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Construction Review

Reflecting activity to the end of January 2026

February 2026

- ✓ **30% decline in detailed planning approvals** against the preceding three months
- ✓ **37% decline in main contract awards** against the preceding three months
- ✓ **31% decline in project starts** against the preceding three months



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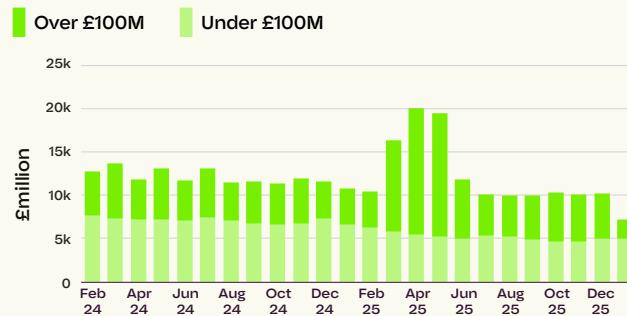
Executive Summary

- ❖ **33% decline** in approvals against the previous year
- ❖ **43% decrease** in main contract awards against the previous year
- ❖ **20% decrease** in project starts against the previous year

The latest figures show a slowdown in UK construction activity, with project-starts, main contract awards, and detailed planning approvals all falling compared with the preceding three months and the previous year.

Despite a poor start to the year, key schemes across the economy such as the New Hospital Programme, the School Rebuilding Programme as well as a strong pipeline of infrastructure and utilities programmes are set to help support overall construction activity in the future.

Detailed Planning Approvals

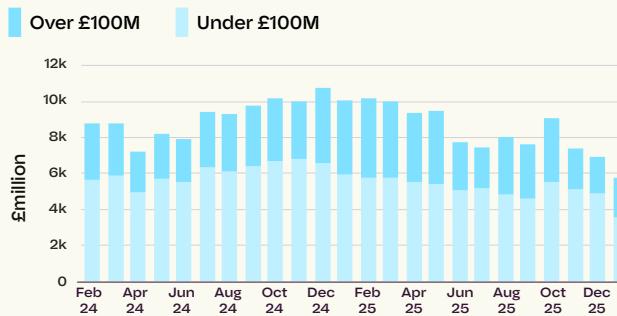


Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Detailed Planning Approvals	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£million	15,016	6,567	21,582
YoY	-24%	-47%	-33%
Prev. 3 months	8%	-62%	-30%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	1%		

Source: Glenigan. Three month average

Main Contract Awards

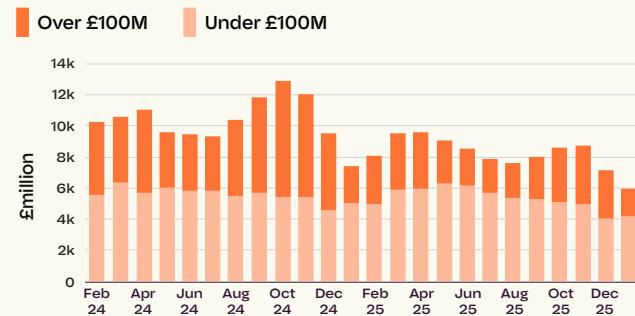


Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Main Contract Awards	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£million	10,734	6,535	17,269
YoY	-40%	-47%	-43%
Prev. 3 months	-35%	-38%	-37%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-32%		

Source: Glenigan. Three month average

Starts



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Starts	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£million	12,602	5,176	17,778
YoY	-16%	-28%	-20%
Prev. 3 months	-18%	-50%	-31%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-9%		

Source: Glenigan. Three month average

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Economic Outlook

Mixed signals for UK economy

- ▼ Manufacturing and construction hold back economic growth
- ▲ Higher average earnings boost consumer spending
- ▼ Private sector employment falters

The economy grew by just 0.1% during the three months to November as a rise in service sector output was largely offset by a weakening in manufacturing and construction. Consumer-facing services were particularly strong, increasing by 0.5% compared to the preceding three months as rising household incomes supported increased expenditure on travel, sports & leisure, and retail purchases. Industry surveys point to a tentative upturn in UK economic growth during January, led by a strengthening service sector.

Higher average earnings have supported the rise in consumer-facing services. Average earnings during November were 4.3% up on a year earlier, outpacing inflation at 3.3%. Earnings growth has not been evenly distributed. Public sector earnings were 7.9% higher than a year ago.

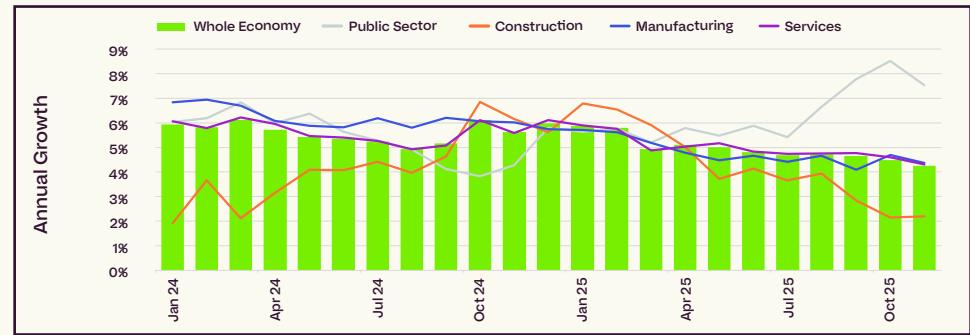
In contrast, private sector wage growth rose by 3.5%, with construction increasing by 2.2%. This reflects sluggish demand growth and higher production costs in the private sector. Job vacancies have also declined, accompanied by an uptick in unemployment to 5.1%.

This has the potential to dampen consumer confidence and spending over the coming months. An early interest rate cut would help to rebuild both consumer and business confidence.

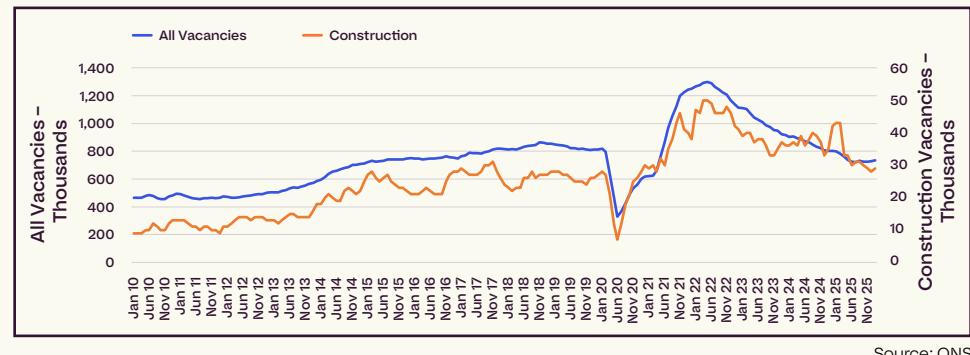
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Top 50 Contractors

Last 12 month totals:
993 projects
£32,888m
993 projects
£32,888m

Last month totals:
95 projects
£2,865m

February 2025 to January 2026

Contractors	#	£m	★	Contractors	#	£m	★
1 STRABAG	7	2,636	0	26 VINCI	25	363	2
2 Morgan Sindall	208	2,358	2	27 Hill Group	15	360	-3
3 Mace	12	2,136	-1	28 Glencar Construction	21	337	10
4 Kier	79	1,949	-1	29 Equitix	1	332	2
5 Bowmer & Kirkland	29	1,893	0	30 Corrigenda	4	324	NEW
6 Bovis	11	1,458	0	31 Kanadevia Inova UK	2	319	3
7 Laing O'Rourke	11	1,442	0	32 TSL Projects	6	319	-3
8 Graham Construction	29	1,155	0	33 Ian Williams	8	294	NEW
9 McLaren	15	1,009	9	34 Balfour Beatty	19	292	-2
10 Willmott Dixon	58	975	1	35 Marlborough Surfacing	2	285	0
11 M Group Services	11	934	-1	36 Murphy	6	278	1
12 Jones Bros	4	898	10	37 Caddick Group	14	273	-4
13 Winvic	22	836	0	38 McLaughlin & Harvey	9	263	-2
14 Galliford Try	122	830	0	39 Bennett Construction	3	252	2
15 Wates	46	804	-3	40 Flynn	1	250	NEW
16 Mears Group	4	787	0	41 Structure Tone	3	247	4
17 Royal BAM	37	783	0	42 GMI Construction	13	242	NEW
18 Sisk	7	566	1	43 Esh Group	17	230	6
19 McAleer & Rushe UK	10	537	1	44 Domis Construction	2	229	3
20 Sir Robert McAlpine	4	401	-11	45 Gilbert Ash	3	220	-1
21 G W Highways	1	400	4	46 G2 Energy	1	216	4
22 ACCIONA	1	400	4	47 HG Construction	6	216	NEW
23 Costain	4	392	16	48 Collins Cons. Projects	11	212	NEW
24 Bouygues	21	379	-9	49 RE: GEN Group	14	210	-3
25 Tilbury Douglas	32	368	2	50 Castle Building Services	4	202	NEW

★ Change in ranking since the previous period

January 2026

Contractors	#	£m	★	Contractors	#	£m	★
1 Bowmer & Kirkland	3	378	11	26 Overbury	5	23	NEW
2 McLaren	5	321	NEW	27 Mears Group	1	22	NEW
3 Corrigenda	1	300	NEW	28 Eric Wright	3	22	NEW
4 Morgan Sindall	11	289	NEW	29 One Group Construction	1	22	NEW
5 UI Social Infrastructure	1	138	NEW	30 Thakeham Group	1	20	NEW
6 Cardo Group	1	137	NEW	31 Erith Contractors	1	19	NEW
7 Ian Williams	1	137	NEW	32 Barnwood Group	1	18	NEW
8 Costain	1	123	NEW	33 Speller Metcalfe	1	16	NEW
9 Boulevard Construction	1	60	NEW	34 UK Gas Services	1	15	NEW
10 Multiplex	1	58	NEW	35 Gap Prop. Serv. Leicester	1	15	NEW
11 Winvic	1	55	NEW	36 Jerram Falkus Cons.	1	15	NEW
12 GMI Construction	4	53	-1	37 Kiely Bros	1	15	NEW
13 Royal BAM	1	51	-8	38 Hanson Quarry Products	1	15	NEW
14 SDC Holdings	3	46	NEW	39 Stainforth Construction	1	14	NEW
15 Keady Construction	1	46	NEW	40 Neilcott Construction	2	14	NEW
16 Willmott Dixon	4	38	32	41 Lindum Group	2	11	NEW
17 Bouygues	3	36	NEW	42 CLC Group	2	11	NEW
18 Glencar Construction	2	35	2	43 Carnegie Steel Buildings	1	11	NEW
19 Galliford Try	7	34	-13	44 Classic Builders S. West	1	11	-20
20 Kier	2	31	-12	45 Edgewater Contracts	1	10	NEW
21 Legendre Construction	1	30	NEW	46 Jr Construction Scotland	1	10	NEW
22 Benniman Limited	1	30	-4	47 Triton Construction	1	9	NEW
23 City Gate Cons (Scotland)	1	28	NEW	48 MD Building Services	1	9	-45
24 Charles Brand	1	26	NEW	49 TR Group	1	9	NEW
25 Wills Bros	1	23	NEW	50 Wates	3	9	-36

