



CONTRACTOR SURVEY 2026

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Ontario Construction Secretariat

2026 Business Outlook Contractors' expected business in 2026



Positivity Drivers



Project Pipeline



Economic Factors



Government Investment

Risks



Uncertainty



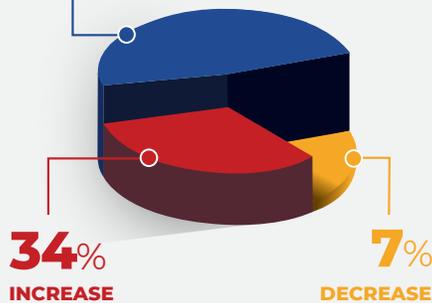
High Costs



Financial Strain

Expectations for Competition In 2026

59% STAY THE SAME



Construction Industry Outlook

49% OPTIMISTIC

46% PESSIMISTIC

TOP OBSTACLES

Availability of skilled experienced workers (19%) and not enough work or business (17%) are the top concerns/ challenges for 2026.

Labour Hiring Expectations in 2026



1 in 4 firms

expect to increase their workforce in 2026

50% of firms believe it will be harder to access skilled labour



Project Pipelines & Supply Chain Pressures

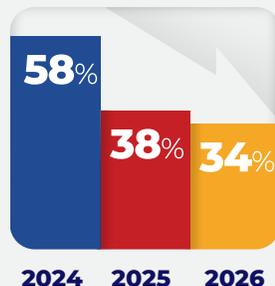


58% of firms saw project cancellations/postponements



TOP REASONS

include escalating material costs, lack of financing, uncertainty from trade war, high interest rate, and labour costs.



Supply chain disruptions have decreased significantly.



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