

New orders in the construction industry, May 2009



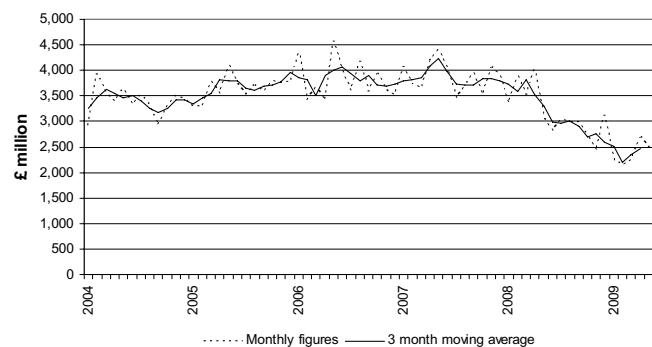
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Orders in the three months to May 2009 fell by 1 per cent compared with the previous three month period. Orders in the 12 months to May 2009 fell 28 per cent compared with the previous 12 months and orders in three months to May 2009 fell by 30 per cent compared with the same period a year earlier. In the

three months to May 2009 compared with the same period a year earlier, private housing orders fell by 37 per cent and public and housing association housing orders fell by 15 per cent. All orders figures quoted are seasonally adjusted and in constant (2005) prices.

All orders for new construction



Orders for new construction

(constant (2005) prices, seasonally adjusted)

		Public housing	Private housing	Infra-structure	Public non-housing	Private industrial	Private commercial	All Orders
<i>£ million</i>								
2007		2,644	12,004	4,987	6,483	3,151	17,525	46,794
2008		2,188	6,869	5,858	8,094	2,287	12,709	38,004
2008	Q1	512	2,291	1,676	1,941	687	3,689	10,794
2008	Q2	602	1,962	1,425	2,047	499	3,376	9,909
2008	Q3	608	1,309	1,238	2,130	589	3,159	9,036
2008	Q4	466	1,306	1,519	1,976	512	2,484	8,265
2009	Q1 r	407	1,058	1,744	1,453	279	1,677	6,618
2008	Dec	94	518	967	643	168	740	3,128
2009	Jan	100	353	703	411	53	629	2,251
2009	Feb	147	306	414	557	124	588	2,136
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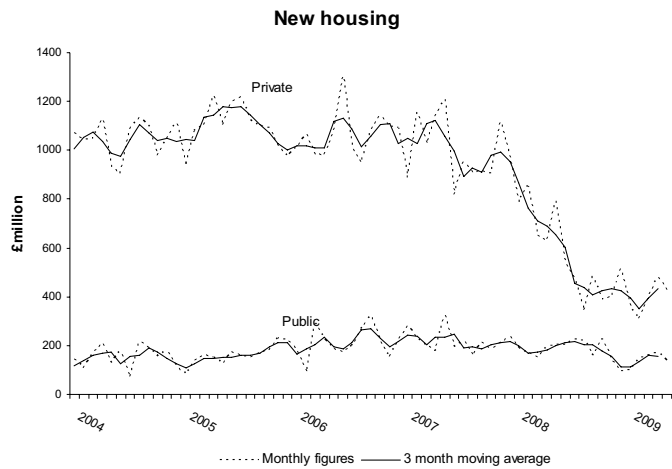
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Private and public housing

Private housing orders in the three months to May 2009 rose by 11 per cent compared with the previous three month period, but fell by 37 per cent compared with the same three month period a year earlier. Private housing orders in the year to May 2009 fell by 50 per cent compared with those in the previous 12 months.

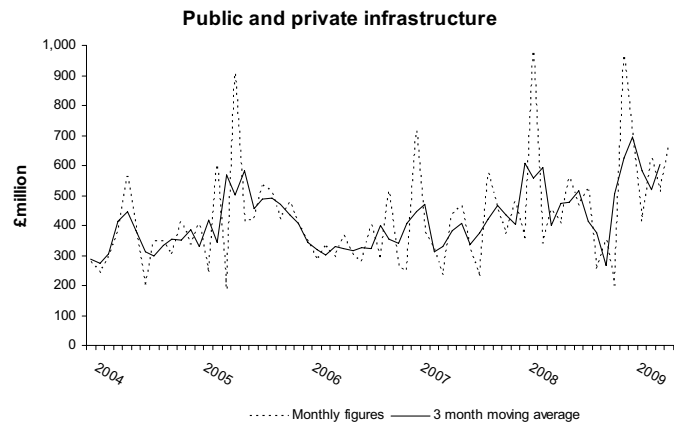
Public housing and housing association orders in the three months to May 2009

rose by 37 per cent compared with the previous three month period, but fell by 15 per cent when compared with the same three month period a year earlier. Public housing and housing association orders fell by 15 per cent in the 12 months to May 2009 compared with the previous 12 months. All comparisons in this sector are affected by large variations due to its relatively small size.