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Top 50 Clients

February 2025 to January 2026

Clients	#	£m	★	Clients	#	£m	★
1 United Utilities Group	5	2930	0	26 Telehouse International	1	250	1
2 Department of Health	147	1235	2	27 Lidl UK	34	249	-2
3 Ministry of Justice	36	1088	-1	28 Prologis UK	6	235	14
4 Oxfordshire County Council	9	1005	1	29 Westminster City Council	2	230	NEW
5 Dep. for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	10	956	1	30 Sanctuary Housing	3	229	-2
6 Ministry of Defence	42	909	1	31 Clarion Housing Group	5	219	-1
7 Department for Education	67	856	1	32 Elements Green	1	216	-1
8 Mitsui Fudosan	1	700	1	33 Echelon Consultancy	2	212	NEW
9 Scottish Prison Service	3	685	1	34 CPD	4	204	-1
10 British Land	5	653	1	35 Natural History Museum	2	204	-1
11 Community Wind Power	1	500	1	36 Great Portland Estates	4	201	NEW
12 Milton Keynes BC.	3	494	1	37 Immersa	1	200	0
13 Kemble Water	9	483	2	38 London Bor. of Havering	3	196	0
14 Kent County Council	8	482	0	39 Urenco UK	1	196	0
15 National Grid	9	383	2	40 Cole Waterhouse	1	185	1
16 Dover District Council	2	360	2	41 University of London	11	185	2
17 Enso Energy	4	339	29	42 Midlothian Council	4	175	-13
18 Department for Transport	31	322	-2	43 Simec Atlantis Energy	1	175	NEW
19 Hampshire County Council	6	317	NEW	44 Aldi	47	172	4
20 MVV Environ.Devonport	1	300	0	45 NTT Data UK	1	165	NEW
21 Highview Power	1	300	0	46 Obayashi	1	165	-2
22 SSEN Transmission	5	293	NEW	47 Sellar Property Group	1	165	-2
23 Greater London Authority	10	267	0	48 The Crown Estate	4	160	-1
24 Hertfordshire CC.	5	262	-2	49 Dep. for Infrastructure	5	159	0
25 Tribus Clean Energy	1	250	1	50 Vita Meadows	1	158	NEW

★ Change in ranking since the previous period

January 2026

Clients	#	£m	★	Clients	#	£m	★
1 Hampshire County Council	2	300	NEW	26 Sampson Hse & Ludgate Hse	1	29	NEW
2 Westminster City Council	1	229	NEW	27 Arkwood Developments	1	28	NEW
3 Dudley Met. BC.	1	138	NEW	28 Sherrif Way Nottingham	1	28	NEW
4 Livity	1	137	NEW	29 Cassidy Group	1	28	NEW
5 Echelon Consultancy	1	137	NEW	30 Highland Council	1	26	NEW
6 Department for Transport	2	137	NEW	31 Foxwood School	1	25	NEW
7 London Bor. of Southwark	1	92	NEW	32 North Ayrshire Council	1	23	NEW
8 BDO	1	75	NEW	33 Kent County Council	2	23	NEW
9 Department of Health	8	68	14	34 Kemble Water	1	21	-3
10 London Borough of Enfield	1	55	NEW	35 Torus Housing Group	1	20	NEW
11 Lego Company	1	55	NEW	36 Stonewater	1	20	NEW
12 Define	1	51	NEW	37 FlightSafety Int. UK	1	18	NEW
13 Sizewell C	1	50	NEW	38 J Pullan & Sons	1	17	NEW
14 Drum Property Group	1	47	NEW	39 London Bor. of Bromley	1	15	NEW
15 Department for Education	5	47	-12	40 T J Morris	2	14	NEW
16 Elder Develop (greyfriars)	1	46	NEW	41 Birtenshaw School	1	14	NEW
17 Wellcome Trust	1	42	NEW	42 Lok'nStore	1	14	NEW
18 Mountpark Properties	2	36	NEW	43 W8 Developments	2	14	NEW
19 Indurent	2	35	NEW	44 Greater London Authority	2	14	NEW
20 Renfrewshire Council	4	31	NEW	45 BBC	1	13	NEW
21 Satara Projects	1	30	NEW	46 BMR Edgware	2	12	NEW
22 London Green	1	30	NEW	47 University of Cambridge	2	12	NEW
23 Indurent PropCo C2	1	30	NEW	48 Aster Group	2	11	NEW
24 Berkeley Square Holdings	1	30	NEW	49 Norfolk County Council	1	11	NEW
25 Native Land	1	29	NEW	50 East Sussex Highways	1	11	NEW

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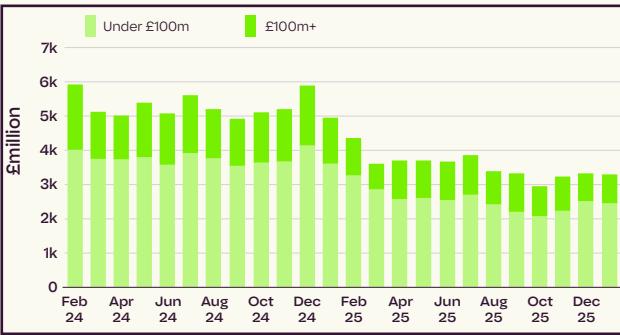
Overview

- ✓ **24% decrease** in project starts year-on-year.
- ✓ **33% decrease** in main contract awards from last year.
- ✓ **34% decrease** in detailed planning approvals year-on-year.

Residential project-starts and main contract awards experienced a decline against both last year and the preceding quarter during the three months to January. More positively, there was growth in detailed planning approvals against the previous quarter. Major project starts (£100 million or more) are also showing signs of recovery.

With UK house prices rising in January, the outlook for the housing sector appears promising despite experiencing a weak quarter. In 2026, private housing and social housing are forecast to rise by 6%.

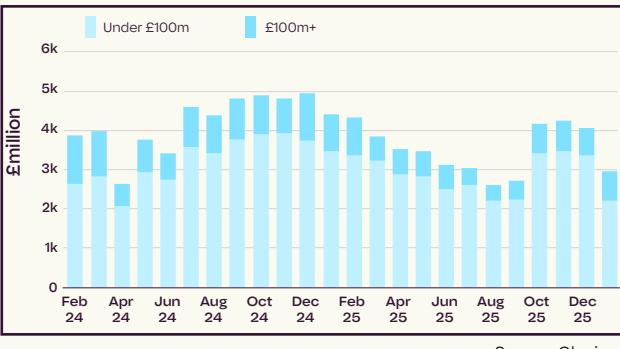
Detailed Planning Approvals



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Detailed Planning Approvals	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	7,378	2,482	9,859
YoY	-32%	-40%	-34%
Prev. 3 months	19%	-5%	12%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	9%		

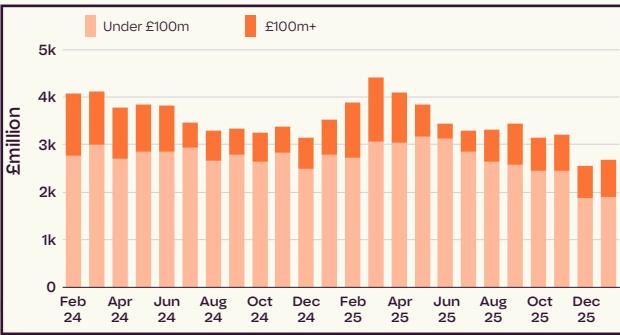
Main Contract Awards



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Main Contract Awards	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	6,619	2,240	8,859
YoY	-36%	-21%	-33%
Prev. 3 months	-35%	-4%	-29%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-31%		

Housing Starts



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Starts	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£million	5,701	2,371	8,072
YoY	-32%	9%	-24%
Prev. 3 months	-23%	14%	-15%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-24%		

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Housing

Types of projects started

Sub-sector performance was mixed, with five categories up on a year ago.

- Private housing accounted for the largest share (38%), having decreased 51% year-on-year to total £3,107 million.
- Private apartments grew 43% against the previous year, totalling £2,493 million.
- Social Sector Housing started on site grew 3% compared to a year ago to a total of £1,038 million.

Types of Housing Projects Started

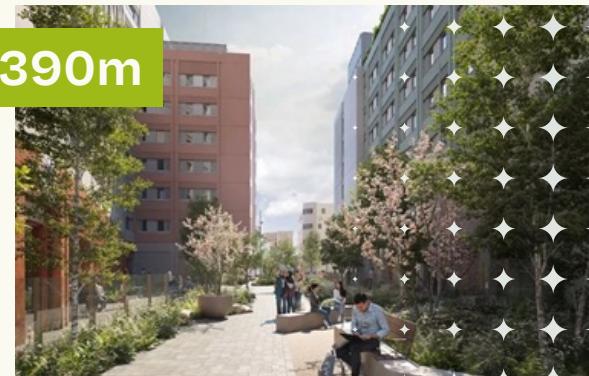
Three months to January 2026

	£ million	Percentage
Private Apartments	2,493	31%
Elderly Persons Homes	16	0%
Private Housing	3,107	38%
Private Sheltered Housing	97	1%
Social Sector Sheltered Housing	36	0%
Social Sector Apartments	477	6%
Social Sector Housing	1,038	13%
Homes, Hostels Etc.	106	1%
Student Accommodation	703	9%
Total	8,072	100%

Project Spotlight

Cambridge Halls

£390m



Detailed plans have been approved on the £390 million Cambridge Halls student accommodation development in Manchester. A main contractor is yet to be appointed on the scheme, with works due to be completed in Q4 2027.

PROJECT ID: 24273061

IMAGE SOURCE: ALL SAINTS CAMPUS

Housing League Tables

January 2025 to February 2026

Contractors	Projects	£m	Clients	Projects	£m
Barratt Redrow	64	2,031	Barratt Redrow	75	2,072
Bloor Homes	62	1,943	Bloor Homes	66	2,070
Taylor Wimpey	40	1,316	Taylor Wimpey	52	1,768
Persimmon	56	1,282	Persimmon	66	1,354
Bellway	42	960	Bellway	46	1,110
Hill Group	24	843	Vistry	46	930
Mears Group	4	787	Milton Keynes BC.	3	716
Vistry	22	602	Apollo Mngmt. Int.	31	529
Apollo Mngmt. Int.	29	543	The Berkeley Group	10	429
Keepmoat	17	518	Dover District Council	1	350

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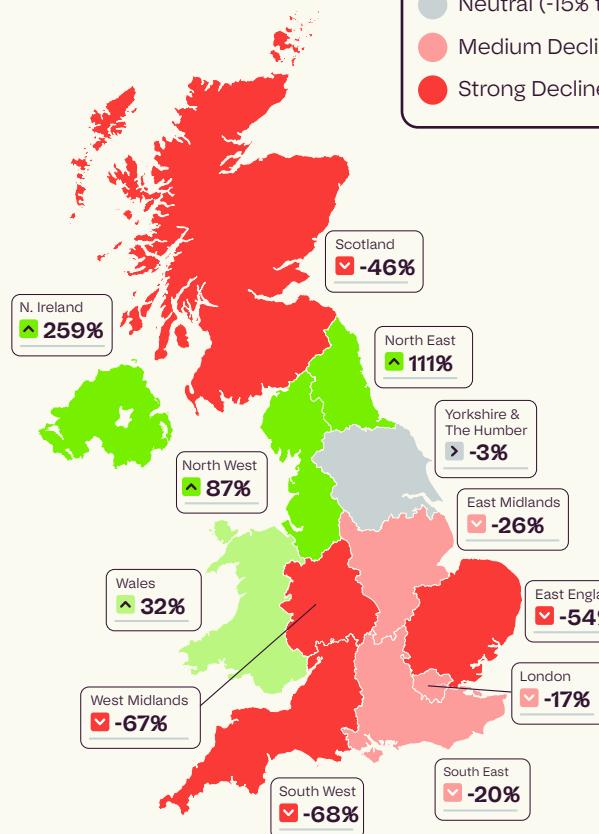
Regional

- Project starts were weak, with most regions down on a year ago.
- Only two regions showed growth in detailed planning approvals.
- Northern Ireland and the North West experienced growth in project starts and approvals.

The North West led residential project starts, thanks to an 87% increase to total £1,449 million. London, on the other hand, performed poorly, having decreased 17% on a year ago to total £1,439 million. The South East fell 20% to total £904 million. The East Midlands experienced a 26% slump to total £714 million.

At £1,490 million, the South East was the most active region for detailed planning approvals, despite having fallen 30% year-on-year. London decreased 62% on a year ago to total £1,484 million. Totalling £1,269 million, the South West slipped back 11% on a year ago. In contrast, approvals in the North West increased 8% to total £1,316 million.

