

**6.—Value of Construction Work Performed by Contractors and Others 1953-56**

NOTE.—Actual 1953 and 1954; preliminary 1955; intentions 1956.

(Millions of Dollars)

Item	1953	1954	1955	1956
<b>Contract Construction</b> .....	<b>3,358</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>4,007</b>	<b>4,798</b>
New .....	2,995	3,011	3,598	4,359
Repair.....	363	371	409	439
<b>Other Construction<sup>1</sup></b> .....	<b>1,281</b>	<b>1,341</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>1,473</b>
New .....	670	689	676	802
Repair.....	611	652	603	671
<b>Totals, Construction</b> .....	<b>4,640</b>	<b>4,723</b>	<b>5,286</b>	<b>6,271</b>
New .....	3,666	3,700	4,274	5,161
Repair.....	974	1,023	1,012	1,110

<sup>1</sup> Work done by the labour forces of utilities, manufacturing, mining and logging firms and government departments, home-owner builders and other persons or firms not primarily engaged in the construction industry.

Most of the increase in construction in 1956 is expected to occur in the engineering category as will be seen from the figures of Table 7. The largest advances will be in gas and oil facilities which are expected to show an increase of \$149,000,000 and in electric power construction which will be up by \$131,000,000. However all the engineering categories are set at higher amounts for 1956.

In building construction, industrial building is expected to register the greatest increase; that category is estimated at \$554,000,000 in 1956 as compared with an estimated \$409,000,000 in 1955. All other building categories also show substantial gains and housing continues to account for about 30 p.c. of total construction—29·6 p.c. in 1954, 32·8 p.c. in 1955 and 29·1 p.c. in 1956.

**7.—Value of Construction Work Performed by Principal Type 1953-56**

NOTE.—Actual 1953 and 1954; preliminary 1955; intentions 1956.

(Millions of Dollars)

Type of Construction	1953		1954		1955		1956	
	Value	P.C. of Total						
<b>Building Construction</b> .....	<b>2,812</b>	<b>60·6</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>61·7</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>63·8</b>	<b>3,746</b>	<b>59·7</b>
Residential.....	1,297	28·0	1,400	29·6	1,734	32·8	1,826	29·1
Industrial.....	402	8·7	364	7·7	409	7·7	554	8·8
Commercial.....	502	10·8	546	11·6	530	10·0	600	9·6
Institutional.....	343	7·4	377	8·0	461	8·7	509	8·1
Other.....	268	5·8	227	4·8	240	4·6	257	4·1
<b>Engineering Construction</b> .....	<b>1,828</b>	<b>39·4</b>	<b>1,809</b>	<b>38·3</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>36·2</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>40·3</b>
Marine.....	76	1·6	72	1·5	77	1·5	137	2·2
Road, highway and aerodrome.....	457	9·9	473	10·0	508	9·6	596	9·5
Waterworks and sewage.....	135	2·9	183	3·9	182	3·4	209	3·3
Dams and irrigation.....	66	1·4	33	0·7	30	0·6	59	1·0
Electric power.....	338	7·3	322	6·8	328	6·2	459	7·3
Railway, telephone and telegraph.....	317	6·8	295	6·3	311	5·9	386	6·2
Gas and oil facilities.....	253	5·5	270	5·7	310	5·9	459	7·3
Other.....	186	4·0	161	3·4	166	3·1	220	3·5
<b>Totals, Construction</b> .....	<b>4,640</b>	<b>100·0</b>	<b>4,723</b>	<b>100·0</b>	<b>5,286</b>	<b>100·0</b>	<b>6,271</b>	<b>100·0</b>

Changes in the pattern of the construction program showing where shifts within the program have occurred from year to year are given in Table 8.