



CONSTRUCTION IN WASHINGTON STATE



Construction's Tax Contributions

- Construction businesses paid 21% (\$4 billion) of all state sales and B&O taxes in 2021.
- Construction businesses paid more than \$3.4 billion in state sales taxes—26% of the state total—a greater share than manufacturing (2%), services (22%), transportation/information/utilities (4%) and wholesale trade (6%).
- Construction businesses paid more than \$558 million in state B&O taxes—10% of the state's total.
- Construction firms paid more than \$2.5 billion in local sales taxes.

Sources: University of Washington, Employment Security Department, Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, AGC of America survey



Great Jobs Excellent Wages More Opportunities

- More than 286,600 people—10% of the private-sector workforce—were employed in construction (including services and suppliers) in 2021. Construction employment in Washington State was 4.3% higher than in 2020.
- Construction-worker pay averages \$68,740 (carpenters average \$66,260; electricians \$79,050; construction supervisors \$112,770; plumbers \$79,390; equipment operators \$66,560; laborers \$54,550).
- Total construction payroll in 2021 was almost \$21.3 billion—9.8% of total payroll for all industries.
- 91% of Washington's construction firms report difficulty in attracting craft workers.



Construction's Positive Multiplier Effect

- For each \$1 invested in new construction, an additional \$2.09 in economic activity is generated for the state economy.
- For each \$1 invested in new construction, earnings increase by 58 cents for *all* households—not just those employed in construction.

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