

# **Business News**

## 04/01/2024 - February Construction Spending Falters

Construction spending during February 2024 was estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$2,091.5 billion, 0.3 percent <u>below</u> the <u>downward revised</u> January estimate of \$2,096.9 billion. The February figure is 10.7 percent **above** the February 2023 estimate of \$1,889.6 billion. Nearly all of the slowdowns came from decreased activity in the public market segment. During the first two months of this year, construction spending amounted to \$298.1 billion, 11.9 percent **above** the \$266.5 billion for the same period in 2023.

#### **Private Construction**

Spending on private construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1,617.1 billion, virtually unchanged from the *revised* January estimate of \$1,616.8 billion. Residential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$901.1 billion in February, 0.7 percent **above** the *revised* January estimate of \$894.5 billion. Nonresidential construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$716.0 billion in February, 0.9 percent <u>below</u> the *revised* January estimate of \$722.3 billion.

### **Public Construction**

In February, the estimated seasonally adjusted annual rate of public construction spending was \$474.4 billion, 1.2 percent <u>below</u> the *revised* January estimate of \$480.1 billion. Educational construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$100.5 billion, 1.8 percent <u>below</u> the *revised* January estimate of \$102.3 billion. Highway construction was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$147.3 billion, 1.6 percent <u>below</u> the *revised* January estimate of \$149.7 billion.

## BY THE NUMBERS:

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TOTAL			FEBRUARY 2024	
in millions:			\$ 2,091,511	
Private Sector:	\$	1,617,104 (77.32% of total)	Continues under 80%	
Residential	\$	901,086 (43.08%)		
Nonresidential	\$	716,018 (34.24%)		
Public Sector:	\$	474,407 (22.68% of total)		
State/Local	\$	438,817 (20.98%)		
Federal	\$	35,590 ( 1.70%)		