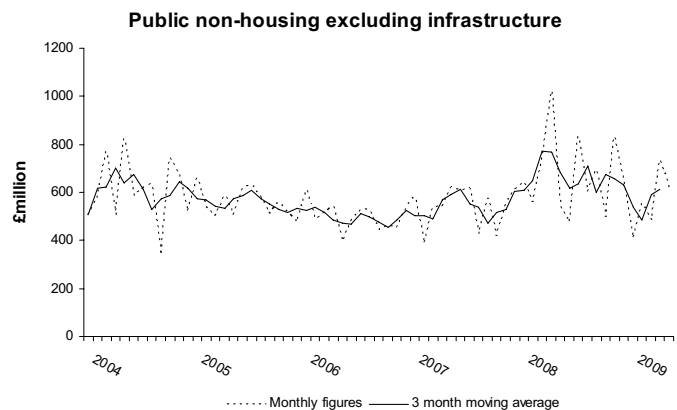
Private and public infrastructure

Infrastructure orders in the three months to May 2009 fell by 13 per cent compared with the previous three month period, but rose by 50 per cent when compared with the same three month period a year earlier. Orders in the year to May 2009 rose by 15 per cent compared with the previous 12 months.



Public non-housing

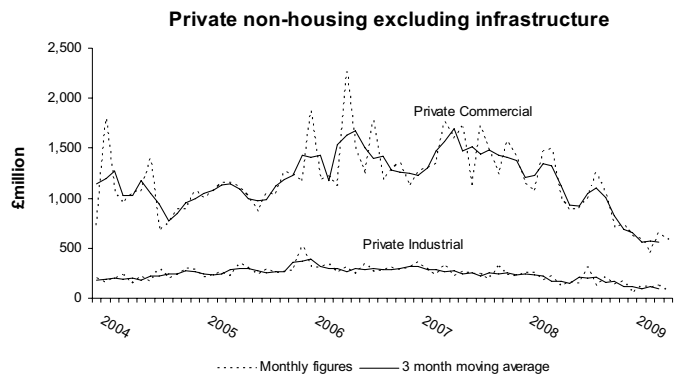
Public non-housing orders (excluding infrastructure) in the three months to May 2009 rose by 14 per cent compared with the previous three month period, but fell by 20 per cent compared with the same three month period a year earlier. Orders in the 12 months to May 2009 rose by 1 per cent compared with the previous 12 month period.



Private non-housing

Private commercial orders in the three months to May 2009 fell by 13 per cent compared with the previous three month period, and fell by 57 per cent compared with the same period a year earlier. Orders in the 12 months to May 2009 were 43 per cent lower than in the previous 12 months.

Private industrial orders in the three months to May 2009 fell by 14 per cent compared with the previous three month period, and fell by 43 per cent compared with the same three month period a year earlier. Private industrial orders in the 12 months to May 2009 fell by 37 per cent compared with the previous 12 months.



Revisions

Construction orders series may be revised following publication of the first monthly estimate. Current price data are revised two months following publications of the provisional figures. Other revisions to the orders series have been caused by revisions to some of the price and cost indices used to deflate the current price data to constant (2005) prices.

Revisions to three monthly growth rates (seasonally adjusted volume index)

		All new work published in this release	All new work published in previous release	All new work Revisions
2009	January	-10.3	-10.3	0.0
	February	-7.4	-7.4	0.0
	March	-19.9	-19.2	-0.8
	April	-9.5	-8.7	-0.8

Background Notes

Relevance to users

1. The Statistical Bulletin brings together information on orders for new construction in Great Britain. It draws on data compiled from monthly sample surveys of construction contractors. The construction industry, which accounted for 5.9% of UK gross value added in 2006, covers Section F of the Standard Industrial Classification 2003
2. Because monthly figures are variable, especially for individual sectors, attention is directed to the latest three month period. Even this comparison can be affected by exceptionally high or low results. Graphs are shown with a three month moving average trend. Figures for individual sectors can be affected by exceptionally large contracts.
3. Responsibility for construction output, employment and new orders statistics transferred from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) to the Office for National Statistics on 1st March 2009. The statistics published in this release continue to be based on the methodology developed by BERR. ONS is carrying out a review of the data collected and methodology in order to bring these in line with standard ONS procedures. A revised data collection and publication procedure is expected in 2010.