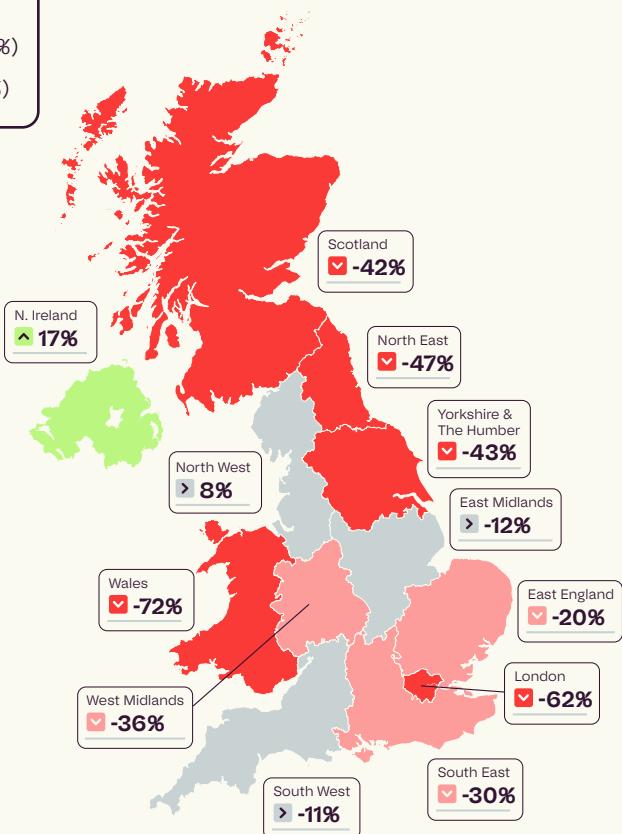
Changes in Housing Starts on a Year Earlier



Growth or Decline

- Strong Growth (> 40%)
- Medium Growth (> 15%)
- Neutral (-15% to 15%)
- Medium Decline (< 15%)
- Strong Decline (< 40%)

Changes in Housing Planning Approvals on a Year Earlier



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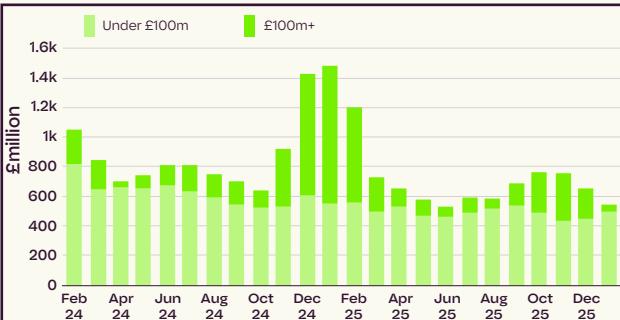
Overview

- ✓ **13% decrease** in project starts year-on-year.
- ✓ **79% decrease** in main contract awards from last year.
- ✓ **63% decrease** in detailed planning approvals compared to 2024.

Performance in the industrial sector was weak during the three months to January. Starts were 13% down on a year ago and 7% lower than the preceding three months. Main contract awards were 28% lower than the preceding quarter, to stand 79% down year-on-year.

Detailed planning approvals declined 29% quarter-on-quarter to stand 63% down on a year ago. More positively, there was growth in underlying projects starting on-site (under £100 million), both quarter-on-quarter (SA) and year-on-year.

Detailed Planning Approvals



Source: Glenigan

Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Detailed Planning Approvals	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	1,500	139	1,639
YoY	-10%	-95%	-63%
Prev. 3 months	2%	-83%	-29%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-5%		

Main Contract Awards

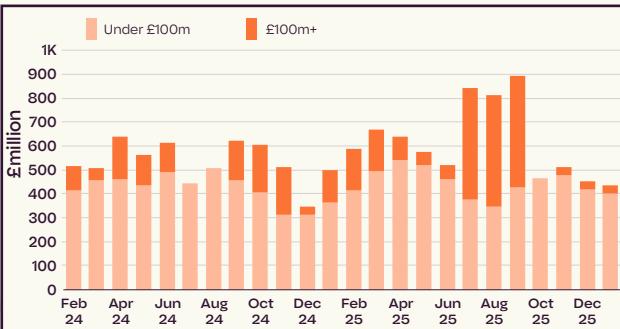


Source: Glenigan

Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Main Contract Awards	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	667	100	767
YoY	-53%	-96%	-79%
Prev. 3 months	-21%	-55%	-28%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-28%		

Industrial Starts



Source: Glenigan

Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Starts	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	1,212	100	1,312
YoY	10%	-75%	-13%
Prev. 3 months	-14%		-7%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	2%		

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Industrial

Types of projects started

In line with the overall weak performance of the sector, project starts only grew in one out of three categories.

- Manufacturing accounted for 61% of industrial project starts, 36% up on a year ago to total £800 million.
- Totalling £447 million, Warehousing & logistics accounted for 34%, a 46% decrease.
- Other industrial projects fell 21% year-on-year, totalling £64 million, a 5% share of the sector.

Types of Industrial Projects Started

Three months to January 2026

	£ million	Percentage
Manufacturing	800	61%
Other Industrial	64	5%
Warehousing & Logistics	447	34%
Total	1,312	100%

Project Spotlight

Encirc Automated Warehouse

Detailed plans have been approved for the £60.2 million Encirc Automated Warehouse development in Elton, Chester. A main contractor is yet to be appointed on the scheme.

£60.2m



PROJECT ID: 23076376

IMAGE SOURCE: AEW ARCHITECTS

Industrial League Tables

January 2025 to February 2026

Contractors	Projects	£m	Clients	Projects	£m
Winvic	14	545	Prologis UKd	6	244
TSL Projects	5	288	Lidl UK	2	154
Caddick	11	277	Indurent	9	111
Glencar Construction	16	269	Howden Joinery	1	100
Benniman	9	156	Panattoni	5	93
J W Muir	7	140	Aldi	1	84
GMI Construction	5	130	Avonmouth Indust.	2	83
Wilten Construction	10	121	Waldens Wilts Foods	1	74
Magrock	11	118	Caddick	3	68
Murphy	2	106	Amazon UK	3	64

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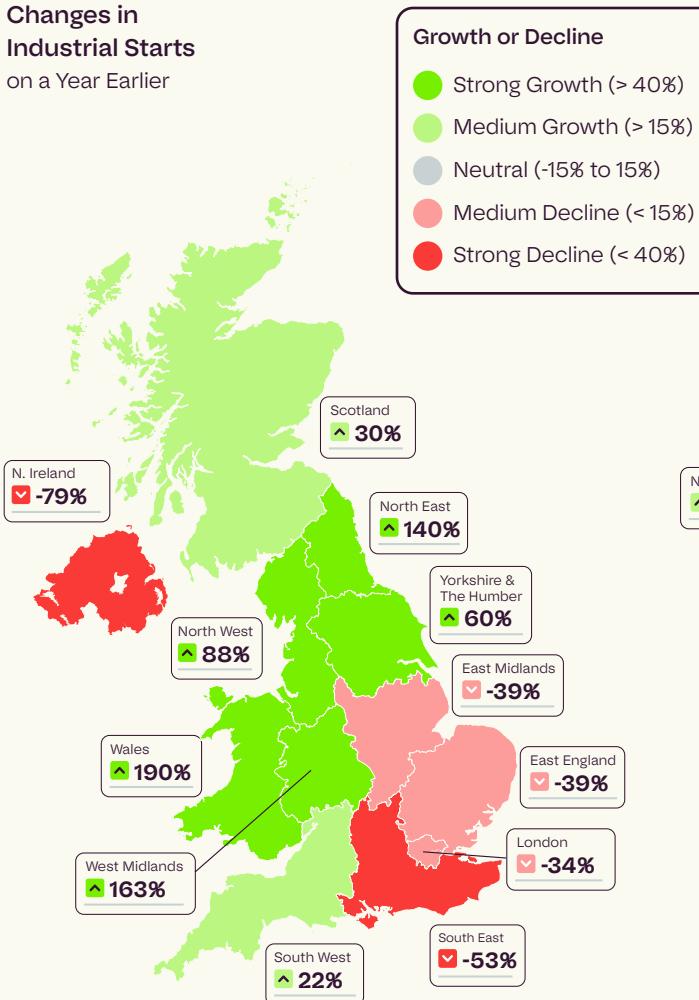
Regional

- Regional performance in project starts was strong, with most regions up year-on-year.
- Detailed planning approvals only increased in two regions.
- West Midlands grew in both project starts and approvals.

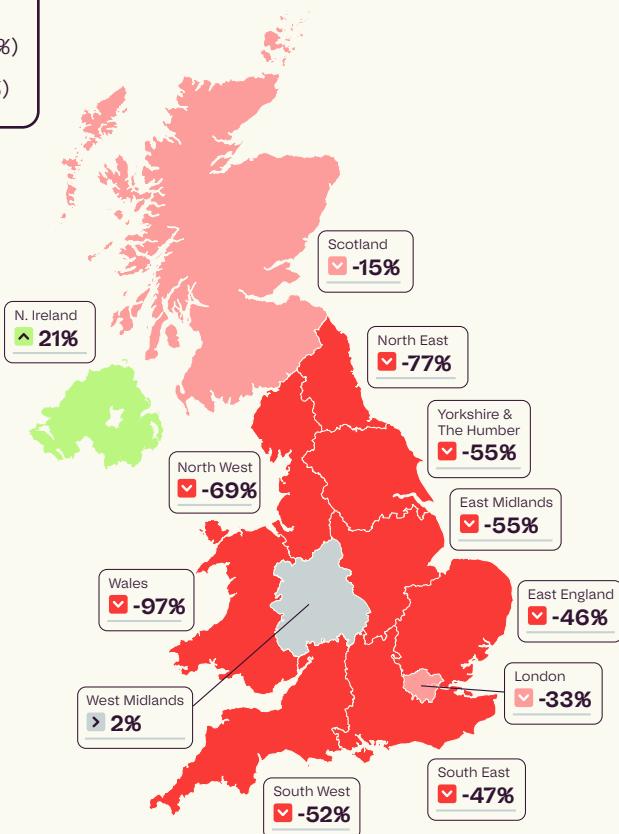
The East Midlands accounted for 19% of project starts, totalling £246 million. The region fell 39% on a year ago. Accounting for 12%, starts in the South East decreased 53%, totalling £159 million. The West Midlands, on the other hand, almost tripled on a year ago to total £179 million.

The North West led detailed planning approvals in the industrial sector, despite a 69% decline year-on-year, totalling £253 million. Yorkshire & the Humber decreased 55%, totalling £228 million. In contrast, consents grew 2% in the West Midlands, bumping the total to £239 million.

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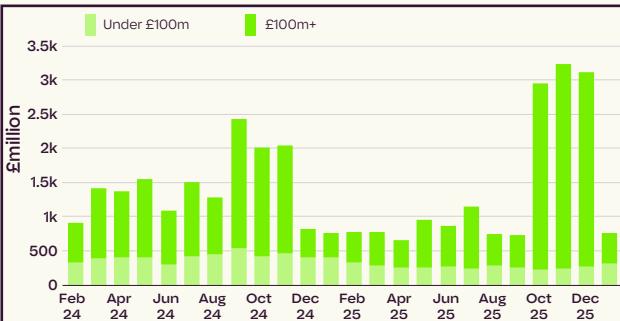
Offices

Overview

- ✓ **20% decrease** in project starts year-on-year.
- ✓ **16% decrease** in main contract awards from last year.
- ✓ **1% decrease** in detailed planning approvals compared to a year ago.

The office sector had a weak performance during the three months to January, with a decline in project starts, main contract awards and detailed planning approvals against both the previous three months and a year ago. However, underlying project starts (under £100 million) grew against both periods.

