conclude that the actual change is different from zero.

Table 1. Value of Construction Put in Place in the United States, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate
(Millions of dollars. Details may not add to totals due to rounding.)

Type of Construction	Apr 2007 ^P	Mar 2007 ^F	Feb 2007 ^F	Jan 2007	Dec 2006	Apr 2006	Percent change Apr 2007 from -	
							Mar 2007	Apr 2006
Total Construction	1,189,975	1,188,941	1,181,516	1,167,129	1,173,917	1,214,449	0.1	-2.0
Residential	573,068	578,467	583,544	573,670	586,945	667,288	-0.9	-14.1
Nonresidential	616,907	610,474	597,971	593,459	586,972	547,161	1.1	12.7
Lodging	29,870	28,528	24,948	23,424	22,674	18,848	4.7	58.5
Office	63,886	63,566	62,977	62,719	61,305	51,081	0.5	25.1
Commercial	89,481	88,363	86,362	83,734	83,628	79,243	1.3	12.9
Health care	46,555	46,270	45,384	45,643	45,067	40,677	0.6	14.5
Educational	92,331	91,724	87,902	89,198	91,419	82,646	0.7	11.7
Religious	7,979	7,987	8,086	8,121	8,245	8,132	-0.1	-1.9
Public safety	13,021	13,034	12,266	12,362	11,938	11,071	-0.1	17.6
Amusement and recreation	23,322	23,898	22,475	22,310	23,157	22,595	-2.4	3.2
Transportation	31,379	30,604	31,345	31,332	30,483	29,543	2.5	6.2
Communication	18,395	18,457	18,135	17,215	16,362	15,190	-0.3	21.1
Power	40,546	39,613	39,666	38,561	42,483	40,157	2.4	1.0
Highway and street	80,617	80,347	79,315	79,899	72,727	74,770	0.3	7.8
Sewage and waste disposal	19,603	19,290	20,884	20,292	20,428	18,144	1.6	8.0
Water supply	12,630	13,106	13,284	12,695	12,629	12,212	-3.6	3.4
Conservation and development	5,655	5,597	5,709	7,174	6,381	5,493	1.0	2.9
Manufacturing	41,636	40,089	39,234	38,780	38,046	37,359	3.9	11.4
Total Private Construction ¹	898,926	899,885	896,907	879,035	893,186	948,467	-0.1	-5.2
Residential	563,013	568,779	574,280	564,563	577,607	657,807	-1.0	-14.4
Nonresidential	335,913	331,106	322,627	314,472	315,579	290,661	1.5	15.6
Lodging	28,279	27,068	23,701	22,405	21,624	18,673	4.5	51.4
Office	52,642	52,278	51,330	51,142	49,751	40,207	0.7	30.9
Commercial	84,996	83,704	81,545	78,508	78,607	74,915	1.5	13.5
Health care	34,813	34,985	34,659	35,023	34,793	31,463	-0.5	10.6
Educational	15,904	15,806	15,626	14,853	15,299	13,457	0.6	18.2
Religious	7,979	7,980	8,073	8,114	8,242	8,121	0.0	-1.7
Amusement and recreation	8,978	9,612	8,623	8,656	9,226	9,671	-6.6	-7.2
Transportation	9,310	9,134	8,999	8,866	8,054	9,002	1.9	3.4
Communication	18,293	18,359	18,061	17,103	16,272	15,115	-0.4	21.0
Power	31,925	31,159	31,523	29,802	34,211	31,516	2.5	1.3
Manufacturing	41,216	39,657	38,963	38,534	37,833	37,078	3.9	11.2
Total Public Construction ²	291,049	289,056	284,609	288,094	280,731	265,981	0.7	9.4
Residential	10,055	9,688	9,264	9,107	9,338	9,481	3.8	6.1
Nonresidential	280,994	279,368	275,345	278,987	271,393	256,500	0.6	9.5
Office	11,244	11,288	11,647	11,577	11,553	10,874	-0.4	3.4
Commercial	4,485	4,659	4,818	5,227	5,021	4,328	-3.7	3.6
Health care	11,741	11,286	10,726	10,620	10,274	9,215	4.0	27.4
Educational	76,427	75,918	72,276	74,346	76,121	69,189	0.7	10.5
Public safety	12,624	12,621	11,819	11,926	11,468	10,660	0.0	18.4
Amusement and recreation	14,345	14,287	13,852	13,654	13,931	12,924	0.4	11.0
Transportation	22,069	21,470	22,345	22,466	22,429	20,542	2.8	7.4
Power	8,621	8,454	8,143	8,760	8,272	8,641	2.0	-0.2
Highway and street	80,232	79,975	78,953	79,587	72,310	74,462	0.3	7.7
Sewage and waste disposal	19,304	19,119	20,632	20,016	20,088	17,871	1.0	8.0
Water supply	12,284	12,801	12,939	12,366	12,269	11,840	-4.0	3.8
Conservation and development	5,506	5,497	5,588	7,060	6,300	5,414	0.2	1.7

