

Q2 2023

SWINERTON 
Quarterly Market Analysis



County of Orange Civic Center, County Administration North, Santa Ana, CA

Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)

Over the last year, Swinerton has been keenly focused on the rise of Public-Private Partnerships, known as PPP or P3, in the civic and energy markets. Public-Private Partnerships offer counties, cities, and other government jurisdictions comprehensive solutions for the design, planning and development, construction, and operations of public projects, as well as access to alternative financing options, greater cost certainty for stakeholders, developer staff expertise, and value creation.

Griffin Swinerton is leading the development, financing, construction, and management of public facilities utilizing the PPP development method nationwide. The team's expertise has led to several high-profile social infrastructure successes, from the recently awarded Downtown East, a 29-acre development in Texas for the City of Pflugerville, and the McKinney National Airport Expansion in McKinney, TX, to the recently completed County Administration North, a new six-story civic center for the County of Orange in Santa Ana, CA.



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Market Analysis

The economic, financial, and political landscapes have remained relatively unchanged since the beginning of 2023.

In the United States, the seasonally adjusted Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 1.1% in the first quarter, while inflation dropped significantly and the headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate fell below 5%. Meanwhile, the conflict in Ukraine continues to occupy world news headlines.

As detailed on page two of this publication, major construction indexes suggest improvements. Swinerton's internal material lead time research indicates that procurement durations decreased or remained steady in 79% of monitored items. This trend correlates with ENR's seasonally adjusted Building Cost Index, which is now half of what it was in the first quarter. It's fair to believe that this trend reflects the slight increase in construction confidence as the economy seeks to find equilibrium.

Swinerton Primed for Growth in Dallas

Swinerton's Dallas team recently relocated to its new office space in the up-and-coming East Quarter neighborhood. This move demonstrates our commitment to investing in and expanding the Dallas market. The city drives a strong and diversified economy, which is propelling job growth and construction starts. In a 2022 [Dodge Data & Analytics study](#), the Dallas-Fort Worth area ranked second in commercial and multi-family construction starts.

Building on the solid momentum of the region, our Dallas office is poised for continued growth through 2024 with its healthy backlog. Currently, Swinerton is engaged in preconstruction work on a hangar at the McKinney National Airport. In addition to recently completing its new office space, the Dallas team is working within the technology, luxury, high-rise, office, and residential markets.



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Facility Solutions: No Job is Too Small

Born from client demand for a reliable full-service partner, Facility Solutions delivers cost-effective and scalable service programs to maximize the quality of commercial real estate assets. From simple facility enhancements and repairs to minor renovations, our highly trained service technicians collaborate with owners and property managers to customize our services for each unique need. We partner on single renovations and establish ongoing building maintenance programs on a variety of corporate offices, retail spaces, distribution centers, critical facilities, and airports to ensure our clients' buildings stay up to date, are code compliant, and remain operationally efficient.

Facility Solutions provides a seamless transition between initial construction, building improvements, renovations, and maintenance. No job is too small; the Facility Solutions team supports our clients' service needs for the full life cycle of their building.



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Material Price Adjustments 2020 to 2023

SOURCES: IHS GLOBAL INSIGHTS, ENR, & BLS
NOTE: ESCALATIONS ARE ANNUAL AVERAGES

	2020	2021	2022	YEAR TO DATE 2023
ASPHALT PAVING	-3.1	3.6	16.9	12.0
CEMENT	1.1	4.0	9.7	5.9
REINFORCING BARS	-10.2	54.3	15.8	-8.7
CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY	1.8	4.5	10.5	3.9
FABRICATED PIPE	-0.3	17.7	15.4	4.0
GYPSUM PRODUCTS	0.3	15.9	17.9	0.4
LUMBER, SOFTWOOD	30.1	41.9	-5.4	-1.7
PLYWOOD	13.0	46.2	-1.9	-2.5
AGGREGATES	4.5	4.0	10.1	5.4
SHEET-METAL WORK	-0.3	11.7	9.5	-0.3
STRUCTURAL STEEL	-2.3	26.7	7.3	0.2

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Total Construction Spending SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, MAY 1, 2023

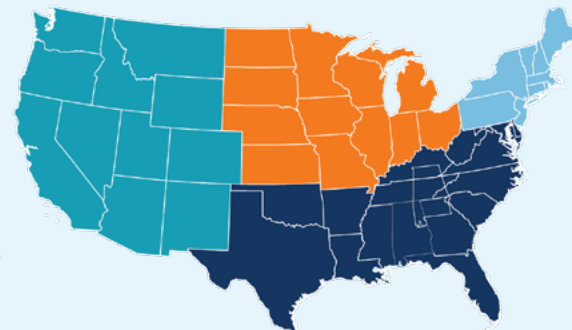
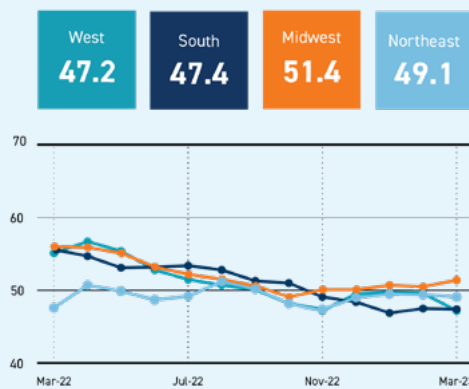


Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR)
Millions of Dollars

— TOTAL
— PRIVATE
— PUBLIC

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AIA Architectural Billings Index (ABI) SOURCE: AIA



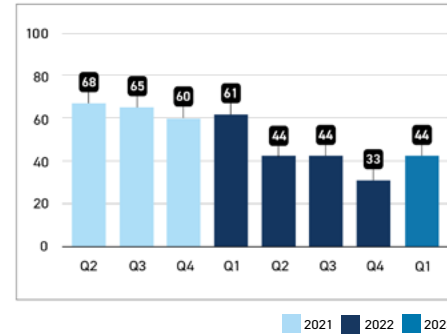
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The Architecture Billings Index (ABI) is a leading economic indicator that leads nonresidential construction activity by approximately 9–12 months. A score of 50 equals no change from the previous month. Above 50 shows increase; below 50 shows decrease. 3-month moving average.