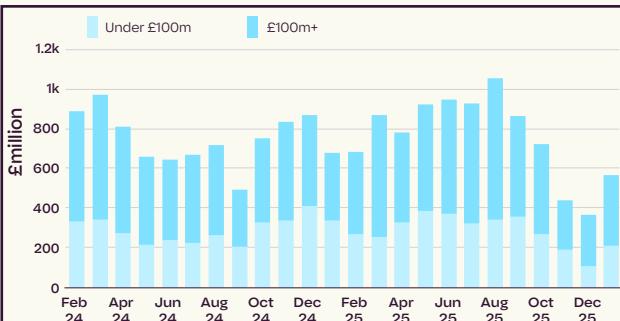
Detailed Planning Approvals



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Detailed Planning Approvals	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	911	1,351	2,262
YoY	-24%	25%	-1%
Prev. 3 months	43%	-84%	-75%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	27%		

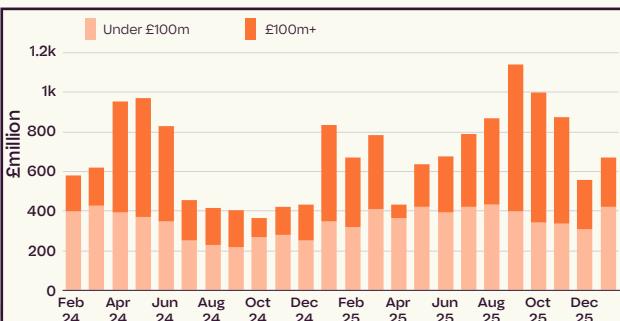
Main Contract Awards



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Main Contract Awards	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	624	1,080	1,704
YoY	-38%	5%	-16%
Prev. 3 months	-22%	-21%	-22%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-21%		

Office Starts



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Starts	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	1,255	750	2,005
YoY	21%	-49%	-20%
Prev. 3 months	22%	-62%	-33%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	7%		

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Types of projects started

In line with the overall decline in the sector, only two value bands experienced growth in project starts.

- Project starts in the over £100 million value band totalled £750 million, having decreased 49% on a year ago.
- The £50 million to £100 million value band decreased 30% year-on-year, totalling £252 million.
- The £20 million to £50 million value band jumped 70% year-on-year, totalling £580 million.

Types of Office Projects Started

Three months to January 2026

	£ million	Percentage
Up to £5 million	109	5%
£5 million up to £10 million	192	10%
£10 million up to £20 million	122	6%
£20 million up to £50 million	580	29%
£50 million up to £100 million	252	13%
Over £100 million	750	37%
Total	2005	100%

Project Spotlight

Camomile Park

Detailed plans have been approved for the £500 million Camomile Park development in the City of London. Work is due to complete in Q1 2030, with a main contractor yet to be appointed on the scheme.

PROJECT ID: 24138635

£500m



IMAGE SOURCE: FLETCHER PRIEST

Office League Tables

January 2025 to February 2026

Contractors	Projects	£m	Clients	Projects	£m
Mace	8	1,836	Mitsui Fudosan UK	1	700
Morgan Sindall	115	1,063	British Land	3	642
Bowmer & Kirkland	5	722	Endurance Land	1	300
Bovis	2	480	Telehouse Int.	1	250
Multiplex Cons. Eur.	2	358	Grt. Portland Estates	4	201
McLaren	4	346	Obayashi	1	165
Kier	6	266	NTT Data	1	165
Flynn	1	250	Sellar Property	1	165
Structure Tone	3	247	The Crown Estate	5	162
Collins Construc.	10	204	Barclays Bank	2	151

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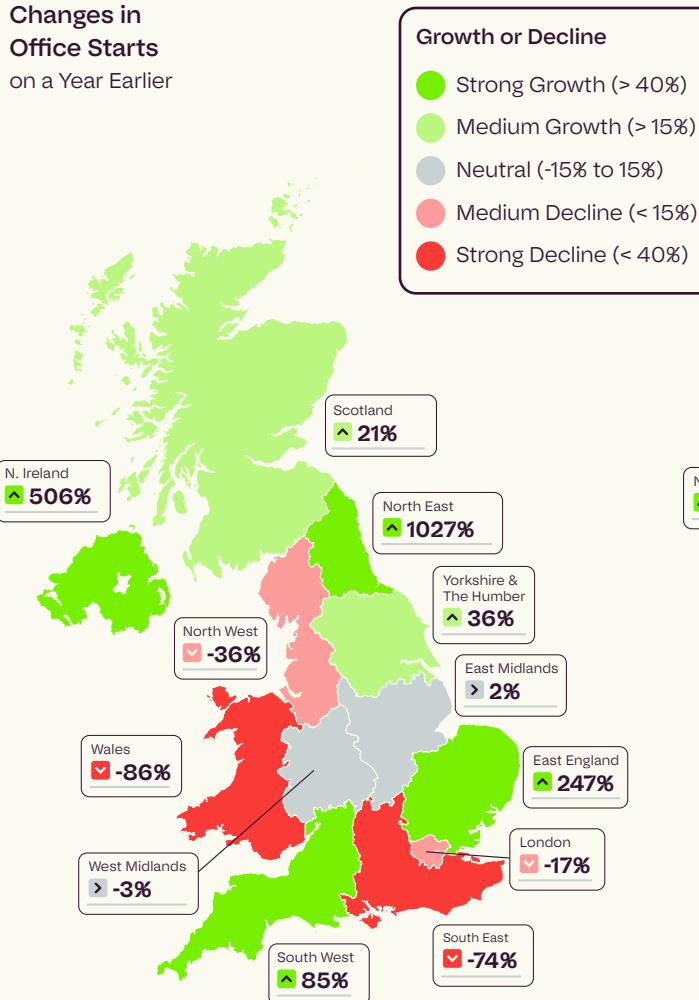
Regional

- Most regions saw growth in projects commencing on-site, despite the overall decline in office starts.
- Mixed regional performance in project starts, with half of the regions up against last year.
- North East and Northern Ireland experienced strong growth in both project starts and planning approvals.

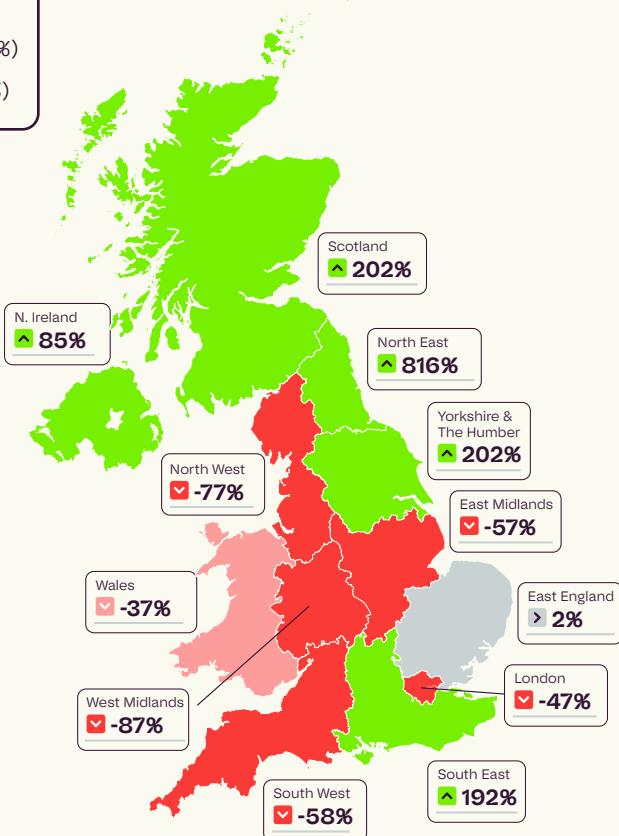
London had by far the highest share (68%) of project starts during the period, despite a 17% decline to total £1,372 million. Totalling £115 million, starts in the North West fell 36% on a year ago. In contrast, the East of England jumped 247% against last year to total £168 million.

The South East led detailed planning approvals in the office sector, having jumped 192% year-on-year to total £822 million. The East of England climbed 2% against the previous year to total £290 million. At £262 million the North East grew nine times against last year's figures. In contrast, totalling £522 million, consents in London fell 47%.

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Retail

Overview

✓ **13% decrease** in project starts year-on-year.

✓ **79% decrease** in main contract awards from last year.

✓ **21% decrease** in detailed planning approvals compared to the previous year.

Performance in the Retail sector was weak in the three months to January, with project starts, main contract awards and detailed planning approvals all down year-on-year. No major projects (over £100 million) reached any of the three stages in the development pipeline.

Underlying contract awards and approvals (under £100 million) were also down against both periods. More positively, project starts grew 9% against the previous three months, driven by an increase in underlying starts.

Detailed Planning Approvals

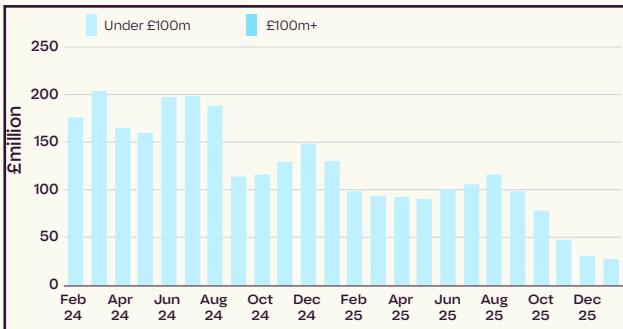


Source: Glenigan

Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Detailed Planning Approvals	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	273	-	273
YoY	-21%	-	-21%
Prev. 3 months	-1%	-	-1%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-3%	-	

Main Contract Awards

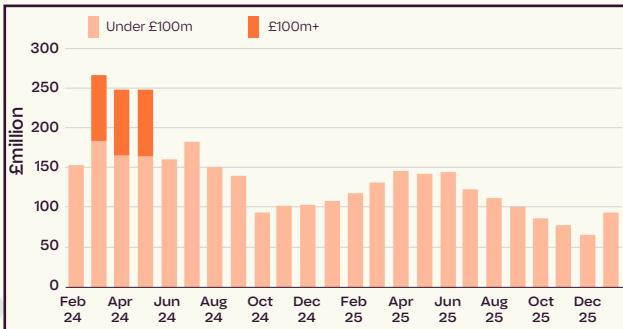


Source: Glenigan

Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Main Contract Awards	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	80	-	80
YoY	-79%	-	-79%
Prev. 3 months	-65%	-	-65%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-68%	-	

Retail Starts



Source: Glenigan

Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Starts	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	283	-	283
YoY	-13%	-	-13%
Prev. 3 months	9%	-100%	9%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	14%	-	

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Retail

Types of projects started

Performance in the retail sector was very weak, with only two categories growing on a year ago.

- Supermarkets accounted for the largest share (64%), having increased 26% year-on-year to total £181 million.
- Totalling £9 million, petrol filling stations were 170% higher year-on-year.
- Totalling £81 million, shop projects starting on site decreased 31% on a year ago.

Types of Retail Projects Started

Three months to January 2026

	£ million	Percentage
Other Retail	5	2%
Petrol Filling Stations	9	3%
Retail Warehousing	-	0%
Shopping Centres	9	3%
Shops	81	28%
Supermarkets	181	64%
Total	283	100%

Project Spotlight

Meenan Square Development

Detailed plans have been approved for the £12.4 million Meenan Square Development in Derry, Co Londonderry. A main contractor is yet to be appointed on the scheme.

£12.4m



PROJECT ID: 23119047

IMAGE SOURCE: TURLEY

Retail League Tables

January 2025 to February 2026

Contractors	Projects	£m	Clients	Projects	£m
Kier	1	41	Lidl UK	29	92
McPhillips Wellington	1	37	Aldi	45	84
Mildren Construc.	3	32	Walsall Met BC.	1	41
VINCI Construction	1	20	T J Morris	12	40
DSP Construction	6	17	McPhillips Wellington	1	37
Red Construction	1	17	Marks & Spencer Grp	22	36
Audas Project Mgt.	2	16	Tesco	45	32
FDT Construction	4	14	Watford Health	1	17
Neilcott Construc.	1	14	Marks and Spencer Plc	1	14
Clark Contracts	2	12	J Sainsbury	12	12

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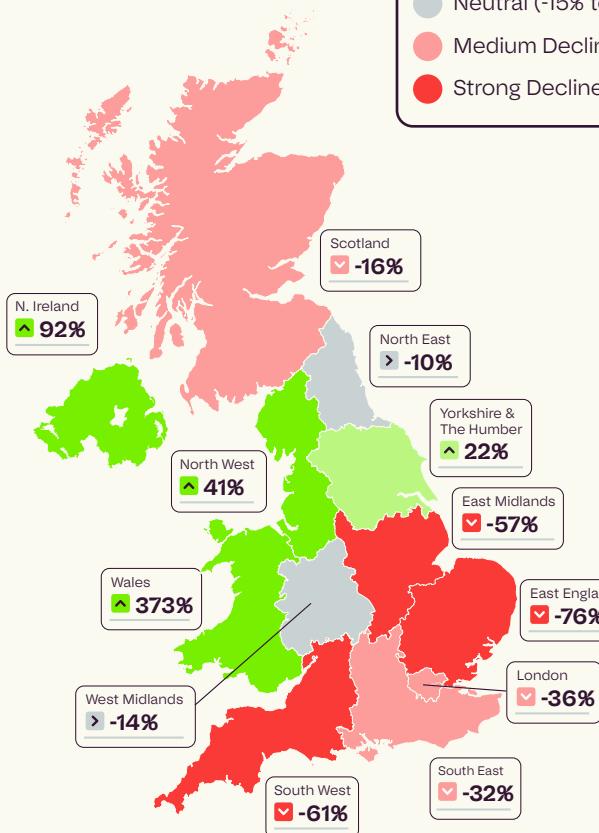
Regional

- Project starts and detailed planning approvals were down in most regions.
- Northern Ireland, the North West and Wales saw strong growth in project starts.
- Detailed planning approvals grew strongly in the South East and Wales.

