



Construction Industry Round Table

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9/01/10 July 2010 Construction Spending Slides to Just \$805.2 Billion Annual Rate

The U.S. Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce announced today that construction spending during July 2010 was estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$805.2 billion, 1.0 percent below the revised June estimate of \$813.1 billion. The July figure is 10.7 percent below the July 2009 estimate of \$901.2 billion. During the first 7 months of this year, construction spending amounted to \$460.3 billion, 11.8 percent below the \$522.0 billion for the same period in 2009. The downward adjustments for both May and June were very substantial and worrisome. June was revised down \$22.9 billion (or 2.7%) and May was revised down \$15.1 billion (or 1.8%).

PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION: Spending on private construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$506.4 billion, 0.8 percent below the revised June estimate of \$510.7 billion. Residential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$240.3 billion in July, 2.6 percent below the revised June estimate of \$246.7 billion. Nonresidential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$266.1 billion in July, 0.8 percent **above** the revised June estimate of \$264.0 billion.

PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION: In July, the estimated seasonally adjusted annual rate of public construction spending was \$298.8 billion, 1.2 percent below the revised June estimate of \$302.4 billion. Educational construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$73.0 billion, 0.1 percent below the revised June estimate of \$73.1 billion. Highway construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$76.8 billion, 2.9 percent below the revised June estimate of \$79.1 billion. The overall slowing in the Public Sector spending may reflect the waning impact of new "stimulus dollars" and the clear indication that many state budgets are being sorely tested.

BY THE NUMBERS:

TOTAL in millions:	July 2010 \$805,159
Private Sector:	\$ 506,359 (62.89% of total)
Residential	\$ 240,251 (29.84%)
Nonresidential	\$ 266,108 (33.05%)
Public Sector:	\$ 298,801 (37.11% of total) New % age high
State/Local	\$ 269,686 (33.50%)
Federal	\$ 29,115 (03.61%)