NSCA Electronic Systems Outlook

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Total U.S. engineering and construction spending is forecast to end 2021 up 2% compared to up 5% in 2020. Spending in reported target commercial segments is forecast to end 2021 down 3% from 2020 compared to down 2% between 2020 and 2019.
- Declines in 2021 will be led by falling investments in nonresidential buildings, especially among private segments, including lodging, office, and commercial construction. Further, declines in publicly funded, nonresidential building segments will be realized across education and government buildings.
- Manufacturing and healthcare are expected to end the year with growth roughly in line with the rate of inflation (between 0% and 4%) and are therefore considered stable.

2021 Construction Segments (2021 compared to 2020)

Healthcare

Up (5% or more)

Stable (0% to 4%)

• Lodging

- None
- Manufacturing
- Office
- Commercial
- Education
- Houses of Worship

Down (Less than 0%)

• Government Buildings

CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK Overall, our forecast for commercial building construction put in place in 2021 calls for a 3% decline; however, with unemployment and GDP reporting improving conditions through Q1, the U.S. economy appears to be in the early stages of economic recovery. Rebounding commercial construction activity is anticipated over the next 18 to 24 months.

| COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS | CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE | |
|--|--|---------|
| Estimated Forecast for the United States / Millions of Current | Dollars | 2021 |
| | Total Commercial Building Construction Volume | 425,830 |
| | Total Commercial Electronic Systems Construction | 24,923 |
| | Share of Total Construction | 5.85% |

Visit the Summary section of this report on pages 18-19 that provides outlines for all the markets and electronic systems, in addition to showing Canadian construction trends.





Improvements include additions, alterations, and major replacements. It does not include maintenance and repairs.



KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS It's important to consider key economic indicators, such as CPI, CCI, and unemployment rates, when evaluating this report; they provide the general pulse of the economy. These three factors determine interest rates and funding of construction projects. The Fed (formerly known as the Federal Reserve Bank/Federal Reserve) controls interest rates, which CPI, CCI, and unemployment all affect. The graphs below highlight historical changes in CPI, CCI, and unemployment rates.



CPI is a measure of the average change over time in the price paid by urban households for a set of consumer goods and services. An increase in CPI usually leads to adjustments in interest rates in order to control costs of goods and adjust for inflation. Additionally, CPI is often used in calculating wages, pensions, and salaries.

The CPI graph shows the national percent of change of costs for consumer goods and services over the course of the last 15 years.



CCI is calculated based on a survey of 5,000 U.S. households; it's interpreted by the Conference Board, which extracts data from the survey to forecast future spending by consumers. In general, a 5% swing in either direction is needed to influence a change in decision-making.

The Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index graph shows that consumer spending took a dramatic hit during the pandemic and is aggressively scratching its way back to pre-COVID-19 levels. The fact that confidence levels are climbing might seem to conflict with construction trends (spending in key commercial segments is forecast to end 2021 down 3%, and no vertical markets are likely to end 2021 up more than 5%); however, the integration market is uniquely positioned to align itself with increased consumer confidence. Customers across all vertical markets are poised to invest in their facilities to accommodate a reimagined work environment. More employees may be working from home or using a hybrid work model and will need to use optimized communication solutions and office technology. This is applicable even for customers that may consider reducing their real estate footprint. Integrators will continue to offer value for customers even amid reduced construction.

Obstacles remain. Too many integration companies have battled through the pandemic only to have their recovery disrupted by talent and product availability challenges. Many integration companies struggle to recruit and hire the talent needed to address escalating demand. Meanwhile, supply chain difficulties create challenges when executing projects. NSCA continues to create content centered on business continuity, including education on government programs. The business continuity resources have evolved to include stepped-up efforts to assist members with employment and supply chain challenges.





RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

UP 7%

\$660 Billion

2021/2020 Comparison

Trends:

- Extremely high construction costs via material prices and lack of labor will continue to strain builders' capabilities in supplying homes (especially for low-cost starter homes)
- Rising mortgage rates will stall home price appreciation and reduce demand
- Affordability will be challenged by rising living costs (e.g., food, energy, transportation, etc.)
- Expect ongoing disruptions via delays or cancellations in mixed-use investment
- Affordable housing becomes a political platform as the nation begins to expire pandemic stimulus programs alongside heightened unemployment

Drivers include unemployment rates, core CPI, income, mortgage rates, home prices, housing starts, and housing permits.



While the residential sector does not directly create demand for most NSCA members, we should recognize the impact that housing has on other construction segments. Commercial, healthcare, and education segments in particular tend to follow changes in the housing sector. Likewise, home equity values have direct impact on consumer confidence and discretionary spending that drive markets such as retail and hospitality. As it often plays out when residential markets are booming, it puts additional pressure on NSCA members to recruit and retain key employees whose skills can be used by residential integration companies.