^P Preliminary ^F Revised

¹ Includes the following categories of private construction not shown separately:
public safety, highway and street, sewage and waste disposal, water supply, and conservation and development.

² Includes the following categories of public construction not shown separately:
lodging, religious, communication, and manufacturing.

Table 2. Value of Construction Put in Place in the United States, Not Seasonally Adjusted

(Millions of dollars. Details may not add to totals due to rounding.)

Type of Construction	Apr 2007 ^P	Mar 2007 ^r	Feb 2007 ^r	Jan 2007	Dec 2006	Apr 2006	Year-to-date		Percent change
							Apr 2007	Apr 2006	
Total Construction	95,295	89,707	78,924	81,162	88,475	97,285	345,088	353,830	-2.5
Residential	45,924	43,479	36,861	38,911	43,296	53,857	165,175	195,425	-15.5
Nonresidential	49,371	46,228	42,063	42,250	45,179	43,428	179,913	158,404	13.6
Lodging	2,489	2,377	2,079	1,952	1,890	1,571	8,898	5,485	62.2
Office	5,398	5,164	4,852	4,842	4,868	4,286	20,256	15,993	26.7
Commercial	7,363	7,017	6,353	6,042	6,383	6,457	26,776	24,032	11.4
Health care	3,924	3,797	3,548	3,616	3,633	3,401	14,885	12,786	16.4
Educational	7,248	6,727	6,003	6,321	6,778	6,400	26,299	24,010	9.5
Religious	642	619	604	598	651	652	2,463	2,484	-0.8
Public safety	1,059	1,003	909	952	984	887	3,922	3,399	15.4
Amusement and recreation	1,945	1,882	1,656	1,652	1,818	1,870	7,135	6,553	8.9
Transportation	2,511	2,181	2,121	2,151	2,413	2,364	8,963	8,220	9.0
Communication	1,464	1,499	1,303	1,281	1,440	1,147	5,546	4,651	19.2
Power	3,206	3,181	2,991	2,966	3,498	3,239	12,344	12,385	-0.3
Highway and street	5,787	4,693	3,952	4,036	4,528	5,297	18,467	16,510	11.9
Sewage and waste disposal	1,523	1,398	1,403	1,435	1,546	1,418	5,758	5,376	7.1
Water supply	1,037	1,014	983	933	982	1,004	3,967	3,701	7.2
Conservation and development	446	433	420	570	494	427	1,868	1,725	8.3
Manufacturing	3,331	3,246	2,887	2,903	3,274	3,008	12,366	11,095	11.5
Total Private Construction ¹	72,648	69,433	60,551	62,015	67,990	76,846	264,647	281,319	-5.9
Residential	45,099	42,714	36,182	38,239	42,548	53,097	162,234	192,645	-15.8
Nonresidential	27,549	26,719	24,368	23,776	25,442	23,749	102,413	88,674	15.5
Lodging	2,357	2,256	1,975	1,867	1,802	1,556	8,455	5,429	55.7
Office	4,452	4,262	3,982	3,934	3,953	3,376	16,631	12,609	31.9
Commercial	6,993	6,644	6,002	5,660	5,998	6,097	25,298	22,714	11.4
Health care	2,903	2,888	2,713	2,763	2,793	2,613	11,267	9,870	14.2
Educational	1,328	1,252	1,147	1,087	1,165	1,125	4,815	4,179	15.2
Religious	642	618	603	597	650	651	2,461	2,482	-0.8
Amusement and recreation	757	792	685	664	734	816	2,898	2,821	2.7
Transportation	768	641	578	619	654	748	2,606	2,561	1.8
Communication	1,455	1,491	1,297	1,271	1,433	1,141	5,514	4,641	18.8
Power	2,482	2,568	2,421	2,330	2,878	2,532	9,801	9,962	-1.6
Manufacturing	3,296	3,210	2,864	2,882	3,256	2,984	12,252	10,983	11.6
Total Public Construction ²	22,647	20,274	18,373	19,146	20,485	20,439	80,441	72,510	10.9
Residential	826	764	679	672	748	760	2,941	2,780	5.8
Nonresidential	21,822	19,510	17,695	18,474	19,737	19,679	77,500	69,730	11.1
Office	946	901	870	908	916	911	3,625	3,384	7.1
Commercial	370	374	351	383	385	360	1,478	1,318	12.1
Health care	1,021	908	836	853	840	788	3,618	2,916	24.1
Educational	5,920	5,475	4,856	5,234	5,614	5,276	21,485	19,831	8.3
Public safety	1,026	972	878	921	950	852	3,797	3,271	16.1
Amusement and recreation	1,188	1,090	971	988	1,084	1,053	4,237	3,733	13.5
Transportation	1,744	1,540	1,543	1,532	1,758	1,617	6,357	5,659	12.3
Power	724	612	570	637	621	707	2,544	2,423	5.0
Highway and street	5,760	4,670	3,928	4,015	4,499	5,276	18,373	16,421	11.9
Sewage and waste disposal	1,501	1,385	1,385	1,414	1,515	1,398	5,685	5,300	7.3
Water supply	1,013	992	964	914	957	978	3,883	3,597	8.0
Conservation and development	434	424	410	560	487	421	1,828	1,698	7.7