Accuracy

4. Revisions to previous periods: Figures for the recent months are provisional and subject to revision, mainly in the light of revisions to deflators. Current price figures are revised once, two months after provisional publication.
5. Figures marked R indicate that the data have been revised since the last edition.

Deflation and seasonal adjustment

6. The headline data are given in constant 2005 prices, seasonal adjustment. Deflators adjust the value series to take out the effect of price changes to give the volume series. Deflation of output is carried out sectorally, and a range of relevant tender price, materials price and labour price indices are used.
7. Seasonal adjustment aids interpretation by removing annually recurring fluctuations, for example, due to climate, hours of daylight, holidays or other regular seasonal patterns. Unadjusted data are also available.

Further information

8. Spreadsheets containing the data published in this Statistical Bulletin, as well as further breakdowns and previous ONS releases can be found at:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=725>
9. Releases on construction output and employment prior to the transfer to ONS can be found on the BERR website at:
<http://stats.berr.gov.uk/construction/output/>
10. Related releases on output and employment in the construction industry in Great Britain are published at:
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11. The Construction Statistics Annual publication brings together a wide range of statistics that are currently available on the construction industry from a number of different sources. This is published at:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=284>

Publication policy

12. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office. Also available is a list of the names of those given pre-publication access to the contents of this release.
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Table 1: Volume of orders for new construction in Great Britain
Constant (2005) prices seasonally adjusted index numbers

2005 = 100

		Public Housing ¹	Private Housing ¹	Infra-structure	Public (excl infrastructure)	Private Industrial	Private Commercial	All new Work	
2006		129.6	97.1	70.8	89.4	103.7	130.4	106.3	
2007		135.5	91.1	90.1	96.8	92.1	133.1	111.6	
2008		112.1	52.2	105.9	120.9	66.9	96.6	86.5	
2007	Q1	145.7	93.4	102.0	90.2	101.5	118.8	104.6	
	Q2	143.4	96.2	82.7	105.8	96.9	154.3	115.5	
	Q3	121.2	84.3	81.4	96.8	79.6	131.3	101.2	
	Q4	131.8	90.6	94.5	94.7	90.5	128.2	104.8	
2008	Q1	105.0	69.6	121.2	116.0	80.3	112.1	98.3	
	Q2	123.4	59.6	103.0	122.3	58.3	102.6	90.2	
	Q3	124.6	39.8	89.5	127.3	68.9	96.0	82.3	
	Q4	95.6	39.7	109.8	118.1	59.9	75.5	75.3	
2009	Q1	R	83.4	32.1	126.1	86.8	32.7	51.0	60.3
2006	Sep		199.1	98.4	62.0	79.5	95.5	108.5	98.2
	Oct		134.4	104.2	111.7	82.8	108.4	117.9	107.7
	Nov		92.6	99.8	56.9	81.4	98.9	123.7	98.3
	Dec		134.9	99.6	53.7	96.7	107.5	102.8	96.5
2007	Jan		173.0	81.1	154.9	104.2	125.3	115.6	111.8
	Feb		140.2	105.6	82.2	69.8	98.8	118.6	102.1
	Mar		123.9	93.6	68.9	96.5	80.3	122.2	99.8
	Apr		109.8	103.6	51.3	97.3	117.7	160.9	114.6
	May		199.1	110.2	95.4	111.3	79.0	145.9	120.7
	Jun		121.2	74.8	101.2	108.9	93.9	156.1	111.3
	Jul		135.1	87.0	69.3	110.5	85.4	101.6	94.7
	Aug		97.8	82.9	49.8	76.4	86.1	157.1	100.9
	Sep		130.7	83.2	125.2	103.4	67.3	135.1	108.0
	Oct		115.6	82.4	98.2	74.8	111.2	112.8	96.1
	Nov		131.9	101.7	80.7	99.0	82.6	143.6	111.1
	Dec		147.9	87.7	104.5	110.1	77.7	128.0	107.2
2008	Jan		118.1	71.7	76.5	115.5	88.2	104.1	92.0
	Feb		104.0	77.7	213.2	100.6	90.0	97.6	106.3
	Mar		92.8	59.3	73.9	131.8	62.8	134.7	96.5
	Apr		119.6	57.4	99.1	183.9	77.8	136.6	110.0
	May		124.6	72.1	88.1	97.4	40.0	90.6	83.3
	Jun		125.9	49.2	121.8	85.6	57.1	80.6	77.3
	Jul		139.3	43.6	101.2	149.1	53.6	82.3	83.6
	Aug		137.0	31.4	112.4	108.0	110.4	90.4	81.8
	Sep		97.6	44.4	54.9	124.8	42.8	115.3	81.5
	Oct		141.2	35.4	76.7	89.4	73.4	94.6	74.2
	Nov		87.7	36.5	43.1	149.7	47.4	64.5	66.1
	Dec		57.8	47.2	209.8	115.2	58.8	67.5	85.5
2009	Jan		61.5	32.2	152.6	73.7	18.8	57.4	61.5
	Feb		90.2	27.9	89.8	99.9	43.4	53.6	58.3
	Mar	R	98.6	36.3	135.8	86.9	35.9	41.9	60.9
	Apr	P	107.7	43.8	111.5	132.1	43.4	60.3	73.5
	May	P	81.4	38.6	145.2	110.2	24.3	52.7	67.9