VERTICAL MARKET OUTLOOK Each of the market segments detailed in this report (corporate, education, government, healthcare, houses of worship, lodging, manufacturing, and retail) features a 2021 outlook to show growth potential and the evaluation of electronic systems for that market, as well as trends and drivers. This information is based on actual data through Q1 2021 and forecast for the remainder of the year.

Consultants and integrators will find this data helpful in the very early stages of design and should consider using the "percentage of total vertical market construction" averages as a starting point in discussions with clients, tracking how their local marketplace compares to national averages.

Furthermore, this information is critical when budgeting for a project. It can be used to measure growth opportunities and monitor market-share potential. These averages can be used when working with clients to show comparable solutions that fit within the average dollars spent on systems in each vertical market. It gives a baseline average for a good-better-best solution and helps guide clients by avoiding underfunding, which leads to a subpar system installation.

The graphs throughout this report specifically outline the systems involved in the low-voltage industry:

- Acoustics, Audio, and AV: includes, but not limited to, cable and satellite television systems, public address, paging and intercom systems, security cameras, videoconferencing, video projectors, CCTV, touchscreen controls
- Phone Systems, Data Networks, IT: includes, but not limited to, phone and computer systems and cabling, buses, networks, fiber optics
- Building Automation & Control: includes, but not limited to, energy metering and monitoring, mechanical systems, malfunction alarms, humidity and ventilation, water systems monitoring, emergency power, electrical fault detection, leak detection
- Life Safety Fire & Security: includes, but not limited to, fire, smoke and security alarm systems, flood safety, air quality sensors, building access systems, nurse call systems
- Lighting, Digital Signage: includes, but not limited to, building lighting control, emergency lighting, accent lighting, digital signage

DATA COLLECTION This biannual report includes forecasting and systems modeling. FMI first generates a forecast for building construction put in place (new construction, repair, and renovation). Econometric modeling is used to estimate demand. Each market segment has an independent algorithm based on five to eight metrics that have historically correlated best to changes in activity for that market segment over the past 50 years. A preliminary forecast is generated based on projections for each metric (retail sales, consumer confidence, population under age 18) supporting each market segment. The preliminary forecast is then adjusted based on database records for current/planned projects, funding and timing of those projects, contractor backlogs, and FMI's direct interaction with engineers, architects, owners, and contractors in the field.

Next, the forecast for total construction put in place is modeled to its components and systems. This report is based on analysis of proprietary project records (what goes into construction of a K-12 school of a certain size and geography, for example) and through discussion with architects and estimators. Emerging trends (code changes) are explored through supporting secondary research; final adjustments to the model are then made.

VERTICAL MARKET OUTLOOKS Corporate

CORPORATE

DOWN 5%

\$74 Billion

2021/2020 Comparison

Trends:

- Organizations will more widely open doors through the second half of 2021, offering flexible/hybrid work conditions while assessing space requirements
- Expect vacancies to rise over the next several years as leases expire, alongside increasing renovation spending
- Increased relocation activity due to widened variances between state/local taxes and increased potential for federal corporate tax revisions

Key drivers include office vacancy rates and unemployment rates.



CORPORATE CONSTRUCTION

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Millions of Current Dollars | 44,817 | 53,891 | 65,335 | 66,083 | 73,758 | 81,647 | 78,085 | 74,028 | 72,949 | 76,641 | 81,093 | 85,486 |
| % Change From Year Prior | 22.7% | 20.2% | 21.2% | 1.1% | 11.6% | 10.7% | -4.4% | -5.2% | -1.5% | 5.1% | 5.8% | 5.4% |

SYSTEMS OUTLOOK / CORPORATE in Millions of Current Dollars

| | Acoustics, Audio, AV | Phone Systems, Data Networks, IT | Building Automation & Control | Life Safety: Fire & Security | Lighting, Digital Signage | All Systems |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 2016 Total | 442.8 | 1,107 | 147.6 | 1,273 | 719.5 | 3,690 |
| 2017 Total | 516.7 | 1,112.9 | 238.5 | 1,430.8 | 675.7 | 3,974.5 |
| 2018 Total | 638.9 | 1,320.5 | 319.5 | 1,405.6 | 575 | 4,259.5 |
| 2019 Total | 739.7 | 1,434.5 | 347.4 | 1,423.3 | 538 | 4,482.9 |
| 2020 Total | 574.9 | 1,629 | 467.1 | 1,533.1 | 586.9 | 4,791.1 |
| 2021 Summer Outlook | 623.1 | 1,569.3 | 438.5 | 1,453.9 | 530.8 | 4,615.6 |
| % of Total Construction | 0.84% | 2.12% | 0.59% | 1.96% | 0.72% | 6.24% |

2016 through 2020 Totals - total electronic systems construction put in place in their respective years

2021 Summer Outlook – outlook of total 2021 electronic systems construction put in place based on actual data from Q1 and Q2 2021 and forecast for the remainder of 2021

Education VERTICAL MARKET OUTLOOKS

EDUCATION

DOWN 2% \$102 Billion

2021/2020 Comparison

Trends:

- Expect most K-12 and higher-education facilities to be fully open and functional by the end of 2021
- Significant and long-running K-12 renovation and reconstruction needs persist
- Higher-education owners face ongoing challenges and restructure in the coming year(s)

Key drivers include population change in those younger than age 18, population change in ages 18-24, stock market, government spending, and nonresidential structure investment.



EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Millions of Current Dollars | 79,681 | 85,346 | 91,629 | 96,685 | 101,210 | 105,374 | 104,525 | 102,147 | 106,356 | 113,261 | 121,145 | 129,192 |
| % Change From Year Prior | 08.% | 7.1% | 7.4% | 5.5% | 4.7% | 4.1% | -0.8% | -2.3% | 4.1% | 6.5% | 7% | 6.6% |

SYSTEMS OUTLOOK / EDUCATION in Millions of Current Dollars

| | Acoustics, Audio, AV | Phone Systems, Data Networks, IT | Building Automation & Control | Life Safety: Fire & Security | Lighting, Digital Signage | All Systems |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 2016 Total | 718.7 | 639.6 | 243.6 | 3,106.4 | 1,382.7 | 6,091 |
| 2017 Total | 724.6 | 664.2 | 241.5 | 3,079.6 | 1,328.5 | 6,038.5 |
| 2018 Total | 801.3 | 801.3 | 267.1 | 3,405.7 | 1,402.3 | 6,677.8 |
| 2019 Total | 825.9 | 791.4 | 309.7 | 3,509.9 | 1,445.2 | 6,882.1 |
| 2020 Total | 591.3 | 1,256.5 | 369.5 | 3,621.6 | 1,552.1 | 7,390.9 |
| 2021 Summer Outlook | 652.7 | 1,160.4 | 290.1 | 3,553.7 | 1,595.5 | 7,252.4 |
| % of Total Construction | 0.64% | 1.14% | 0.28% | 3.48% | 1.56% | 7.1% |

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% of total construction – percentage of 2021 dollars spent on electronic systems in relation to the total dollars spent on construction in each vertical market

VERTICAL MARKET OUTLOOKS Government

GOVERNMENT

DOWN 11%

\$20 Billion

2021/2020 Comparison

Trends:

- Social unrest is expected to continue into 2022 alongside pullback of stimulus programs/ payments and increased mental health concerns, homelessness, and violent crime
- Emergency response, military, and correctional spending all experienced significant growth in construction spending through 2020 under the support of various waves of stimulus funding
- Short-term declines are expected through 2022 as stimulus funding reaches expiration and investment focus is redirected into infrastructure

Key drivers include population, government spending, incarceration rates, and nonresidential structure investment.



GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Millions of Current Dollars | 14,016 | 13,856 | 14,046 | 14,705 | 16,169 | 17,745 | 22,092 | 19,694 | 18,151 | 18,785 | 20,186 | 21,693 |
| % Change From Year Prior | 2.9% | -1.1% | 1.4% | 4.7% | 10% | 9.8% | 24.5% | -10.9% | -7.8% | 3.5% | 7.5% | 7.5% |

SYSTEMS OUTLOOK / GOVERNMENT in Millions of Current Dollars

| | Acoustics, Audio, AV | Phone Systems, Data Networks, IT | Building Automation & Control | Life Safety: Fire & Security | Lighting, Digital Signage | All Systems |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 2016 Total | 50.8 | 202.2 | 43.3 | 479.7 | 164.6 | 940.6 |
| 2017 Total | 47.6 | 219 | 66.6 | 476.1 | 142.8 | 952.1 |
| 2018 Total | 64.8 | 248.3 | 86.4 | 518.2 | 161.9 | 1,079.6 |
| 2019 Total | 65.4 | 243.9 | 107.1 | 577 | 196.3 | 1,189.7 |
| 2020 Total | 40.8 | 312.6 | 163.1 | 618.4 | 224.2 | 1,359 |
| 2021 Summer Outlook | 49.1 | 326.2 | 171.9 | 631.4 | 224.5 | 1,403.2 |
| % of Total Construction | 0.25% | 1.66% | 0.87% | 3.21% | 1.14% | 7.13% |

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Healthcare VERTICAL MARKET OUTLOOKS

HEALTHCARE

UP 2% \$48 Billion

2021/2020 Comparison

Trends:

- Expect declines through 2021 on specialty care facilities (e.g., testing sites and drug clinics) due to significant needs and growth seen through 2020
- Many large hospital investments are in planning stages and are likely to move forward across major metropolitans
- Aging demographics (i.e., Baby Boomers) support increased healthcare investment through the forecast period and beyond

Key drivers include population change, population change in ages 75 and up, uninsured population, government spending, and nonresidential structure investment.



