



U.S. gross domestic product (GDP)—the value of all goods and services produced in the country—totalled \$29 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate in the 2nd quarter of 2024; construction contributed \$1.3 trillion (4.5%). In North Dakota, construction contributed \$4 billion (5.4%) of the state’s GDP of \$76 billion. There were 943,000 construction establishments in the U.S. in the 1st quarter of 2024, including 3,800 in North Dakota. (An establishment is a fixed business location; about 99% of construction firms have only one establishment.)

Nonresidential spending in the U.S. totalled \$1.1 trillion in 2023 (\$706 billion private, \$440 billion public). Residential construction spending in the U.S. totalled \$878 billion (\$400 billion single-family, \$136 billion multifamily, \$331 billion improvements, \$11 billion public). Private nonresidential spending in North Dakota totalled \$2 billion in 2023. State and local spending totalled \$2 billion. (Totals are not available for residential, railroad, power, communication, or federal construction.)

Construction (residential + nonresidential) employed 8.3 million workers in August 2024, an increase of 228,000 (2.8%) from August 2023 and an increase of 8.7% from February 2020, the peak pre-pandemic month. Construction employment in North Dakota in August 2024 totalled 107,300 (8.7%) from February 2020, the peak pre-pandemic month.