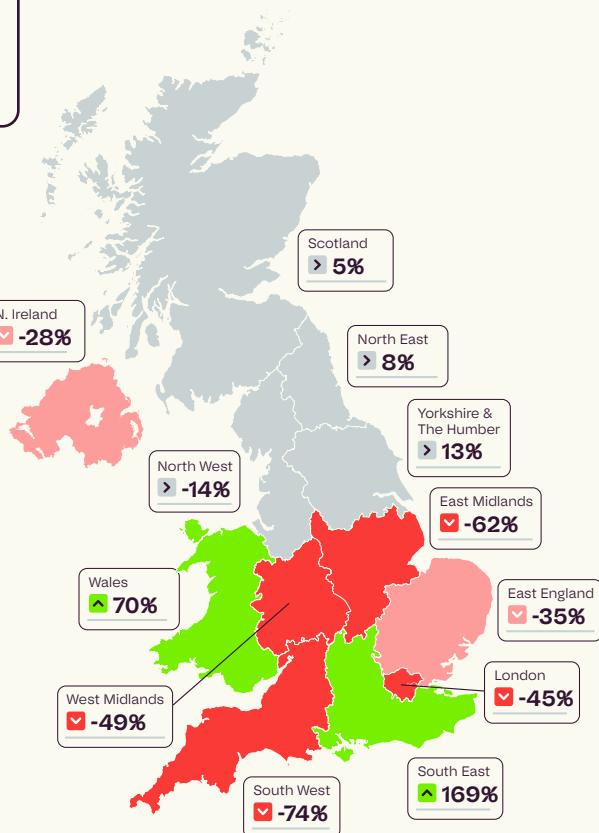
The North West had the highest value of retail project starts, thanks to a 41% increase on a year ago to total £46 million. Yorkshire & the Humber increased 22%, totalling £38 million. In contrast, starts in London fell 36% on a year ago to total £45 million. At £33 million, the South East decreased 32% against last year.

Totalling £47 million, the North West led detailed planning approvals, but declined 14% on a year ago. In contrast, the South East jumped 169% year-on-year to total £39 million. At £38 million, consents in the North East were 8% up against last year. Scotland grew 5% on a year ago to total £27 million.

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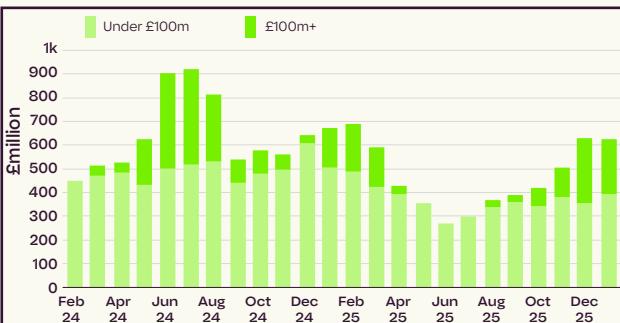
Overview

- ✓ **21% decrease** in project starts year-on-year.
- ✓ **62% decrease** in main contract awards from last year.
- ✓ **7% decrease** in detailed planning approvals compared to a year ago.

Project starts and main contract awards declined both year-on-year and quarter-on-quarter. No major projects (£100 million or more) were awarded during the period.

Detailed planning approvals fell against last year but grew against the previous three months, with major consents (£100 million and more) up against both periods.

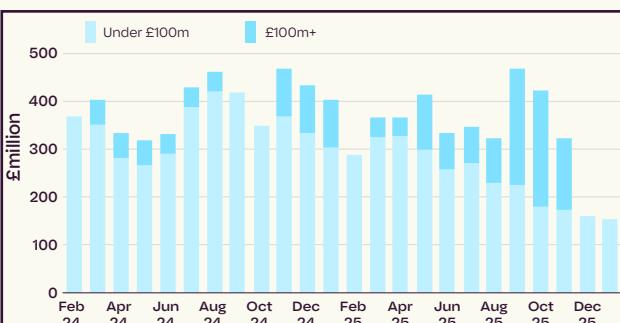
Detailed Planning Approvals



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Detailed Planning Approvals	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	1,180	695	1,875
YoY	-22%	38%	-7%
Prev. 3 months	15%	197%	48%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	15%		

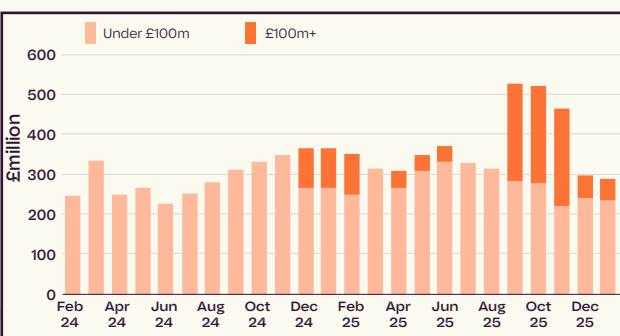
Main Contract Awards



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Main Contract Awards	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	460	-	460
YoY	-50%	-100%	-62%
Prev. 3 months	-15%	-100%	-64%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-19%		

Hotel & Leisure Starts



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Starts	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	708	162	870
YoY	-12%	-46%	-21%
Prev. 3 months	-15%	-78%	-44%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	24%		

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Hotel & Leisure

Types of projects started

Sub-sector performance was weak, with only two categories experiencing growth.

- Cinemas & Theatres accounted for 35%, having jumped 260% on a year ago.
- Totalling £297 million, Other Hotel & Leisure grew 145% year-on-year.
- Hotels & guest houses fell 72% against the previous year, accounting for a 19% share.

Types of Hotel & Leisure Projects Started

Three months to January 2026

	£ million	Percentage
Cafés, Restaurants, Fast-food outlets	37	4%
Cinemas & Theatres	303	35%
Hotels, Guest Houses	165	19%
Indoor Leisure Facilities	23	3%
Other Hotel & Leisure	297	34%
Sport Facilities	46	5%
Total	870	100%

Project Spotlight

Gresham Hotel

Plans have been approved for the £35 million Gresham Hotel development in Middlesbrough. Wates has been appointed as the main contractor on the scheme.

£35m



PROJECT ID: 24299771

IMAGE SOURCE: GRESHAM HOTEL

Hotel & Leisure League Tables

January 2025 to February 2026

Contractors	Projects	£m	Clients	Projects	£m
Newarthill	2	231	Greater London Auth.	2	135
McLaren	2	153	Crystal Palace FC.	1	100
Morgan Sindall	4	145	Rayners Penn	1	90
Gilbert Ash	1	120	Peel Holdings	2	86
Bovis	1	100	Whitbread	21	85
Walter Lilly & Co	1	90	Fc100	1	82
GMI Construction	4	84	Staycity Group	1	60
Graham Construc.	2	84	The Property Trust	1	60
Legendre UK	1	82	Alliance Leisure	4	35
Willmott Dixon	6	77	Calderdale BC.	2	35

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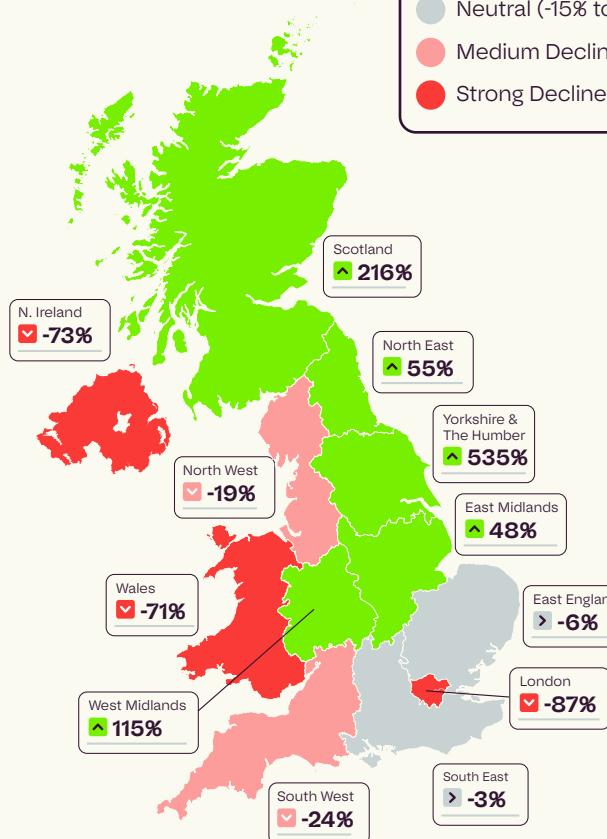
Regional

- In line with the overall weak performance in the sector, most regions saw a decline in project starts.
- Regional performance in detailed planning approvals was strong.
- The North East, Scotland, the West Midlands and Yorkshire & the Humber grew strongly in both starts and approvals.

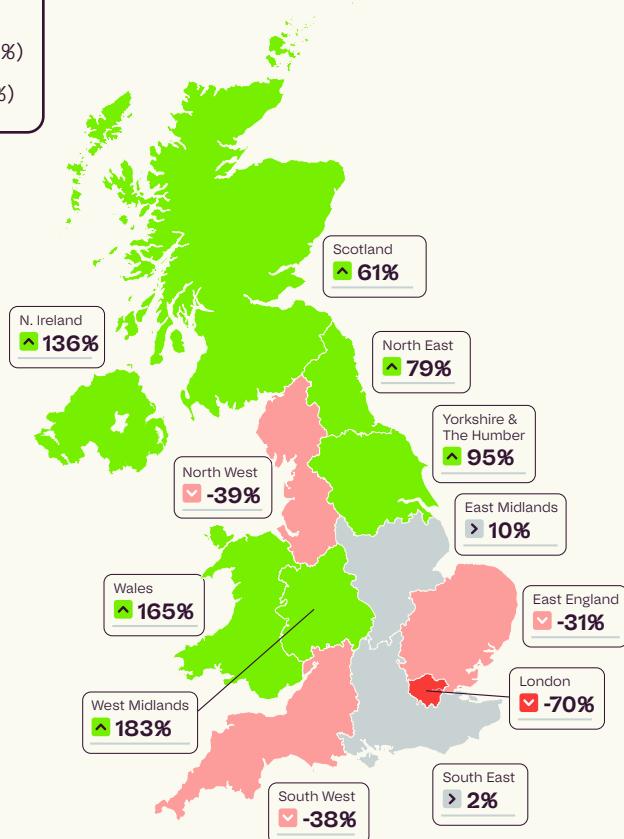
Scotland was the leader for project starts, having grown 216% year-on-year to total £291 million. Yorkshire & the Humber also jumped more than six times to total £111 million. In contrast, totalling £84 million, the North West slipped back 19% against last year. The South East also totalled £84 million, having declined 3% on a year ago.

Scotland also dominated detailed planning approvals, thanks to a 61% increase on the previous year. The region totalled £510 million and accounted for a 27% share. Totalling £303 million, the West Midlands increased 183% against last year. In contrast, London fell 70% to total £237 million.