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² Includes the following categories of public construction not shown separately: lodging, religious, communication, and manufacturing.

Table 3. **Coefficients of Variation and Standard Errors by Type of Construction**
(Percent)

Type of Construction	Coefficient of variation		Standard error		
	Monthly estimate	Year-to-date estimate	Year-to-date change	Month-to-month change	Month-to-month change from prev. year
Total Construction	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.2
Residential	6.1	5.7	7.7	5.4	10.2
Nonresidential	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.2
Lodging	2.7	2.2	5.2	1.4	4.7
Office	2.5	2.3	3.4	1.5	3.7
Commercial	3.4	3.4	3.5	2.1	3.2
Health care	2.2	1.7	2.6	1.4	2.8
Educational	2.1	1.7	2.6	1.8	2.9
Religious	4.3	3.4	5.3	3.2	5.8
Public safety	4.5	3.8	6.2	3.3	7.2
Amusement and recreation	3.7	2.9	4.4	2.1	4.8
Transportation	2.6	2.0	3.3	2.2	3.5
Communication	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power	1.5	0.8	1.7	0.8	2.0
Highway and street	3.3	2.6	4.0	3.9	4.5
Sewage and waste disposal	3.3	2.5	3.8	3.0	5.3
Water supply	4.7	4.1	5.1	4.5	5.6
Conservation and development	4.6	4.2	4.9	4.0	4.4
Manufacturing	2.2	2.2	2.9	1.4	3.1
Total Private Construction	1.4	1.3	1.6	0.8	1.6
Residential	5.0	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.4
Nonresidential	1.4	1.3	1.6	0.8	1.6
Lodging	2.7	2.2	5.1	1.4	4.7
Office	2.9	2.7	3.8	1.7	4.2
Commercial	3.6	3.6	3.7	2.2	3.3
Health care	2.6	2.0	3.0	1.5	3.2
Educational	3.9	3.1	4.7	2.1	5.2
Religious	4.3	3.4	5.3	3.2	5.8
Amusement and recreation	5.3	3.5	5.4	2.4	6.2
Transportation	8.6	7.5	14.3	6.8	18.4
Communication	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power	1.2	0.4	1.1	0.3	1.3
Manufacturing	2.2	2.0	2.9	1.4	3.0
Total Public Construction	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.8
Residential	6.1	5.7	7.7	5.4	10.2
Nonresidential	1.4	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.8
Office	4.0	3.4	5.6	2.4	6.1
Commercial	5.9	5.1	6.7	3.8	7.2
Health care	3.2	2.5	5.4	2.5	6.7
Educational	2.4	1.9	2.9	2.2	3.3
Public safety	4.6	3.9	6.6	3.4	7.7
Amusement and recreation	5.1	4.6	7.1	3.4	7.1
Transportation	2.7	2.0	3.3	2.3	3.4
Power	5.0	3.8	5.5	4.5	6.2
Highway and street	3.4	2.6	4.0	3.9	4.5
Sewage and waste disposal	3.4	2.5	3.9	3.0	5.4
Water supply	4.8	4.2	5.2	4.6	5.8
Conservation and development	4.7	4.3	4.9	4.0	4.3

NA Not applicable