HEALTHCARE CONSTRUCTION

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Millions of Current Dollars | 38,647 | 39,665 | 40,574 | 43,120 | 43,450 | 45,560 | 47,619 | 48,368 | 51,049 | 55,288 | 59,836 | 63,385 |
| % Change From Year Prior | -5% | 2.6% | 2.3% | 6.3% | 0.8% | 4.9% | 4.5% | 1.6% | 5.5% | 8.3% | 8.2% | 5.9% |

SYSTEMS OUTLOOK / HEALTHCARE in Millions of Current Dollars

| | Acoustics, Audio, AV | Phone Systems, Data Networks, IT | Building Automation & Control | Life Safety: Fire & Security | Lighting, Digital Signage | All Systems |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 2016 Total | 115.8 | 637 | 86.9 | 1,476.7 | 579.1 | 2,895.6 |
| 2017 Total | 84 | 644.2 | 140 | 1,400.3 | 532.1 | 2,800.7 |
| 2018 Total | 105.1 | 705.9 | 120.1 | 1,486.8 | 585.7 | 3,003.7 |
| 2019 Total | 109.1 | 724.6 | 140.3 | 1,527.2 | 615.5 | 3,116.7 |
| 2020 Total | 137.5 | 876.4 | 189 | 1,580.9 | 653 | 3,436.7 |
| 2021 Summer Outlook | 123.2 | 906.1 | 202.3 | 1,627.4 | 659.8 | 3,518.8 |
| % of Total Construction | 0.25% | 1.87% | 0.42% | 3.36% | 1.36% | 7.28% |

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VERTICAL MARKET OUTLOOKS Houses of Worship

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

DOWN 11%

\$3 Billion

2021/2020 Comparison

Trends:

- Facility investments have largely been targeting civic-based needs to better attract and connect with communities
- Successful religious institutions have leveraged communication technologies to increase participation and reach their audience, ultimately reducing traditional facility needs
- Opportunities for expansion will become more viable and attractive over the coming years alongside rising vacancies across lodging, office, and commercial space

Key drivers include GDP, population, income, and personal savings.



HOUSES OF WORSHIP CONSTRUCTION

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Millions of Current Dollars | 3,386 | 3,598 | 3,752 | 3,586 | 3,499 | 3,544 | 3,160 | 2,816 | 2,635 | 2,688 | 2,816 | 2,976 |
| % Change From Year Prior | -5.7% | 6.3% | 4.3% | -4.4% | -2.4% | 1.3% | -10.8% | -10.9% | -6.4% | 2% | 4.8% | 5.7% |

SYSTEMS OUTLOOK / HOUSES OF WORSHIP in Millions of Current Dollars

| | Acoustics, Audio, AV | Phone Systems, Data Networks, IT | Building Automation & Control | Life Safety: Fire & Security | Lighting, Digital Signage | All Systems |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 2016 Total | 28.4 | 24.9 | 31.7 | 84.5 | 58 | 227.5 |
| 2017 Total | 26.2 | 23 | 27.3 | 78 | 55.4 | 209.9 |
| 2018 Total | 24.4 | 22.4 | 26.4 | 75.3 | 54.9 | 203.5 |
| 2019 Total | 26.6 | 20.7 | 26.6 | 72.8 | 50.2 | 196.7 |
| 2020 Total | 20.6 | 26.8 | 26.8 | 80.3 | 51.5 | 206 |
| 2021 Summer Outlook | 22.3 | 24.2 | 23.8 | 73.2 | 46.6 | 190.1 |
| % of Total Construction | 0.79% | 0.86% | 0.84% | 2.6% | 1.65% | 6.75% |

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Lodging VERTICAL MARKET OUTLOOKS

LODGING

DOWN 18%

\$24 Billion

2021/2020 Comparison

Trendss:

- Spring and summer leisure travel are pushing key indicators (occupancy, ADR, and RevPAR) to monthly and weekly pandemic-era highs; metrics are still well below 2019 levels
- Pent-up demand for destination vacations will lead the industry's recovery through late 2022
- Anticipate permanent losses among business travelers
- Costar research predicts that nearly half of rooms will remain empty through 2021 with accelerated recovery into the second half of the year

Key drivers include occupancy rates, RevPAR, average daily rates, and room starts.