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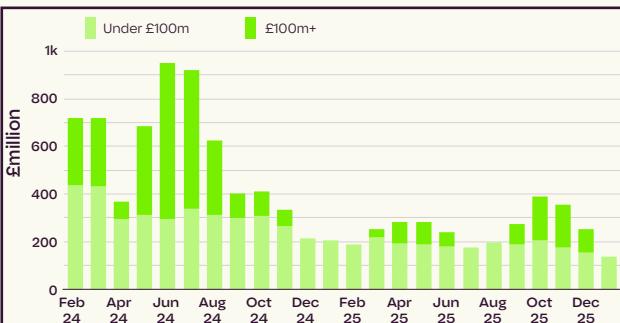
Overview

- ✓ **32% decline** in project starts against the preceding three months.
- ✓ **71% decline** in main contract awards against the preceding three months.
- ✓ **65% decrease** in detailed planning approvals compared to the preceding three months.

The health sector experienced a poor period in the three months to January. Project-starts, main contract awards and detailed planning approvals all declined against the preceding three months and the previous year.

High profile schemes such as the New Hospital Programme create cause for optimism for the future, with proposed investments in NHS technology and increased funding commitments for routine spending from the Budget also signalling a positive future for the sector. The increased funding is set to drive an increase in healthcare starts in 2026/7.

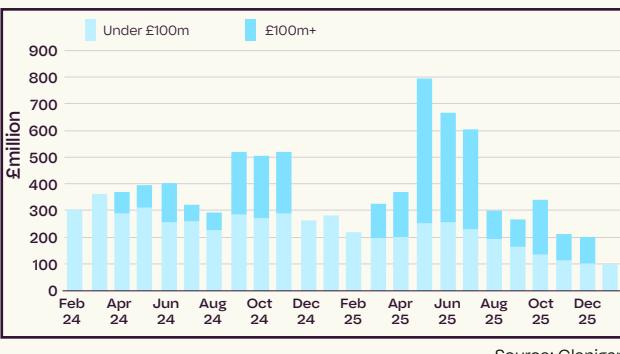
Detailed Planning Approvals



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Detailed Planning Approvals	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	408	-	408
YoY	-33%	-	-33%
Prev. 3 months	-34%	-100%	-65%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-15%	-	-

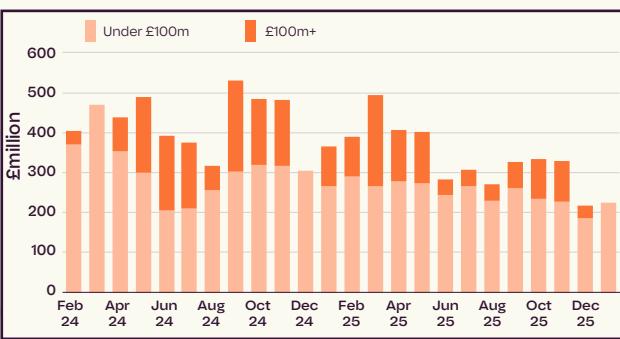
Main Contract Awards



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Main Contract Awards	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	296	-	296
YoY	-65%	-	-65%
Prev. 3 months	-26%	-100%	-71%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-35%	-	-

Health Starts



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Starts	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	680	-	680
YoY	-15%	-100%	-38%
Prev. 3 months	-3%	-100%	-32%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-3%	-	-

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Health

Types of projects started

The health sector experienced a poor performance compared to the previous year, with Dental, Health & Veterinary Centres/Surgeries relative bright spots.

- Dental, Health & Veterinary Centres/ Surgeries accounted for the largest share (38%), having grown 34% year-on-year to total £258 million.
- Totalling £116 million, the value of Nursing Homes & Hospices starting on site declined 44% on a year ago.
- Hospitals experienced an 83% decline against the previous year to total £103 million, a 15% share of the total value.

Types of Health Projects Started

Three months to January 2026

	£ million	Percentage
Day Centres	9	1%
Dental, Health & Veterinary Centres/ Surgeries	258	38%
Hospitals	103	15%
Nursing Homes & Hospices	116	17%
Other Health	193	28%
Total	680	100%

Project Spotlight

Chapel Allerton Hospital

Detailed plans have been approved for The Chapel Allerton Hospital development in Leeds. Kier has been appointed as the main contractor on the £27 million scheme, with work expected to be completed in Q1 2027.

£27m



PROJECT ID: 22318904

IMAGE SOURCE: P+HS ARCHITECTS

Health League Tables

January 2025 to February 2026

Contractors	Projects	£m	Clients	Projects	£m
Laing O'Rourke	3	942	Dep. of Health	134	1,152
Graham Construction	2	390	Dep. for Environ., Food & Rural Affairs	3	927
Mace Group	2	286	Nat. History Museum	1	201
Bouygues UK	1	215	CPD	1	195
MTX Contracts	4	167	Kadans Science	1	100
VINCI Construction	4	159	Univ. of Cambridge	2	86
McLaughlin & Harvey	2	132	Central Lab. of the Research Councils	1	85
Morgan Sindall	8	123	LNT Group	10	69
Kori Construction	5	77	Welbeck Health	2	44
SDC	3	74	Elysian Residences	1	43

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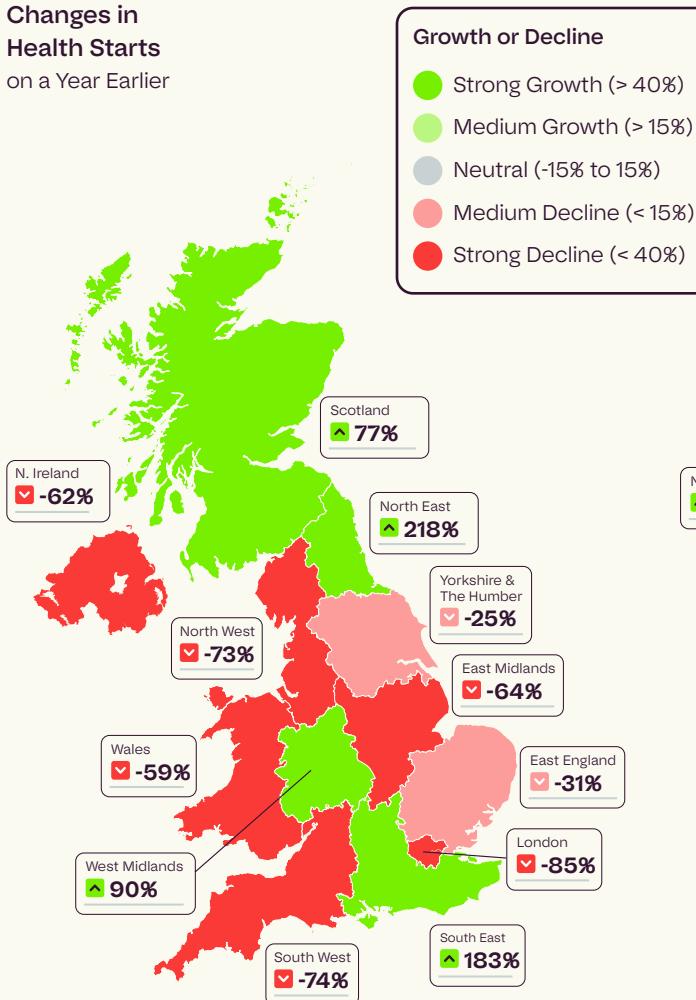
Regional

- The South East accounted for the largest share of project-starts, with strong performance against the previous year.
- The North East experienced sharp growth in project-starts and approvals.
- Yorkshire & the Humber accounted for the largest share of approvals but experienced a sharp decline against the previous year.

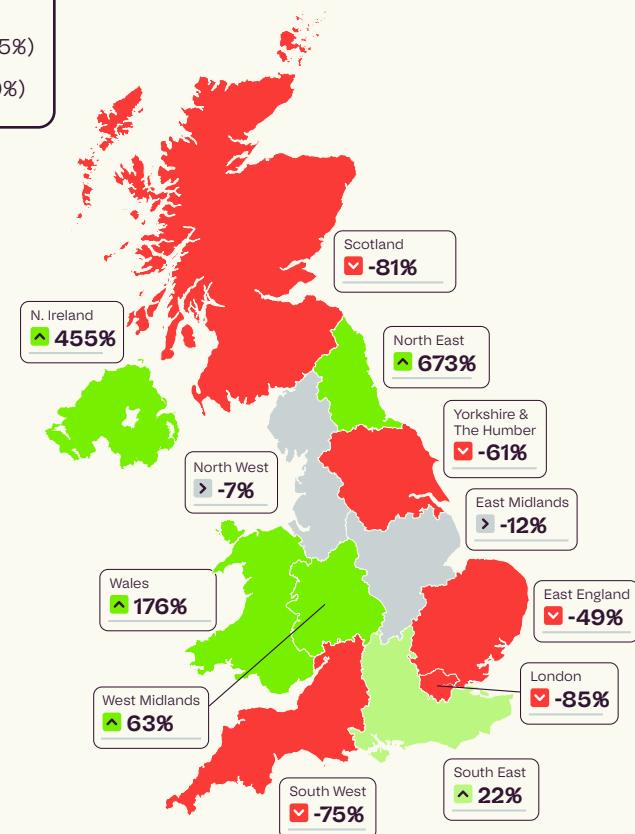
The South East at £244 million was the most active region for project starts, accounting for 36% of the total, with the region rising 183% against the previous year. The North East, at £27 million also experienced sharp growth, rising 218% against the previous year to account for 4% of the total value. The East of England at £115 million accounted for the second largest share of starts (17%), despite experiencing a 31% decline against the previous year.

In planning approvals, Yorkshire & the Humber accounted for the largest share of approvals (17%), but declined 61% against the previous year. The North East (+673%) and Northern Ireland (+455%) bucked the national trend, rising sharply against the previous year to account for a 9% and 12% share of approvals respectively.

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Education

Overview



29% rise in project starts against the previous year.



28% decline in main contract awards against the preceding three months.

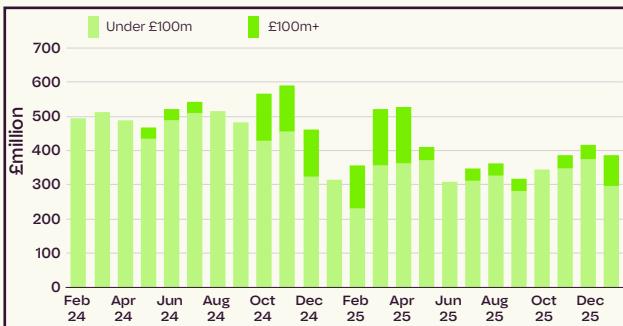


11% rise in detailed planning approvals compared to the preceding three months.

Education projects experienced a mixed three months to January with detailed planning approvals and project starts increasing against the previous year, and approvals rising on the preceding three months. Elsewhere, main contract awards declined on both periods.

Despite a mixed performance, there are reasons for optimism in the sector. The school rebuilding programme will remain a key driver of activity, with around £2.4 billion committed annually. Additional funding to address RAAC will provide further support.

Detailed Planning Approvals

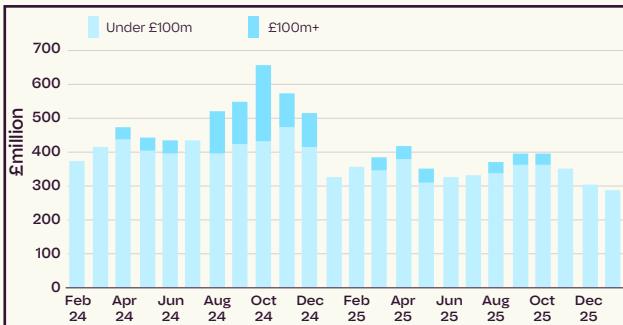


Source: Glenigan

Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Detailed Planning Approvals	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	893	262	1,155
YoY	-6%	22%	
Prev. 3 months	-14%	11%	
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-9%		

Main Contract Awards

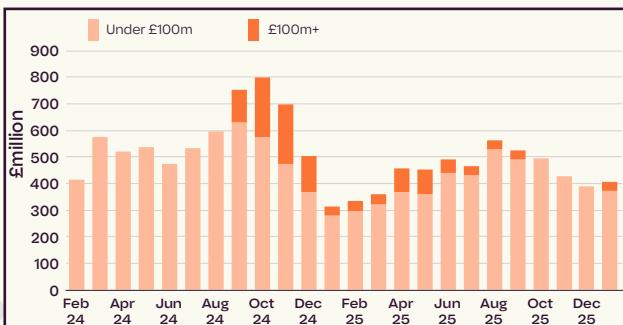


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Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Main Contract Awards	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	861	-	861
YoY	-12%	-12%	
Prev. 3 months	-21%	-100%	-28%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-7%		

Education Starts



Source: Glenigan

Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Starts	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	1,119	100	1,219
YoY	34%	-9%	29%
Prev. 3 months	-25%	-100%	-18%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	5%		



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Education

Types of projects started

Project-starts in the education sector experienced a strong performance, with almost all segments rising against the previous year.

