

# BC Construction Industry Statistics (2017)



Statistic (Source)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	5 Year Trend
Value of Current Construction Projects Underway in BC <i>(British Columbia Major Projects Inventory, Ministry of JTST)</i>	\$85.7B	\$84.1B	\$81.7B	\$77.4B	\$75.1B	-12%
Value of Proposed Construction Projects in BC <i>(British Columbia Major Projects Inventory, Ministry of JTST)</i>	\$164B	\$206B	\$296B	\$329B	\$325B	98%
Number of Employees in BC's Construction Sector <i>(Labour Force Statistics Data, Statistics Canada)</i>	204,400	200,500	201,500	210,100	225,500	10%
Construction's Rank as an Employer in BC's Goods Sector <i>(Labour Force Statistics Data, Statistics Canada)</i>	#1	#1	#1	#1	#1	-
Annual Wage of a BC Construction Worker <i>(Earnings and Employment Trends Data, Statistics Canada)</i>	\$55,900	\$56,500	\$56,100	\$57,700	\$58,500	5%
Cumulative Yearly Wage of the Employees of BC's Construction Industry <i>(Statistics Canada)</i>	\$11.4B	\$11.3B	\$11.3B	\$12.1B	\$13.2B	16%
Contribution by the Construction Industry to BC's GDP (%) <i>(British Columbia Financial and Economic Review, Ministry of Finance)</i>	8.10%	7.90%	8.10%	8.20%	8.60%	6%
Contribution by the Construction Industry to BC's GDP (\$) <i>(British Columbia Financial and Economic Review, Ministry of Finance)</i>	\$15.5B	\$15.6B	\$16.5B	\$17.1B	\$18.8B	21%
Number of Job Openings in BC Construction Market due to Retirements & Expansion <i>(Construction and Maintenance Looking Forward, BuildForce Canada)</i>	54,500 by '21	49,800 by '23	58,000 by '24	32,000 by '25	30,000 by '26	-45%
Number of Workers BC Construction will need to Recruit to meet Demand <i>(Construction and Maintenance Looking Forward, BuildForce Canada)</i>	30,500 by '21	26,100 by '23	25,400 by '24	15,000 by '25	14,200 by '26	-53%
BC Unemployment Rate and # of Unemployed Youth (15-24yrs old) <i>(Labour Force Statistics Data, Statistics Canada)</i>	13.3% (47,100)	11.5% (41,300)	11.7% (42,200)	11.4% (42,100)	9.2% (35,600)	-31%
BC High School Graduates who Entered Trades Programs within One Year of Graduation <i>(Student Transitions Project, Ministry of Advanced Education &amp; Eligible Grade 12 Graduates, Ministry of Education)</i>	n/a	1 in 29	1 in 24	1 in 23	1 in 23	26%* (4yr)
BC High School Grads who Entered Construction Trades Programs within 1 Year of Grad <i>(Student Transitions Project, Ministry of Advanced Education &amp; Eligible Grade 12 Graduates, Ministry of Education)</i>	n/a	1 in 85	1 in 72	1 in 69	1 in 70	21%* (4yr)
Number of Construction Companies in British Columbia <i>(Custom Report prepared by BC Stats for BCCA)</i>	21,126	22,306	21,959	22,449	23,569	12%
BC Construction Companies with less than 20 employees <i>(Custom Report prepared by BC Stats for BCCA)</i>	93%	93%	92%	92%	92%	-1%