

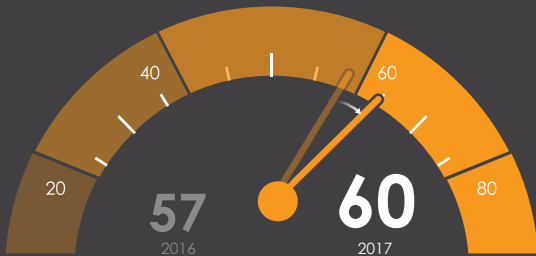
CONSTRUCTION CONFIDENCE SURVEY

2017

The annual Construction Confidence Survey, conducted by the Ontario Construction Secretariat (OCS), measures the overall health of Ontario's construction economy and the industry's outlook for 2017.

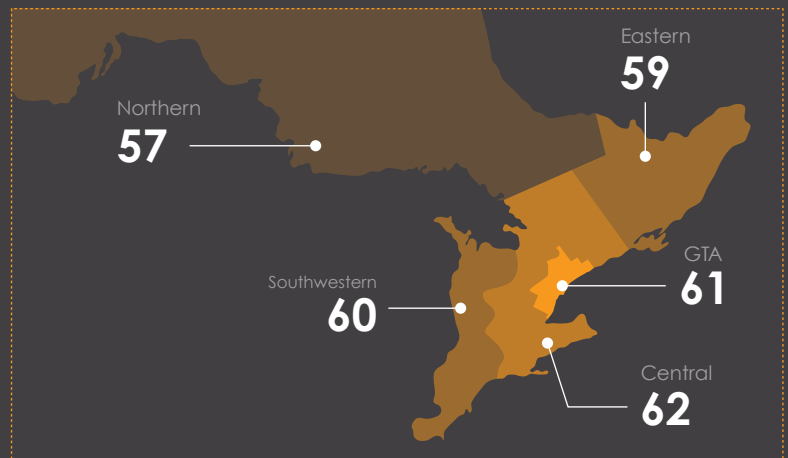
Here, based on 500 interviews with contractors across the province, is what you need to know about the economic engine of growth that is construction in 2017.

CONSTRUCTION CONFIDENCE INDICATOR

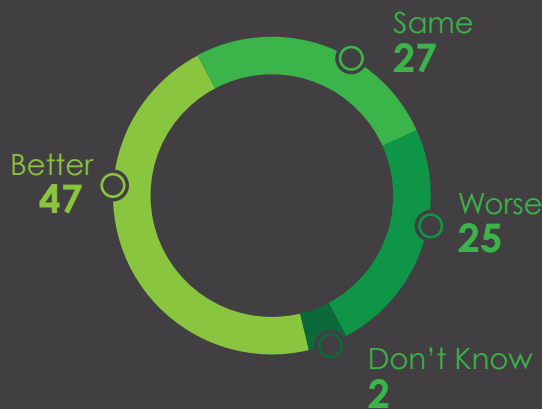


The Construction Confidence Indicator reveals contractors' perceptions of business conditions for the next 12 months. A reading above 50 indicates that the number of contractors who expect to conduct more business is greater than those expecting to conduct less business.

Regional confidence scores:



INDUSTRY OUTLOOK IN 2017 COMPARED TO LAST YEAR?



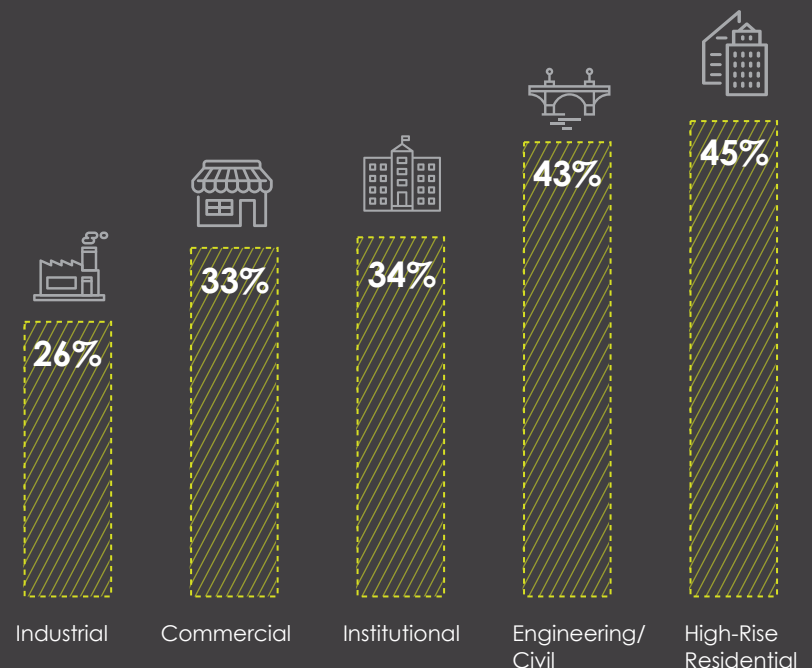
Optimism is highest in the **GTA**, where

56% of contractors expect Ontario's construction industry to grow.

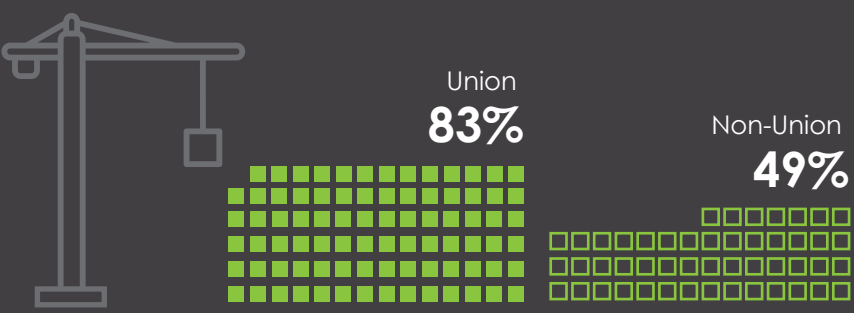
63 per cent of contractors in **Kitchener-Waterloo** expect significant growth in the high-rise residential sector.

SECTOR OUTLOOK

Percentage of Contractors Expecting Significant Growth Across Ontario



WHO EMPLOYS APPRENTICES?



↑ 11%

Unionized contractors are increasing their investment in apprentices. The number of unionized firms employing apprentices has gone up by 11 per cent since 2015, compared to a 3 per cent increase among non-unionized firms.

IMPACT OF ONTARIO'S SLOW ECONOMY

Fifty-two per cent of contractors believe a slow economy will be a significant barrier to growth in 2017.



THE TRUMP EFFECT

Three Most Common Concerns:

- Less investment in projects due to economic uncertainty
- Increasing costs for construction materials
- Harm to Ontario's manufacturing industry

42 Negative/Harmful



32 Positive



Ontario

42%

Overall, 42 per cent of contractors expect America's 45th President will have a negative or harmful effect on Ontario's economy and construction industry

Windsor/ Sarnia

59%

Concerns about Trump are highest in the **Windsor/ Sarnia** area, where 59 per cent of respondents expect the economy to be harmed