1. Excludes orders for home improvement work

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Table 2: Volume of orders for new construction in Great Britain ¹
Constant (2005) prices seasonally adjusted

£ million

		Public Housing ¹	Private Housing ¹	Infra-structure	Public (excl infrastructure)	Private Industrial	Private Commercial	All new Work	
2006		2,528	12,794	3,916	5,986	3,546	17,163	45,933	
2007		2,644	12,004	4,987	6,483	3,151	17,525	46,794	
2008		2,188	6,869	5,858	8,094	2,287	12,709	38,004	
2007	Q1	710	3,076	1,411	1,509	868	3,909	11,483	
	Q2	699	3,168	1,143	1,771	828	5,079	12,689	
	Q3	591	2,777	1,226	1,619	681	4,320	11,113	
	Q4	643	2,984	1,307	1,584	774	4,217	11,509	
2008	Q1	512	2,291	1,676	1,941	687	3,689	10,794	
	Q2	602	1,962	1,425	2,047	499	3,376	9,909	
	Q3	608	1,309	1,238	2,130	589	3,159	9,036	
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2009	Q1	R	407	1,058	1,744	279	1,677	6,618	
2006	Sep		324	1,080	286	444	272	1,190	3,596
	Oct		219	1,144	515	462	309	1,293	3,942
	Nov		151	1,095	262	454	282	1,356	3,600
	Dec		219	1,093	248	540	306	1,128	3,534
2007	Jan		281	890	714	581	357	1,268	4,092
	Feb		228	1,159	379	389	282	1,301	3,738
	Mar		201	1,027	318	538	229	1,340	3,653
	Apr		179	1,137	237	543	335	1,765	4,195
	May		324	1,210	440	621	225	1,601	4,421
	Jun		197	821	467	607	268	1,713	4,073
	Jul		220	954	319	616	244	1,114	3,468
	Aug		159	909	229	426	245	1,724	3,693
	Sep		212	913	577	577	192	1,482	3,953
	Oct		188	905	453	417	317	1,237	3,517
	Nov		214	1,116	372	552	235	1,576	4,066
	Dec		240	963	482	614	221	1,405	3,926
2008	Jan		192	787	352	644	252	1,141	3,368
	Feb		169	853	983	561	257	1,070	3,892
	Mar		151	651	341	735	179	1,478	3,534
	Apr		194	630	457	1,026	222	1,498	4,027
	May		203	791	406	543	114	994	3,051
	Jun		205	540	561	478	163	884	2,831
	Jul		227	478	466	832	153	903	3,059
	Aug		223	344	518	602	315	991	2,995
	Sep		159	487	253	696	122	1,265	2,982
	Oct		230	388	354	499	209	1,037	2,718
	Nov		143	400	199	835	135	707	2,419
	Dec		94	518	967	643	168	740	3,128
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2008		2,188	6,869	5,858	8,094	2,287	12,709	38,004
2007	Q1	953	3,217	1,449	1,525	840	4,036	12,019
	Q2	630	3,271	1,358	1,708	814	5,180	12,961
	Q3	504	2,857	1,097	1,737	719	4,386	11,300
	Q4	557	2,660	1,083	1,514	777	3,923	10,515
2008	Q1	693	2,387	1,641	1,965	665	3,824	11,176
	Q2	577	2,018	1,752	1,912	486	3,360	10,105
	Q3	509	1,329	1,275	2,310	625	3,232	9,281
	Q4	409	1,134	1,189	1,907	511	2,292	7,443
2009	Q1 R	576	1,111	1,757	1,459	276	1,711	6,890
2006	Sep	272	1,085	260	404	267	1,127	3,415
	Oct	195	1,086	398	551	303	1,184	3,717
	Nov	120	1,022	250	417	300	1,373	3,481
	Dec	180	828	176	440	280	933	2,837
2007	Jan	317	984	759	615	320	1,273	4,267
	Feb	251	1,155	341	403	253	1,294	3,698
	Mar	385	1,078	349	506	267	1,469	4,053
	Apr	234	1,116	369	462	304	1,531	4,016
	May	218	1,222	567	563	250	1,740	4,560
	Jun	177	933	422	682	261	1,909	4,385
	Jul	214	1,017	278	761	268	1,373	3,911
	Aug	109	989	277	454	262	1,606	3,696
	Sep	182	851	542	522	189	1,407	3,693
	Oct	171	903	363	505	314	1,139	3,396
	Nov	175	1,063	369	510	255	1,614	3,987
	Dec	212	694	350	498	207	1,171	3,132
2008	Jan	217	864	376	685	226	1,144	3,512
	Feb	187	845	889	585	231	1,063	3,799
	Mar	289	678	376	695	209	1,617	3,864
	Apr	256	615	715	877	201	1,297	3,962
	May	137	793	526	495	127	1,079	3,158
	Jun	184	610	510	539	159	984	2,986
	Jul	221	506	408	1,032	168	1,111	3,446
	Aug	153	372	629	645	337	922	3,056
	Sep	136	451	239	634	120	1,200	2,779
	Oct	209	385	285	607	208	953	2,647
	Nov	116	379	198	776	147	723	2,339
	Dec	83	371	707	524	157	616	2,457
2009	Jan	112	390	726	432	47	628	2,336
	Feb	160	304	362	574	110	582	2,093
	Mar R	304	418	669	453	118	501	2,462
	Apr P	228	471	778	623	111	571	2,782
	May P	89	426	838	554	76	625	2,608