LODGING CONSTRUCTION 2014 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023 2025 2018 2022 2024 22,786 26,949 Millions of Current Dollars 16,738 22,012 28,660 33.071 28,585 23.538 24,562 27,077 31,464 21,708 % Change From Year Prior 24.1% 31.5% 23% 5.8% 9.8% 5.1% -13.6% -17.7% -7.8% 5% 7.8% 9.7%

SYSTEMS OUTLOOK / LODGING in Millions of Current Dollars

| | Acoustics, Audio, AV | Phone Systems, Data Networks, IT | Building Automation & Control | Life Safety: Fire & Security | Lighting, Digital Signage | All Systems |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 2016 Total | 53.9 | 161.7 | 26.9 | 687.2 | 417.7 | 1,347.4 |
| 2017 Total | 89.1 | 163.4 | 44.6 | 742.5 | 445.5 | 1,485.1 |
| 2018 Total | 137.5 | 257.9 | 86 | 808 | 429.8 | 1,719 |
| 2019 Total | 176.2 | 255.5 | 88.1 | 801.7 | 440.5 | 1,762 |
| 2020 Total | 129.4 | 266.4 | 68.5 | 669.7 | 388.1 | 1,522.1 |
| 2021 Summer Outlook | 103.6 | 233.2 | 61.5 | 573.2 | 323.8 | 1,295.3 |
| % of Total Construction | 0.44% | 0.99% | 0.26% | 2.44% | 1.38% | 5.5% |

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VERTICAL MARKET OUTLOOKS Manufacturing

MANUFACTURING

UP 1%

\$72 Billion

2021/2020 Comparison

Trends:

- Supply chain constraints are expected to remain in place through 2022 as the global economy recovers and international trade negotiations resume
- Spending growth is expected to return in 2022 and 2023, fueled by infrastructure spending and as owners pursue modernization investments
- Industry-wide labor shortages will limit expansion efforts

Key drivers include PMI, industrial production, capacity utilization, durable goods orders, and manufacturing inventories.



MANUFACTURING CONSTRUCTION

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Millions of Current Dollars | 60,645 | 83,143 | 79,633 | 70,682 | 72,508 | 80,079 | 71,843 | 72,434 | 78,395 | 85,922 | 91,170 | 95,947 |
| % Change From Year Prior | 15.5% | 37.1% | -4.2% | -11.2% | 2.6% | 10.4% | -10.3% | 0.8% | 8.2% | 9.6% | 6.1% | 5.2% |

SYSTEMS OUTLOOK / MANUFACTURING in Millions of Current Dollars

| | Acoustics, Audio, AV | Phone Systems, Data Networks, IT | Building Automation & Control | Life Safety: Fire & Security | Lighting, Digital Signage | All Systems |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 2016 Total | 59.3 | 178 | 1,008.7 | 1,068 | 652.7 | 2,966.7 |
| 2017 Total | 54.6 | 136.5 | 1,010.3 | 1,037.6 | 491.5 | 2,730.4 |
| 2018 Total | 61.3 | 245.1 | 1,164.4 | 1,103.1 | 490.3 | 3,064.1 |
| 2019 Total | 65.3 | 244.8 | 1,224.1 | 1,207.8 | 522.3 | 3,264.2 |
| 2020 Total | 42.3 | 287.8 | 1,354.3 | 1,235.8 | 465.5 | 3,385.6 |
| 2021 Summer Outlook | 33.6 | 285.2 | 1,359.1 | 1,224.9 | 453 | 3,355.9 |
| % of Total Construction | 0.05% | 0.39% | 1.88% | 1.69% | 0.63% | 4.63% |

2016 through 2020 Totals -2021 Summer Outlook -

2016 through 2020 Totals - total electronic systems construction put in place in their respective years

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Retail VERTICAL MARKET OUTLOOKS

RETAIL

DOWN 1% \$83 Billion

2021/2020 Comparison

Trends:

- Expect fewer new retail investments via delays or cancellations in mixed-use alongside oversupply conditions due to shuttered/distressed businesses and restaurants
- Share of e-commerce sales jumped significantly between 2019 (11%) and 2020 (14%) as consumers shopped online for goods and services
- Significant losses in construction spending were realized in multi-retail and food and beverage investment through 2020

Key drivers include retail sales, CPI, income, home prices, housing starts, and housing permits.



RETAIL CONSTRUCTION

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Millions of Current Dollars | 62,841 | 66,977 | 78,696 | 87,626 | 86,422 | 80,435 | 83,706 | 82,805 | 80,839 | 81,461 | 84,656 | 90,392 |
| % Change From Year Prior | 18.2% | 6.6% | 17.5% | 11.3% | -1.4% | -6.9% | 4.1% | -1.1% | -2.4% | 0.8% | 3.9% | 6.8% |

SYSTEMS OUTLOOK / RETAIL in Millions of Current Dollars

| | Acoustics, Audio, AV | Phone Systems, Data Networks, IT | Building Automation & Control | Life Safety: Fire & Security | Lighting, Digital Signage | All Systems |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 2016 Total | 147.3 | 334.8 | 80.3 | 1,071.3 | 1,044.5 | 2,678.3 |
| 2017 Total | 194 | 355.6 | 129.3 | 1,293.2 | 1,260.8 | 3,232.9 |
| 2018 Total | 173.1 | 450.1 | 173.1 | 1,384.8 | 1,280.9 | 3,461.9 |
| 2019 Total | 151 | 497.3 | 248.6 | 1,411.9 | 1,243.1 | 3,551.8 |
| 2020 Total | 122.7 | 556.4 | 261.8 | 1,227.3 | 1,104.6 | 3,272.8 |
| 2021 Summer Outlook | 115.2 | 576 | 279.8 | 1,226.1 | 1,094.4 | 3,291.5 |
| % of Total Construction | 0.14% | 0.7% | 0.34% | 1.48% | 1.32% | 3.98% |