- Schools, at £873 million, accounted for the largest share of starts (72%), with the sector growing 33% year-on-year.
- Universities, at £216 million, represented the second-largest share (18%), with activity increasing 55% year-on-year.
- Colleges recorded £91 million in starts, up 9% year-on-year.

Types of Education Projects Started

Three months to January 2026

	£ million	Percentage
Colleges	91	7%
Other Education	38	3%
Schools	873	72%
Universities	216	18%
Total	1,219	100%

Project Spotlight

University of St Andrews – Madras New College Building

Plans have been approved for the University of St Andrews – Madras New College Building development. A main contractor is yet to be appointed on the £142 million scheme, with work due to be completed in Q2 2026.

£142m



PROJECT ID: 21572505

IMAGE SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

Education League Tables

January 2025 to February 2026

Contractors	Projects	£m	Clients	Projects	£m
Morgan Sindall	35	464	Dep. for Education	69	908
Royal BAM	10	351	Midlothian Council	3	163
Bowmer & Kirkland	12	318	University of London	9	115
Willmott Dixon	19	255	Univ. of Portsmouth	3	101
Kier	14	248	Swansea City Council	3	80
Tilbury Douglas	17	192	Educ. Auth. N. Ireland	13	65
Galliford Try	20	147	WEPco	2	58
Graham Construc.	5	132	Scot. Borders Council	2	58
McLaren Construc.	2	112	Tyne Coast College	2	57
Castle Building	2	105	Kent County Council	4	51

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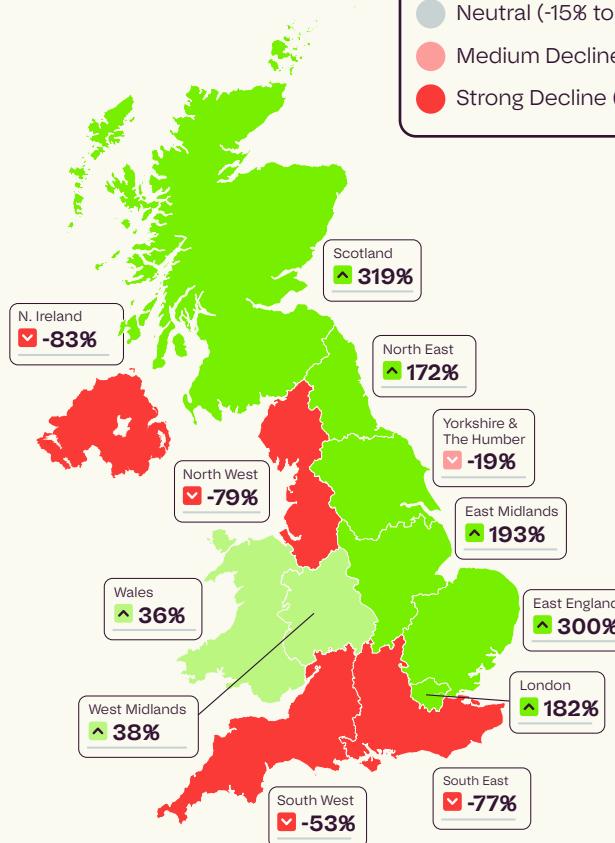
Regional

- London accounted for the largest share of sector starts, experiencing a sharp rise against the previous year.
- Scotland accounted for the largest share of sector approvals, with a sharp rise against the previous year.
- Various areas of the UK experienced triple digit growth in project starts.

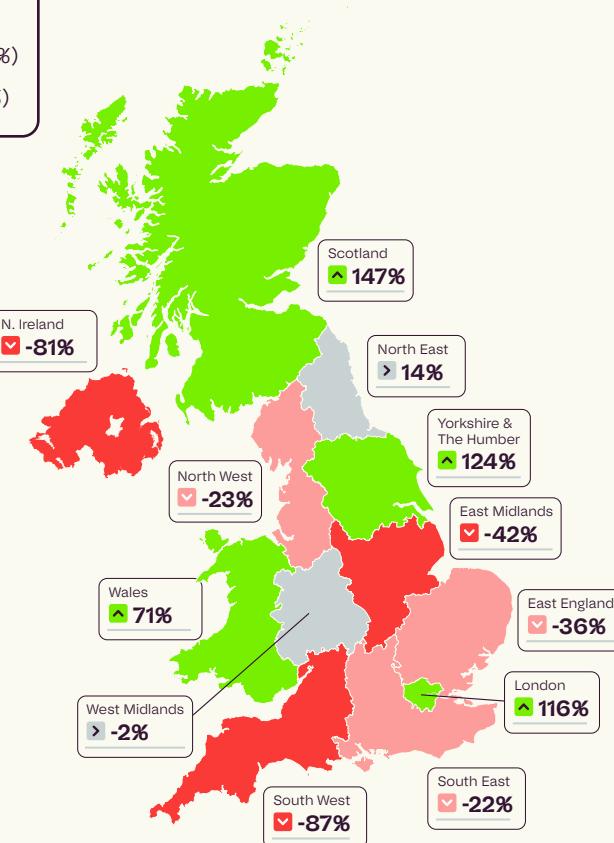
London, at £263 million, was the most active region for project starts, accounting for 22% of total value and recording a 182% year-on-year increase. Scotland, at £198 million, saw the sharpest regional growth, rising 319% year-on-year to represent 16% of total value.

In planning approvals, Scotland held the largest share (37%), increasing 147% year-on-year to £427 million. Elsewhere, London (+116%) and Yorkshire & the Humber (+124%) also recorded triple-digit year-on-year growth.

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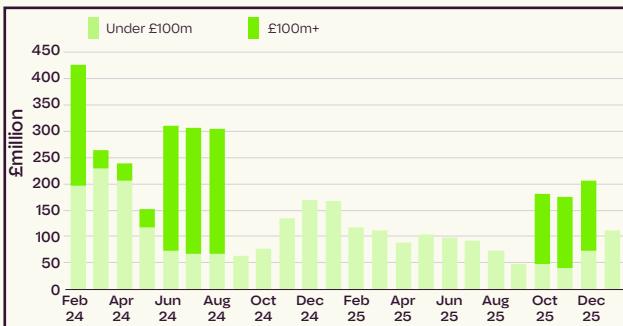
Overview

- ▲ **125% increase** in project starts year-on-year.
- ▲ **22% increase** in main contract awards from last year.
- ▼ **34% decrease** in detailed planning approvals compared to 2024.

The Community & Amenity sector experienced a relatively strong performance. Project starts and main contract awards were up year-on-year. Major project starts and awards (£100 million or more) performed especially well, with strong increases against both the previous three months and last year.

Detailed planning approvals, on the other hand, fell against the preceding quarter and the previous year, with no major projects approved during the period.

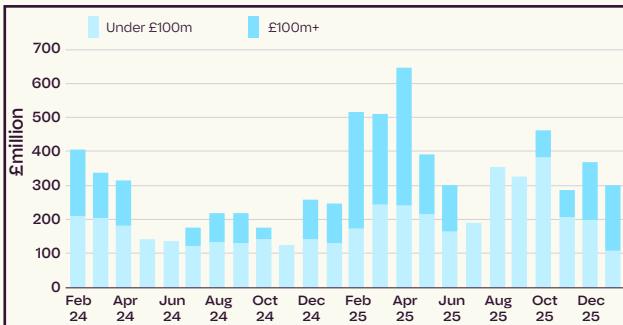
Detailed Planning Approvals



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Detailed Planning Approvals	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	333	-	333
YoY	-34%	-34%	-34%
Prev. 3 months	133%	-100%	-39%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	27%		

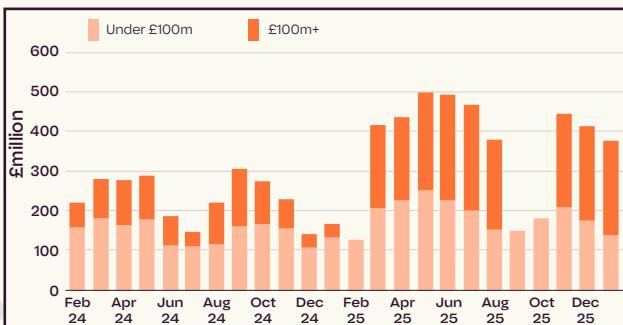
Main Contract Awards



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Main Contract Awards	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	322	579	901
YoY	-18%	67%	22%
Prev. 3 months	-72%	145%	-35%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-67%		

Community & Amenity Starts



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Starts	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	418	713	1,131
YoY	4%	602%	125%
Prev. 3 months	-24%		107%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-3%		

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Community & Amenity

Types of projects started

Despite overall growth in the sector, only half of the sub-sectors saw an increase in project starts.

- Prisons accounted for the largest share (63%), thanks to a 262% growth to total £716 million.
- Government buildings increased 207% on a year ago, totalling £230 million.
- Local facilities totalled £113 million, 7% down year-on-year.

Types of Community & Amenity Projects Started

Three months to January 2026

	£ million	Percentage
Blue Light	43	4%
Government Buildings	230	20%
Law Courts	-	0%
Local Facilities	113	10%
Military	10	1%
Places of Worship	18	2%
Prisons	716	63%
Total	1,131	100%

Project Spotlight

Foregate Civic Space & Mobility Hub

Detailed plans have been approved for the Foregate Civic Space & Mobility Hub development in Kilmarnock, Strathclyde. A main contractor is yet to be appointed on the £19.75 million development, with work due to be completed in Q4 2027.

£19.75m



PROJECT ID: 25578103

IMAGE SOURCE: AYRSHIRE POST

Community & Amenity League Tables

January 2025 to February 2026

Contractors	Projects	£m	Clients	Projects	£m
Kier	15	903	Ministry of Justice	34	1,114
Laing O'Rourke	3	329	Ministry of Defence	30	791
Corrigenda	4	324	Scott. Prison Service	3	685
Wates	14	265	Hampshire CC.	2	302
Galliford Try	10	216	UK Parliament	1	111
Bowmer & Kirkland	7	214	Sandwell Met. BC.	3	81
Willmott Dixon	10	120	Cardiff CC.	1	78
Morgan Sindall	9	111	Home Office	21	78
Goldbeck Bower	1	78	Liverpool City Region Combined Authority	2	65
Tilbury Douglas	1	65	Sizewell C	1	50

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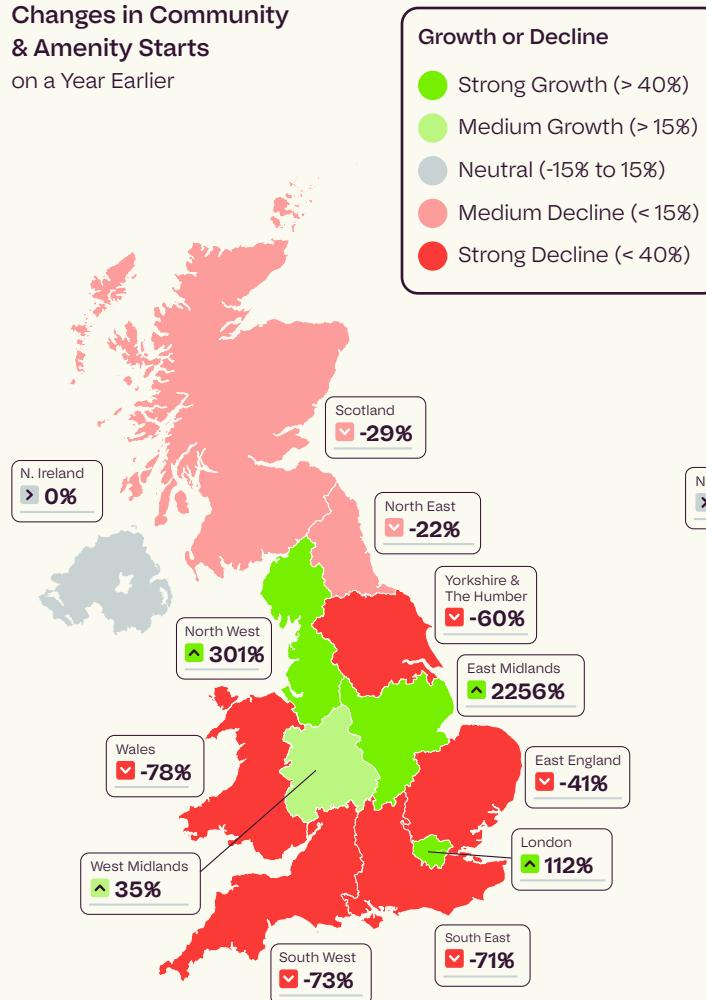
Regional

- Despite overall growth in the sector, project starts were down year-on-year in most regions.
- Detailed planning approvals had a weak performance in most regions.
- The North West saw strong growth in both starts and approvals.

