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BC CONSTRUCTION STAT PACK FALL 2026

$172B (BC) ↑
$6B (Vancouver Island) ↓
Value of **current** construction projects

$93B (BC) ↓
$3B (Vancouver Island) ↓
Value of **proposed** construction projects

30,767 ↓
Multi-unit residential housing starts in BC (6 month rolling average)

3,592 ↓
Multi-unit residential permits in BC (# of units; 6 month rolling average)

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONSTRUCTION RANK ACROSS CANADA

#4 ↑
In labour productivity

20% ↑ **#3**
BC's multi-unit residential construction investment share in Canada

$6.1B ↓ **#3**
Investment in building construction in BC

+1% ↓ **#9**
YOY change in cost of construction in BC, Q2 2026

INDUSTRY & WORKFORCE TRENDS

Number of construction companies in BC (92% have less than 20 employees)

28,020 ↓



Current number of construction jobs in BC that are unfilled

6,770 ↓



Value of industrial, commercial, and institutional building permits in BC (6 month rolling average)

$1.1B ↑



Number of tower cranes currently erected across BC

349 ↓



BC's construction labour force

273,000 ↑



Number of trades workers in BC's construction labour force

199,900



Percentage of the construction trades workforce in BC that is female (# of women in the construction trades is 12,394)

6.2%



Average yearly wage of BC construction employees ($22.4B cumulative yearly wage)

$84,353 ↓



Construction is the **#1** employer in BC's goods sector, contributing **8.9%** of BC's GDP

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British Columbia's construction industry is facing growing economic uncertainty, with slowing construction, fewer job opportunities, and increasing pressure on businesses. For the first time since the COVID-19 era, the number of construction companies in BC has declined, with 205 businesses closing their doors. This has a significant impact on the construction workforce, as fewer employment opportunities and reduced hiring threaten workforce stability and the industry's ability to retain skilled workers.

Multi-unit residential construction continues to slow, with both housing starts and permits trending downward. However, rising industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) building permits offer some positive signs of continued investment.

The provincial government's decision to discontinue the Major Projects Inventory has also created a concerning gap in transparency. The loss of consistent reporting prevents direct comparisons with previous project trends and limits the industry's ability to plan with confidence.

As BC enters a new chapter of provincial leadership, BCCA continues to call for greater transparency and a predictable long-term infrastructure pipeline. Restoring certainty and business confidence will be critical to protecting jobs, supporting investment, and ensuring BC's construction industry can continue to build the province's future.

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