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2022 Construction Survey [Enterprise Record]

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In 2022, the number of enterprises in the construction industry rose by 2.0% from 2021. The number of workers grew by 5.3% from 2021. The annual sales rose by 12.4% from 2021. The construction expenses rose by 12.5% from 2021. The value added rose by 9.7% from 2021.

< Figure > Annual sales and value added by year

< Table > Major indicators of the construction industry

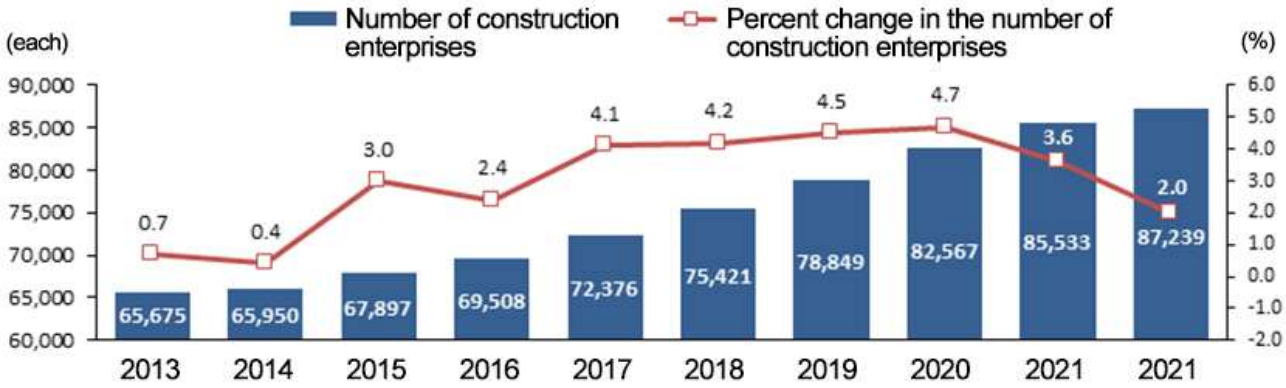
(Unit: each, thousand persons, billion won, %)

Classification	2021	2022	Year-on-year	
			Change	Percent change
Number of enterprises	85,533	87,239	1,706	2.0
Number of workers	1,652	1,740	88	5.3
Annual sales	410,301	460,975	50,674	12.4
Domestic annual sales	382,592	429,467	46,874	12.3
Overseas annual sales	27,708	31,508	3,799	13.7
Construction expenses	390,938	439,930	48,992	12.5
Value added	133,208	146,107	12,899	9.7

□ The number of construction enterprises was 87,239 enterprises in 2022, which increased by 2.0% (1,706 enterprises) from 2021. The number of construction workers was 1.74 million persons in 2022, which increased by 5.3% (88 thousand persons) from 2021.

○ As for 'General construction', the number of enterprises was 15,201 enterprises in 2022, rising by 22.6% (2,802 enterprises) from 2021. As for ‘Specialized construction activities’, the number of enterprises was 72,038 enterprises in 2022, falling by 1.5% (1,096 enterprises) from 2021.

< Figure > Trends in the number of construction enterprises



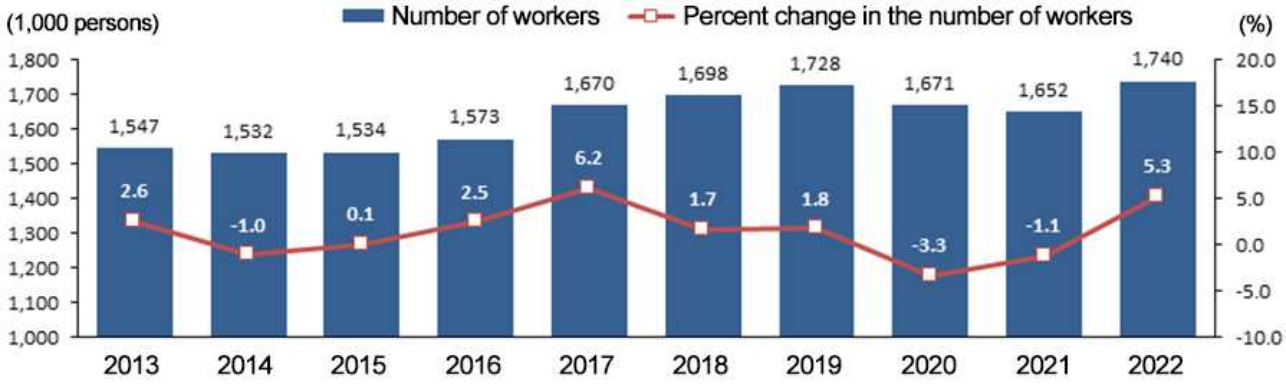
< Table > Number of enterprises by industry

(Unit: each, %)