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Table 4: Value of orders for new construction in Great Britain ¹
Current prices

£ million

		Public Housing ¹	Private Housing ¹	Infra-structure	Public (excl infrastructure)	Private Industrial	Private Commercial	All new Work
2006		2,653	13,468	4,319	6,162	3,634	17,528	47,764
2007		2,964	13,109	5,633	7,324	3,306	18,288	50,624
2008		2,501	7,670	6,361	9,400	2,456	13,235	41,623
2007	Q1	1,056	3,473	1,677	1,651	876	4,189	12,922
	Q2	707	3,547	1,533	1,912	851	5,386	13,934
	Q3	568	3,150	1,225	1,992	756	4,588	12,279
	Q4	634	2,939	1,198	1,770	824	4,125	11,489
2008	Q1	797	2,658	1,780	2,283	711	3,982	12,211
	Q2	669	2,268	1,895	2,211	526	3,510	11,078
	Q3	582	1,502	1,389	2,681	669	3,360	10,183
	Q4	452	1,243	1,297	2,225	551	2,383	8,150
2009	Q1 R	623	1,191	1,909	1,710	299	1,789	7,521
2006	Sep	289	1,151	293	424	275	1,157	3,589
	Oct	210	1,148	447	581	313	1,218	3,918
	Nov	130	1,080	279	441	310	1,416	3,657
	Dec	197	886	199	469	291	964	3,006
2007	Jan	348	1,069	878	661	333	1,319	4,609
	Feb	278	1,241	397	436	264	1,344	3,962
	Mar	429	1,163	402	554	278	1,526	4,352
	Apr	261	1,194	421	511	317	1,590	4,294
	May	246	1,333	638	630	261	1,807	4,915
	Jun	199	1,020	474	770	273	1,988	4,725
	Jul	241	1,119	312	866	281	1,433	4,253
	Aug	122	1,096	309	521	276	1,680	4,004
	Sep	205	935	604	604	199	1,476	4,022
	Oct	193	992	403	588	333	1,197	3,707
	Nov	198	1,181	410	599	271	1,700	4,358
	Dec	242	766	385	583	220	1,228	3,424
2008	Jan	249	958	410	798	240	1,194	3,850
	Feb	215	952	962	679	247	1,104	4,160
	Mar	333	748	407	805	224	1,684	4,201
	Apr	297	681	773	1,015	217	1,354	4,337
	May	159	898	570	572	137	1,129	3,465
	Jun	214	688	553	624	171	1,027	3,277
	Jul	254	577	444	1,196	181	1,157	3,807
	Aug	174	416	685	748	360	957	3,341
	Sep	154	509	260	737	129	1,246	3,035
	Oct	234	436	311	707	223	990	2,901
	Nov	127	412	216	905	158	751	2,570
	Dec	90	395	771	613	169	641	2,679
2009	Jan	123	421	789	506	51	656	2,546
	Feb	172	325	394	673	120	609	2,293
	Mar R	328	445	726	531	128	524	2,682
	Apr P	243	484	846	731	121	597	3,022
	May P	96	444	908	650	83	654	2,834

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