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% of total construction - percentage of 2021 dollars spent on electronic systems in relation to the total dollars spent on construction in each vertical market

CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK SUMMARIES

SYSTEMS OUTLOOK in Millions of Current Dollars (July 2021 Forecast)

| | | Acoustics | Audio, AV | | Phone | e Systems, I | Data Netwo | rks, IT | Build | ding Autom | ation & Co | ntrol |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|--------------|------------|---------|---------|------------|------------|---------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Corporate | 638.9 | 739.7 | 574.9 | 623.1 | 1,320.5 | 1,434.5 | 1,629 | 1,569.3 | 319.5 | 347.4 | 467.1 | 438.5 |
| Education | 801.3 | 825.9 | 591.3 | 652.7 | 801.3 | 791.4 | 1,256.5 | 1,160.4 | 267.1 | 309.7 | 369.5 | 290.1 |
| Government | 64.8 | 65.4 | 40.8 | 49.1 | 248.3 | 243.9 | 312.6 | 326.2 | 86.4 | 107.1 | 163.1 | 171.9 |
| Healthcare | 84 | 109.1 | 137.5 | 123.2 | 644.2 | 724.6 | 876.4 | 906.1 | 120.1 | 140.3 | 189 | 202.3 |
| Houses of Worship | 24.4 | 26.6 | 20.6 | 22.3 | 22.4 | 20.7 | 26.8 | 24.2 | 26.4 | 26.6 | 26.8 | 23.8 |
| Lodging | 137.5 | 176.2 | 129.4 | 103.6 | 2257.9 | 255.5 | 266.4 | 233.2 | 86 | 88.1 | 68.5 | 61.5 |
| Manufacturing | 61.3 | 65.3 | 42.3 | 33.6 | 245.1 | 244.8 | 287.8 | 285.2 | 1,164.4 | 1,224.1 | 1,354.3 | 1,359.1 |
| Retail | 173.1 | 151 | 122.7 | 115.2 | 450.1 | 497.3 | 556.4 | 576 | 173.1 | 248.6 | 261.8 | 279.8 |
| Total | 2,006.5 | 2,159.1 | 1,659.5 | 1,722.8 | 4,051.4 | 4,212.7 | 5,211.6 | 5,080.7 | 2,243 | 2,491.8 | 2,900.1 | 2,827 |

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK / U.S. in Millions of Current Dollars (July 2021 Forecast)

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Corporate | 44,817 | 53,891 | 65,335 | 66,083 | 73,758 | 81,647 | 78,085 | 74,028 | 72,949 | 76,641 | 81,093 | 85,486 |
| Education | 79,681 | 85,346 | 91,629 | 96,685 | 101,210 | 105,374 | 104,525 | 102,147 | 106,356 | 113,261 | 121,145 | 129,192 |
| Government | 14,016 | 13,856 | 14,046 | 14,705 | 16,169 | 17,745 | 22,092 | 19,694 | 18,151 | 18,785 | 20,186 | 21,693 |
| Healthcare | 38,647 | 39,665 | 40,574 | 43,120 | 43,450 | 45,560 | 47,619 | 48,368 | 51,049 | 55,288 | 59,836 | 63,385 |
| Houses of Worship | 3,386 | 3,598 | 3,752 | 3,586 | 3,499 | 3,544 | 3,160 | 2,816 | 2,635 | 2,688 | 2,816 | 2,976 |
| Lodging | 16,738 | 22,012 | 27,077 | 28,660 | 31,464 | 33,071 | 28,585 | 23,538 | 21,708 | 22,786 | 24,562 | 26,949 |
| Manufacturing | 60,645 | 83,143 | 79,633 | 70,682 | 72,508 | 80,079 | 71,843 | 72,434 | 78,395 | 85,922 | 91,170 | 95,947 |
| Retail | 62,841 | 66,977 | 78,696 | 87,626 | 86,422 | 80,435 | 83,706 | 82,805 | 80,839 | 81,461 | 84,656 | 90,392 |
| Target Commercial Buildings | 320,771 | 368,488 | 400,742 | 411,148 | 428,480 | 447,456 | 439,615 | 425,830 | 432,082 | 456,832 | 485,463 | 516,018 |
| Total Commercial Buildings | 394,071 | 452,583 | 486,615 | 503,985 | 530,357 | 551,654 | 541,906 | 523,768 | 531,506 | 564,510 | 605,543 | 650,640 |
| Total Residential Buildings | 382,528 | 438,696 | 485,964 | 545,754 | 563,877 | 550,942 | 617,886 | 660,461 | 654,491 | 680,889 | 722,694 | 768,990 |
| Total Nonbuilding Structures | 238,695 | 248,883 | 251,090 | 230,104 | 238,951 | 262,541 | 272,550 | 270,826 | 280,685 | 302,751 | 330,751 | 357,282 |
| Total Construction Put in Place | 1,015,294 | 1,140,162 | 1,223,669 | 1,279,843 | 1,333,185 | 1,365,137 | 1,432,342 | 1,455,055 | 1,466,682 | 1,548,149 | 1,658,989 | 1,776,912 |

CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK / U.S. % Change From Year Prior (July 2021 Forecast)

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|------|------|------|
| Corporate | 22.7% | 20.2% | 21.2% | 1.1% | 11.6% | 10.7% | -4.4% | -5.2% | -1.5% | 5.1% | 5.8% | 5.4% |
| Education | 0.8% | 7.1% | 7.4% | 5.5% | 4.7% | 4.1% | -0.8% | -2.3% | 4.1% | 6.5% | 7% | 6.6% |
| Government | 2.9% | -1.1% | 1.4% | 4.7% | 10% | 9.8% | 24.5% | -10.9% | -7.8% | 3.5% | 7.5% | 7.5% |
| Healthcare | -5% | 2.6% | 2.3% | 6.3% | 0.8% | 4.9% | 4.5% | 1.6% | 5.5% | 8.3% | 8.2% | 5.9% |
| Houses of Worship | -5.7% | 6.3% | 4.3% | -4.4% | -2.4% | 1.3% | -10.8% | -10.9% | -6.4% | 2.0% | 4.8% | 5.7% |
| Lodging | 24.1% | 31.5% | 23% | 5.8% | 9.8% | 5.1% | -13.6% | -17.7% | -7.8% | 5.0% | 7.8% | 9.7% |
| Manufacturing | 15.5% | 37.1% | -4.2% | -11.2% | 2.6% | 10.4% | -10.3% | 0.8% | 8.2% | 9.6% | 6.1% | 5.2% |
| Retail | 18.2% | 6.6% | 17.5% | 11.3% | -1.4% | -6.9% | 4.1% | -1.1% | -2.4% | 0.8% | 3.9% | 6.8% |
| Target Commercial Buildings | 9.6% | 14.9% | 8.8% | 2.6% | 4.2% | 4.4% | -1.8% | -3.1% | 1.5% | 5.7% | 6.3% | 6.3% |
| Total Commercial Buildings | 8.7% | 14.8% | 7.5% | 3.6% | 5.2% | 4% | -1.8% | -3.3% | 1.5% | 6.2% | 7.3% | 7.4% |
| Total Residential Buildings | 14% | 14.7% | 10.8% | 12.3% | 3.3% | -2.3% | 12.2% | 6.9% | -0.9% | 4% | 6.1% | 6.4% |
| Total Nonbuilding Structures | 10.2% | 4.3% | 0.9% | 8.4% | 3.8% | 9.9% | 3.8% | -0.6% | 3.6% | 7.9% | 9.2% | 8% |
| Total Construction Put in Place | 11% | 12.3% | 7.3% | 4.6% | 4.2% | 2.4% | 4.9% | 1.6% | 0.8% | 5.6% | 7.2% | 7.1% |

NOTE: "Nonbuilding Structures" are generally horizontal construction projects, including roadways, bridges, tunnels, etc. This data is construction-related, and only projects with building permits were factored into the data.

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CANADA CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK

FMI does work extensively in Canada with a team dedicated to that area. The historic rule of thumb for Canada was that it was 10% of the United States — no matter what you were talking about. Over the past eight years, that has changed dramatically; today, total Canadian construction volume is closer to one-quarter of the United States. The recession in Canada was not nearly as deep or broad, and the residential sector held up relatively well. The government invested heavily in real infrastructure projects, especially in Ontario. And the oil and gas industry created a boom in Western Canada. We are expecting moderation in the rate of Canada's growth, but the economy will show steady gains for the next 10 years. It is estimated that the Canadian volume is about 18% of the U.S. systems contracting based on the nonresidential building sector; however, drivers and owner practices are different in Canada, which needs to be taken into consideration. NSCA will review this information in the reports to come.