Classification	Number of enterprises				Year-on-year	
	2021	Compo-sition	2022	Compo-sition	Change	Percent change
Construction	85,533	100.0	87,239	100.0	1,706	2.0
General construction	12,399	14.5	15,201	17.4	2,802	22.6
Building construction	9,125	10.7	10,893	12.5	1,768	19.4
Heavy and civil engineering construction	3,274	3.8	4,308	4.9	1,034	31.6
Specialized construction activities	73,134	85.5	72,038	82.6	-1,096	-1.5
Site preparation and construction of foundation works and structures	22,346	26.1	22,263	25.5	-83	-0.4
Construction of installing building equipment	11,477	13.4	11,518	13.2	41	0.4
Electrical and communication works	22,767	26.6	23,414	26.8	647	2.8
Building completion and finishing	14,209	16.6	13,809	15.8	-400	-2.8
Repair and maintenance works for construction works and supplementary facilities	2,335	2.7	1,034	1.2	-1,301	-55.7

❍ As for the number of workers by industry, ‘General construction’ marked 613 thousand persons, which grew by 11.4% (63 thousand persons) from 2021. 'Specialized construction activities' marked 1.127 million persons, which rose by 2.3% (25 thousand persons) from 2021.

< Figure > Trends in the number of workers



< Table > Number of workers by industry

(Unit: thousand persons, %)

Classification	Number of workers				Year-on-year	
	2021	Compo-sition	2022	Compo-sition	Change	Percent change
Construction	1,652	100.0	1,740	100.0	88	5.3
General construction	550	33.3	613	35.2	63	11.4
Building construction	426	25.8	468	26.9	43	10.0
Heavy and civil engineering construction	124	7.5	145	8.3	20	16.3
Specialized construction activities	1,102	66.7	1,127	64.8	25	2.3
Site preparation and construction of foundation works and structures	409	24.8	427	24.6	18	4.5
Construction of installing building equipment	186	11.2	210	12.0	24	12.8
Electrical and communication works	267	16.2	273	15.7	5	2.1
Building completion and finishing	222	13.5	210	12.1	-12	-5.6
Repair and maintenance works for construction works and supplementary facilities	17	1.0	7	0.4	-10	-58.4

□ The annual sales of construction enterprises recorded 461 trillion won in 2022, which grew by 12.4% (50.7 trillion won) from 2021.

○ The annual sales of 'General construction' recorded 292.5 trillion won in 2022, which rose by 15.5% (39.3 trillion won) from 2021. The annual sales of 'Specialized construction activities' recorded 168.5 trillion won in 2022, which rose by 7.2% (11.3 trillion won) from 2021.

○ The annual sales of top 100 construction enterprises stood at 164.4 trillion won in 2022, which occupied 35.7% of the total annual sales. Their annual sales grew by 17.2% from 2021.

< Figure > Trends in annual sales

< Table > Annual sales by industry

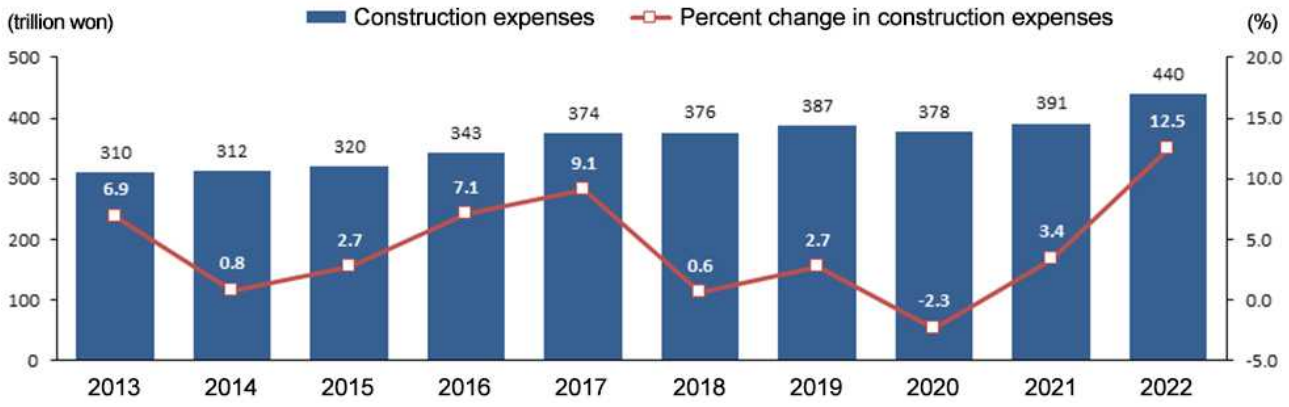
(Unit: billion won, %)

Classification	Annual sales				Year-on-year	
	2021	Compo-sition	2022	Compo-sition	Change	Percent change
Construction	410,301	100.0	460,975	100.0	50,674	12.4
General construction	253,173	61.7	292,521	63.5	39,348	15.5
Building construction	216,447	52.8	251,358	54.5	34,912	16.1
Heavy and civil engineering construction	36,726	9.0	41,163	8.9	4,436	12.1
Specialized construction activities	157,128	38.3	168,454	36.5	11,326	7.2
Site preparation and construction of foundation works and structures	55,874	13.6	60,417	13.1	4,542	8.1
Construction of installing building equipment	25,882	6.3	30,500	6.6	4,618	17.8
Electrical and communication works	39,343	9.6	41,853	9.1	2,510	6.4
Building completion and finishing	33,538	8.2	34,557	7.5	1,019	3.0
Repair and maintenance works for construction works and supplementary facilities	2,491	0.6	1,129	0.2	-1,362	-54.7

□ The construction expenses of construction enterprises recorded 439.9 trillion won in 2022, which increased by 12.5% (49 trillion won) from 2021.