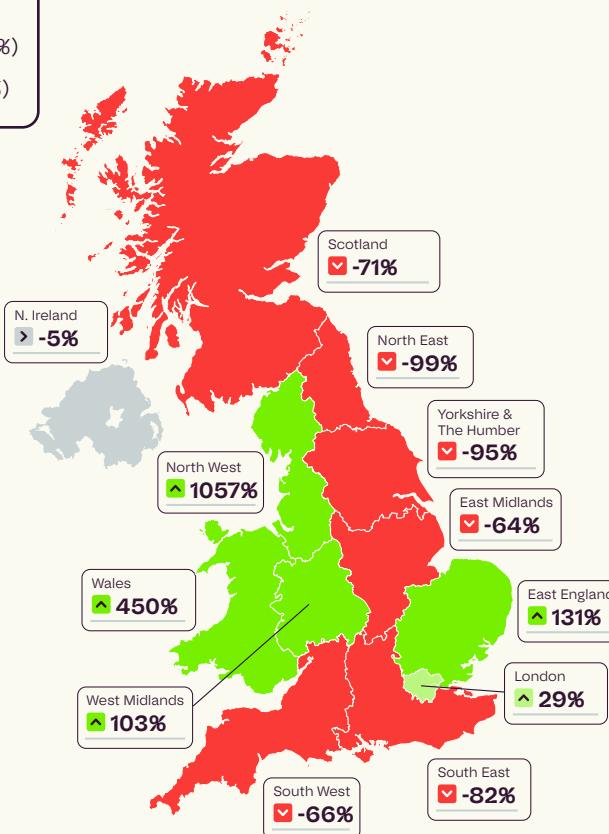
The East Midlands accounted for the largest share of project starts, rising more than 23-fold to £755 million. The North West, representing 11% of total starts, grew four times compared with the previous year to £129 million. In London, project starts totalled £55 million, an increase of 112% year-on-year.

In detailed planning approvals, Wales accounted for 35% of the total, with approvals rising 450% year-on-year to £116 million. The North West, with a 13% share, grew more than 11-fold to £42 million, while the East of England doubled to £36 million.

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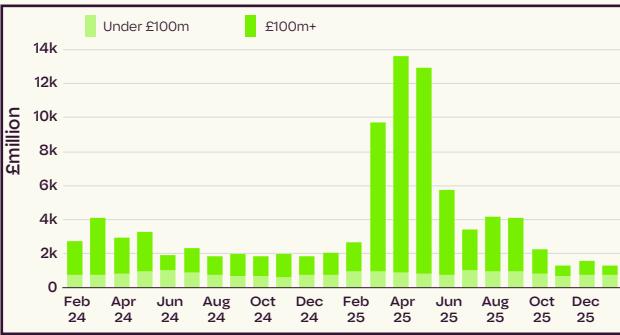
Overview

- ✓ **68% decline** in project starts against the preceding three months.
- ✓ **47% decline** in main contract awards against the preceding three months.
- ✓ **44% decline** in detailed planning approvals compared to the preceding three months.

Civil Engineering experienced a poor period in the three months to January. Project-starts, main contract awards and detailed planning approvals all declined against the preceding three months and the previous year.

Despite a poor start to the year, there is cause for optimism for the sector. Infrastructure work is expected to rise steadily, with the latest Spending Review paving the way for additional road and rail investment from 2026/27 onwards. At the same time, utilities output is expected to strengthen, underpinned by increased funding for electricity generation and grid upgrades to support the UK's net zero ambitions, alongside higher capital programmes in the water sector.

Detailed Planning Approvals



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Detailed Planning Approvals	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	2,141	1,639	3,779
YoY	-7%	-58%	-39%
Prev. 3 months	-14%	-62%	-44%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-19%		

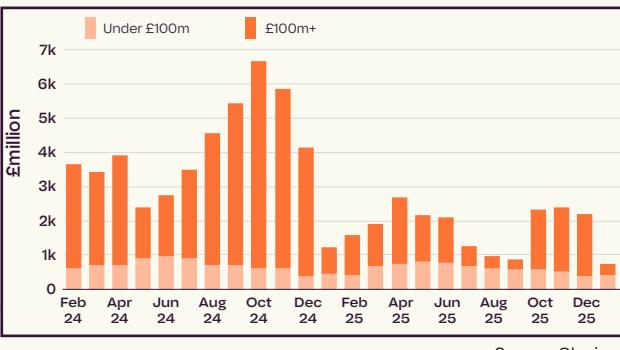
Main Contract Awards



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Main Contract Awards	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	806	2,536	3,341
YoY	-48%	-54%	-53%
Prev. 3 months	-40%	-49%	-47%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	-34%		

Civil Engineering Starts



Change year-on-year and 3 months earlier

Starts	Under £100m	£100m+	Total
£ million	1,227	980	2,207
YoY	-8%	-58%	-40%
Prev. 3 months	-27%	-82%	-68%
Prev. 3 months (SA)	0%		

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Types of projects started

Performance across segments was mixed, with some bucking the national trend.

- Energy, at £1,392 million, accounted for the largest share of starts (63%), with the sector growing 101% year-on-year.
- Roads, representing the second-largest share (13%), declined 5% year-on-year to £295 million.
- Airports rose 394% year-on-year to £112 million.

Types of Civil Engineering Projects Started

Three months to January 2026

	£ million	Percentage
Airports	112	5%
Other Civils	278	13%
Rail	-	0%
Roads	295	13%
Harbours/Ports	32	1%
Energy	1,392	63%
Water Industry	92	4%
Waste	5	0%
Total	2,207	100%

Project Spotlight

West Winch Housing Access Road

Detailed plans have been approved for the £121.8 million West Winch Housing Access Road development on the outskirts of King's Lynn, Norfolk. A civil contractor is yet to be appointed on the scheme, with work expected to complete in Q4 2028.

£121.8m



PROJECT ID: 21141425

IMAGE SOURCE: NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Civil Engineering League Tables

January 2025 to February 2026

Contractors	Projects	£m	Clients	Projects	£m
STRABAG	6	2,598	United Utilities	5	2,930
M GROUP Services	9	932	Oxfordshire CC.	5	1,002
Jones Bros	4	898	Com. Wind Power	1	500
ACCIONA	1	400	Kemble Water	9	483
G W Highways	1	400	Kent CC.	6	435
Costain	4	392	National Grid	6	375
Equitix	1	332	Enso Energy	4	339
Kanadevia Inova UK	2	319	Dep. for Transport	29	304
Galliford Try	74	318	MVV Environment Devonport	1	300
Graham Construc.	9	304	Highview Power	1	300

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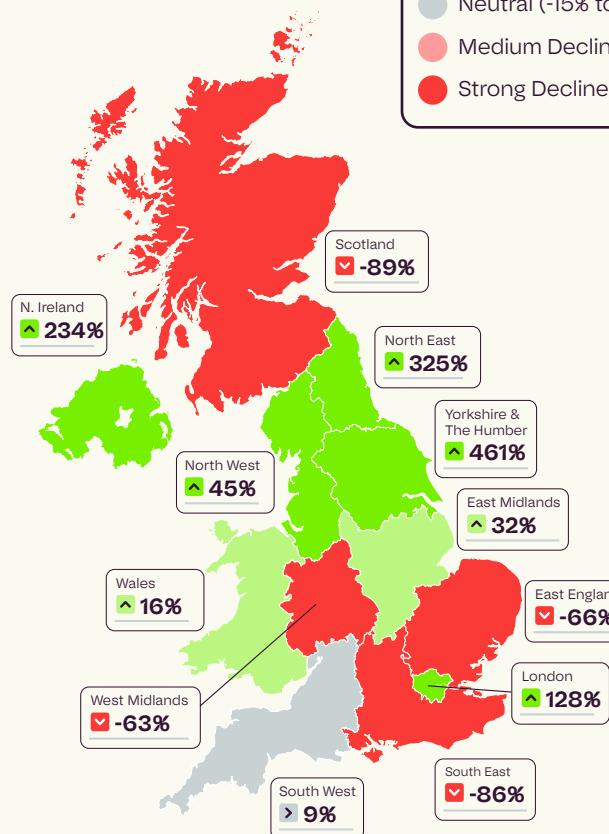
Regional

- Wales accounted for the largest share of sector starts, with the sector experiencing a rise against the previous year.
- Scotland accounted for the largest share of sector approvals, despite experiencing a decline year-on-year.
- Yorkshire & the Humber experienced sharp growth for project-starts.

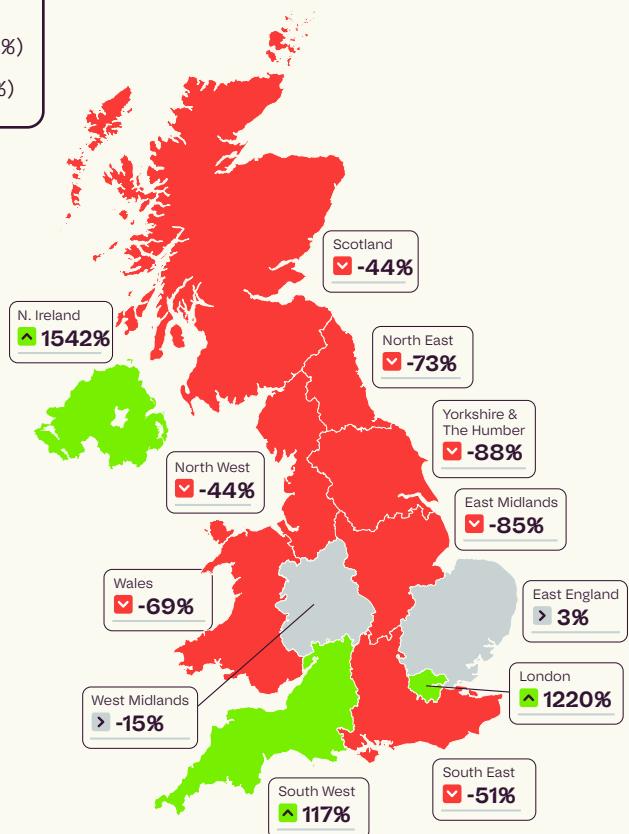
Wales, at £421 million, was the most active region for project starts, representing 19% of the total and recording a 16% year-on-year increase. Yorkshire & the Humber, at £223 million, accounted for 10% of total value, with activity rising 461% year-on-year.

In planning approvals, Scotland held the largest share (24%), though total approvals declined 44% year-on-year to £899 million. Northern Ireland experienced the sharpest growth, rising more than 16-fold to £299 million.

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