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|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| Corporate | 11,049 | 8,853 | 8,637 | 8,670 | 9,754 | 10,873 | 10,556 | 10,771 | 10,846 | 11,061 | 11,702 | 12,141 |
| Education | 6,029 | 5,945 | 6,645 | 7,729 | 7,678 | 6,744 | 6,799 | 7,446 | 7,841 | 8,100 | 8,204 | 8,366 |
| Government | 1,270 | 2,414 | 1,949 | 2,292 | 2,397 | 2,912 | 2,840 | 2,814 | 2,915 | 3,032 | 3,141 | 3,217 |
| Healthcare | 4,463 | 5,111 | 4,823 | 5,168 | 5,252 | 5,319 | 5,756 | 6,554 | 7,033 | 7,478 | 7,691 | 7,788 |
| Houses of Worship | 398 | 442 | 413 | 386 | 382 | 444 | 415 | 385 | 379 | 392 | 403 | 413 |
| Lodging | 2,126 | 2,470 | 2,569 | 2,557 | 2,766 | 2,695 | 2,606 | 2,467 | 2,486 | 2,575 | 2,680 | 2,778 |
| Manufacturing | 14,361 | 12,989 | 13,038 | 12,177 | 14,525 | 15,558 | 13,082 | 12,982 | 13,387 | 14,360 | 15,032 | 15,369 |
| Retail | 14,831 | 14,270 | 13,357 | 13,472 | 14,002 | 15,748 | 15,228 | 14,050 | 14,144 | 14,705 | 15,424 | 15,951 |
| Target Commercial Buildings | 54,528 | 52,494 | 51,431 | 52,451 | 56,755 | 60,294 | 57,282 | 57,470 | 59,031 | 61,702 | 64,278 | 66,023 |
| Total Commercial Buildings | 69,478 | 66,915 | 68,077 | 69,691 | 76,624 | 80,799 | 77,514 | 79,132 | 82,037 | 86,305 | 89,717 | 92,127 |
| Total Residential Buildings | 98,215 | 100,853 | 105,454 | 113,821 | 118,714 | 118,204 | 123,416 | 132,431 | 129,911 | 132,729 | 137,805 | 142,163 |
| Total Nonbuilding Structures | 116,394 | 96,850 | 84,404 | 85,571 | 78,292 | 76,112 | 70,417 | 74,429 | 80,310 | 83,829 | 86,612 | 88,276 |
| Total Construction Put in Place | 284,086 | 264,618 | 257,934 | 269,084 | 273,630 | 275,115 | 271,347 | 285,992 | 292,258 | 302,862 | 314,134 | 322,565 |

CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK/CANADA in Millions of Current Canadian Dollars

CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK / CANADA % Change From Year Prior

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Corporate | -19.88% | -2.44% | 0.38% | 12.51% | 11.48% | -2.92% | 2.04% | 0.69% | 1.98% | 5.8% | 3.75% |
| Education | -1.39% | 11.76% | 16.32% | -0.67% | -12.16% | 0.83% | 9.51% | 5.3% | 3.3% | 1.29% | 1.98% |
| Government | 90.08% | -19.23% | 17.59% | 4.58% | 21.49% | -2.49% | -0.89% | 3.59% | 4.01% | 3.58% | 2.42% |
| Healthcare | 14.52% | -5.63% | 7.15% | 1.64% | 1.28% | 8.2% | 13.87% | 7.3% | 6.33% | 2.85% | 1.25% |
| Houses of Worship | 10.98% | -6.59% | -6.63% | -1.06% | 16.45% | -6.52% | -7.38% | -1.42% | 3.27% | 2.9% | 2.46% |
| Lodging | 16.15% | 4.03% | -0.48% | 8.17% | -2.57% | -3.3% | -5.32% | 0.77% | 3.56% | 4.1% | 3.63% |
| Manufacturing | -9.55% | 0.38% | -6.6% | 19.28% | 7.11% | -15.92% | -0.76% | 3.12% | 7.27% | 4.68% | 2.24% |
| Retail | -3.78% | -6.4% | 0.86% | 3.93% | 12.47% | -3.3% | -7.74% | 0.67% | 3.96% | 4.89% | 3.42% |
| Target Commercial Buildings | 3.73% | -2.02% | 1.98% | 8.21% | 6.24% | -5% | 0.33% | 2.72% | 4.52% | 4.17% | 2.71% |
| Total Commercial Buildings | -3.69% | 1.74% | 2.37% | 9.95% | 5.45% | -4.07% | 2.09% | 3.67% | 5.2% | 3.95% | 2.69% |
| Total Residential Buildings | 2.69% | 4.56% | 7.93% | 4.3% | -0.43% | 4.41% | 7.3% | -1.9% | 2.17% | 3.82% | 3.16% |
| Total Nonbuilding Structures | -16.79% | -12.85% | 1.38% | -8.51% | -2.78% | -7.48% | 5.7% | 7.9% | 4.38% | 3.32% | 1.92% |
| Total Construction Put in Place | -6.85% | -2.53% | 4.32% | 1.69% | 0.54% | -1.37% | 5.4% | 2.19% | 3.63% | 3.72% | 2.68% |

NOTE: We don't have the actual system type values per category determined as of yet. For now, use the averages in the U.S. to estimate value.

NOTE: "Nonbuilding Structures" are generally horizontal construction projects, including roadways, bridges, tunnels, etc. This data is construction-related project based, and only projects with building permits were factored into the data.



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