

CONSTRUCTION:

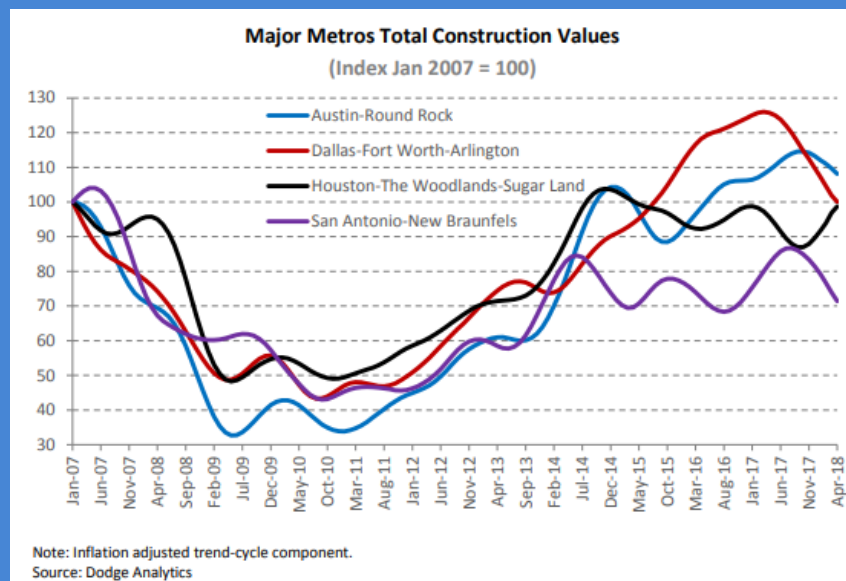
Why does it cost so much?

Why does it take so long?

Why can I not hire my own contractor?

1. LOCAL CONSTRUCTION

The demand for all types of buildings in DFW has increased drastically since 2010, increasing cost and decreasing contractor availability for construction.



2. CODES AND STANDARDS

University buildings are impacted by more codes and standards than other commercial buildings. This includes State, Federal and University requirements for:

- Fire Protection
- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Historically Underutilized Business (HUB)
- State Procurement
- Energy Conservation
- Accessibility
- Life Safety
- Safety
- Plumbing

3. CONSTRAINTS

Campus Construction has significant constraints which force projects to have extended schedules.

- Complex phasing to accommodate class/faculty schedules
- Noise and utility interruption limitations
- Restricted access
- Limited space for staging and parking
- Cleanliness requirements
- Extra site security and safety requirements
- Consistent systems and materials

4. AND MORE!

COMPLEXITY

University projects include technical, lab and heavily utilized spaces that increase complexity of infrastructure and support.

DURABILITY

University buildings must be built to last for much longer than typical commercial buildings.

BONDING

Insurance and bonding must be provided for University projects to meet legislative requirements.