

## U.S. Construction Statistics: May

### Housing Starts

	U.S. Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
May <sup>p</sup>	383	103	232	763	368
April	405	115	237	764	381
May 2006 from April 2006	-5.2%	-10.4%	-2.1%	-0.1%	-3.4%
May 2006 from May 2005	6.4%	-18.3%	-16.8%	-5.5%	-19.5%

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### Construction Spending

	% Change to May 2006				
	May 2006 <sup>p</sup>	Apr 2006 <sup>r</sup>	May 2005	April 2006	May 2005
<b>Total Public Construction</b>	266,823	265,085	245,577	0.7	8.7
Residential	8,963	9,233	8,201	-2.9	9.3
Nonresidential	257,860	255,852	237,376	0.8	8.6
Office	10,808	10,899	10,366	-0.8	4.3
Commercial	4,213	4,481	4,579	-6.0	-8.0
Health care	9,514	9,131	9,600	4.2	-0.9
Educational	69,132	68,804	67,275	0.5	2.8
Public safety	11,014	10,700	9,095	2.9	21.1
Amusement & recreation	12,446	12,391	11,135	0.4	11.8
Transportation	20,277	20,149	18,561	0.6	9.2
Power	8,521	8,815	9,635	-3.3	-11.6
Highway and street	74,665	74,614	64,191	0.1	16.3
Sewage & waste disposal	18,342	17,958	16,334	2.1	12.3
Water supply	12,407	11,702	11,507	6.0	7.8
Conservation & development	5,988	5,714	4,774	4.8	25.4
<b>Total Private Construction</b>	939,386	945,427	891,880	-0.6	5.3
Residential (inc. Improvements)	651,159	656,465	636,039	-0.8	2.4
Nonresidential	288,226	288,962	255,841	-0.3	12.7
Lodging	18,331	18,192	12,132	0.8	51.1
Office	40,397	40,298	37,133	0.2	8.8
Commercial (inc. Farm)	73,416	74,037	69,680	-0.8	5.4
Health Care	31,669	31,336	26,768	1.1	18.3
Educational	13,217	13,445	12,702	-1.7	4.1
Religious	8,339	8,189	7,646	1.8	9.1
Amusement & Recreation	8,755	8,683	7,329	0.8	19.5
Transportation	9,238	9,093	7,399	1.6	24.9
Communication	14,712	14,977	13,706	-1.8	7.3
Power (inc. Gas and Oil)	30,159	30,105	31,018	0.2	-2.8
Manufacturing	38,507	39,174	28,919	-1.7	33.2

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<sup>p</sup> Preliminary    <sup>r</sup> Revised

**Note:** Total private construction includes the following categories of construction not shown separately: public safety, highway and street, sewage and waste disposal, water supply, and conservation and development. Total public construction includes the following categories of construction not shown separately: lodging, religious, communication, and manufacturing. SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE