

Table 5 shows construction, both new and repair, in constant as well as current dollars. It is interesting to note that in 1956 construction work accounted for over one-fifth of the gross national product. The slight differences between these figures and the corresponding figures of Section 1 are accounted for by rounding and minor revisions.

5.—Value of Construction Work Performed, Current and Constant (1949) Dollars 1948-57

NOTE.—Actual 1948-55; preliminary 1956; intentions 1957.

(Millions of dollars)

Year	New Construction		Repair Construction		Total Construction		Total Construction as P.C. of Gross National Product	
	Current	Constant	Current	Constant	Current	Constant	Current	Constant
1948.....	1,877	1,947	694	720	2,571	2,667	16.5	17.0
1949 ¹	2,124	2,124	732	732	2,856	2,856	17.3	17.5
1950.....	2,366	2,247	766	727	3,132	2,974	17.2	17.2
1951.....	2,734	2,308	927	783	3,661	3,091	17.0	16.9
1952.....	3,282	2,616	916	730	4,198	3,346	18.0	17.1
1953.....	3,666	2,824	974	749	4,640	3,573	19.0	17.6
1954.....	3,700	2,852	1,023	787	4,723	3,639	19.6	18.5
1955.....	4,270	3,206	1,041	779	5,311	3,985	19.8	18.5
1956.....	5,260	3,730	1,129	798	6,389	4,528	21.2	15.0
1957.....	5,563	.	1,139	..	6,702			

¹ Newfoundland included from 1949.

Table 6, which compares contract construction with other construction, illustrates that contractors are accounting for a greater proportion of the work each year; in 1954 they handled 72 p.c. of all work; in 1955, 73 p.c.; in 1956, 76 p.c.; and in 1957, 77 p.c. This trend is apparent in both new and repair work.

6.—Value of Construction Work Performed by Contractors and Others 1954-57

NOTE.—Actual 1954 and 1955; preliminary 1956; intentions 1957.

(Millions of dollars)

Item	1954	1955	1956	1957
Contract Construction	3,382	3,876	4,849	5,141
New.....	3,011	3,484	4,388	4,659
Repair.....	371	392	461	482
Other Construction¹	1,341	1,435	1,540	1,561
New.....	689	786	872	904
Repair.....	652	649	668	657
Totals, Construction	4,723	5,311	6,389	6,702
New.....	3,700	4,270	5,260	5,563
Repair.....	1,023	1,041	1,129	1,139

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

The estimated increase in construction in 1957, a moderate 5 p.c., was low because of an anticipated drop in residential construction. Estimates for most other principal types of construction—electric power construction, gas and oil facilities, commercial and institutional construction—were substantially higher as shown in Table 7.