**Construction** is the process of constructing a [building](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Building) or [infrastructure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infrastructure).[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Construction#cite_note-1) Construction differs from [manufacturing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manufacturing) in that manufacturing typically involves [mass production](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mass_production) of similar items without a designated purchaser, while construction typically takes place on location for a known client.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Construction#cite_note-Halpin2010-2) Construction as an [industry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Industry) comprises six to nine percent of the [gross domestic product](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gross_domestic_product) of [developed countries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Developed_country).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Construction#cite_note-3)Construction starts with planning, design, and financing; it continues until the project is built and ready for use.

Large-scale construction requires [collaboration](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collaboration) across multiple disciplines. A [project manager](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_manager) normally manages the job, and a [construction manager](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Construction_manager), [design engineer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Design_engineer), [construction engineer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Construction_engineer) or [architect](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architect) supervises it. Those involved with the design and execution must consider zoning requirements, [environmental impact](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Environmental_impact_assessment) of the job, [scheduling](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scheduling_(production_processes)), [budgeting](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Budget), [construction-site safety](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Construction_site_safety), availability and transportation of [building materials](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Building_material), logistics, inconvenience to the public caused by [construction delays](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Construction_delay) and [bidding](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Construction_bidding). Large construction projects are sometimes referred to as [megaprojects](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Megaprojects).

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