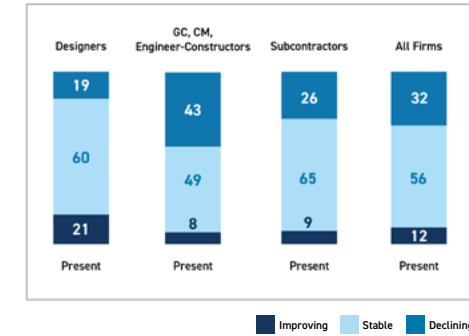
Construction Confidence SOURCE: ENR/BNP MEDIA

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Quarterly Cost Report Confidence Index



How Different Types of Firms View the Overall Market



Building Cost Index SOURCE: ENR



1913=100	INDEX VALUE	MONTH	YEAR
BUILDING COST	8054.43	+0.7%	+3.5%
SKILLED LABOR	11662.68	+1.9%	+4.8%
WAGE \$/HR.	64.46	+1.9%	+4.8%

The Building Cost Index was up 3.5% on an annual basis, while the monthly component rose 0.7%.

HOW ENR BUILDS THE INDEX

68.38 hours of skilled labor at the 20-city average of bricklayer, carpenter, and structural ironworker rates, plus 25 cwt of standard structural steel shapes at the mill price prior to 1996 and the fabricated 20-city price from 1996, plus 1.128 tons of portland cement at the 20-city price, plus 1,088 board feet of 2 x 4 lumber at the 20-city price.

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Construction Cost Index SOURCE: ENR



1913=100	INDEX VALUE	MONTH	YEAR
CONSTRUCTION COST	13288.27	+0.4%	+2.2%
COMMON LABOR	25030.16	+0.9%	+2.1%
WAGE \$/HR.	48.18	+0.9%	+2.1%

The Construction Cost Index was up 2.2% on an annual basis, while the monthly component rose 0.4%.

HOW ENR BUILDS THE INDEX

200 hours of common labor at the 20-city average of common labor rates, plus 25 cwt of standard structural steel shapes at the mill price prior to 1996 and the fabricated 20-city price from 1996, plus 1.128 tons of portland cement at the 20-city price, plus 1,088 board feet of 2 x 4 lumber at the 20-city price.

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Lead Times TREND: ■ UP ■ DOWN ■ NO CHANGE

B SHELL	
<i>B10 Superstructure</i>	
Typical Wide-Flange	up to 12 weeks
Metal Decking	up to 10 weeks
<i>B20 Exterior Vertical Enclosures</i>	
CMU	up to 12 weeks
Window Wall	up to 20 weeks
Curtain Wall	up to 24 weeks
Glass Handrail	up to 10 weeks
Metal Panel, Custom Color	up to 10 weeks
<i>B30 Exterior Horizontal Enclosures</i>	
Roofing	up to 32 weeks
Polyiso Insulation	up to 48 weeks
C INTERIORS	
<i>C10 Interior Construction</i>	
Insulation, Mineral Wool	up to 33 weeks
<i>C20 Interior Finishes</i>	
Acoustical Tile	up to 10 weeks
Acoustical Grid	up to 12 weeks
D SERVICES	
<i>D10 Conveying</i>	
Traction Elevators	up to 38 weeks
Hydraulic Elevators	up to 22 weeks
<i>D30 HVAC</i>	
Cooling Towers	up to 29 weeks
Air-Cooled Chillers	19–46 weeks
Centrifugal Chillers	18–35 weeks
Air Handling Units	16–40 weeks
Package A/C Units	4–46 weeks
Boilers	3–32 weeks
VRF Systems	6–24 weeks
Humidifiers	6–18 weeks
Pumps	up to 12 weeks
VAVs	up to 12 weeks
FCUs	9–16 weeks
FSDs	up to 10 weeks
High Plume Lab Fans	up to 30 weeks
Utility Set Fans	up to 26 weeks
Inline Fans	5–26 weeks
VFDs	3–32 weeks
Inline Pumps	up to 8 weeks
End Suction Pumps	up to 16 weeks
Split Case Pumps	up to 16 weeks
<i>D50 Electrical</i>	
Generators	35–70 weeks
MV Switchgear	48–82 weeks
LV Switchboards	30–85 weeks
Substations	40–75 weeks
Distributions Panelboards	13–54 weeks
Wall Mounted Panelboards	14–40 weeks
MV Liquid-filled Transformers	42–85 weeks
MV Dry Type Transformers	20–40 weeks
LV Transformers	8–36 weeks
Uninterruptible Power Supply, up to 1MW	4–50 weeks
Uninterruptible Power Supply, 1.2–2MW	24–70 weeks
E EQUIPMENT AND FINISHING	
<i>E10 Equipment</i>	
Appliances	up to 50 weeks
G SITEWORK	
<i>G30 Site Utilities</i>	
DI Pipe	up to 24 weeks
DI Fittings	up to 4 weeks
Valves	up to 8 weeks
Hydrants	up to 18 weeks
DD Checks	up to 8 weeks
RCP	up to 4 weeks
Site Energy & Fuel	up to 16 weeks

NOTE: LEAD TIMES VARY DEPENDING ON THE MANUFACTURER