○ The construction expenses of 'General construction' marked 278.5 trillion won in 2022, which grew by 15.8% (37.9 trillion won) from 2021. The construction expenses of 'Specialized construction activities' marked 161.4 trillion won in 2022, which grew by 7.3% (11 trillion won) from 2021.

< Figure > Trends in construction expenses



< Table > Construction expenses by industry

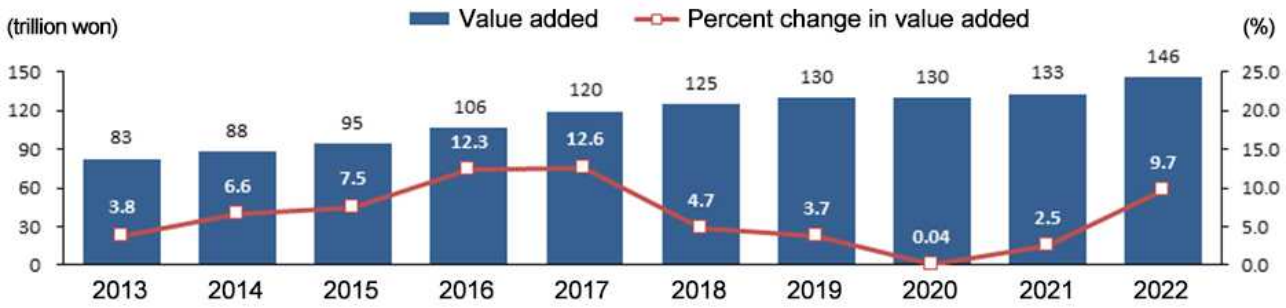
(Unit: billion won, %)

Classification	Construction expenses				Year-on-year	
	2021	Compo-sition	2022	Compo-sition	Change	Percent change
Construction	390,938	100.0	439,930	100.0	48,992	12.5
General construction	240,547	61.5	278,492	63.3	37,945	15.8
Building construction	205,686	52.6	239,655	54.5	33,969	16.5
Heavy and civil engineering construction	34,861	8.9	38,837	8.8	3,976	11.4
Specialized construction activities	150,392	38.5	161,438	36.7	11,046	7.3
Site preparation and construction of foundation works and structures	53,655	13.7	57,945	13.2	4,290	8.0
Construction of installing building equipment	24,779	6.3	29,234	6.6	4,456	18.0
Electrical and communication works	37,233	9.5	39,771	9.0	2,538	6.8
Building completion and finishing	32,370	8.3	33,418	7.6	1,048	3.2
Repair and maintenance works for construction works and supplementary facilities	2,356	0.6	1,070	0.2	-1,286	-54.6

□ The value added of the construction industry recorded 146.1 trillion won in 2022, which rose by 9.7% (12.9 trillion won) from 2021.

○ The value added of 'General construction' recorded 69.6 trillion won in 2022, which rose by 14.6% (8.9 trillion won) from 2021. The value added of 'Specialized construction activities' recorded 76.5 trillion won in 2022, which rose by 5.5% (4 trillion won) from 2021.

< Figure > Trends in value added



< Table > Value added by industry

(Unit: billion won, %)

Classification	Value added				Year-on-year	
	2021	Compo-sition	2022	Compo-sition	Change	Percent change
Construction	133,208	100.0	146,107	100.0	12,899	9.7
General construction	60,714	45.6	69,598	47.6	8,884	14.6
Building construction	48,874	36.7	56,226	38.5	7,352	15.0
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,840	8.9	13,372	9.2	1,532	12.9
Specialized construction activities	72,494	54.4	76,509	52.4	4,015	5.5
Site preparation and construction of foundation works and structures	29,335	22.0	31,404	21.5	2,069	7.1
Construction of installing building equipment	11,878	8.9	13,719	9.4	1,841	15.5
Electrical and communication works	17,038	12.8	17,863	12.2	825	4.8
Building completion and finishing	13,257	10.0	13,087	9.0	-170	-1.3
Repair and maintenance works for construction works and supplementary facilities	986	0.7	436	0.3	-550	-55.8

< Major indicators of the construction industry >

Classification	2020	2021	2022	Change	Percent change (%)
Number of enterprises (each)	82,567	85,533	87,239	1,706	2.0
Number of workers (thousand persons)	1,671	1,652	1,740	88	5.3
Annual sales (billion won)	396,897	410,301	460,975	50,674	12.4
Construction expenses (billion won)	377,998	390,938	439,930	48,992	12.5
Value added (billion won)	129,989	133,208	146,107	12,899	9.7