

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)  
Hurricane Sandy's Effect on the October 2012  
Construction Spending Report**

**What was the effect of Hurricane Sandy on the estimates of the Value of Construction Put in Place for October 2012?**

We believe the effect was minimal because the storm affected construction activity in a small part of the country for only the last few days of the month, and it did not affect our ability to collect data.

Please see <http://www.census.gov/newsroom/emergencies/sandy.html> for data from the 2007 Economic Census and other Census Bureau sources on the areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

**Can the Census Bureau produce monthly estimates for the affected areas?**

No. These data are produced monthly at the national level and the surveys do not provide detailed data for a specific area.

**Was the Census Bureau able to collect information from the affected areas?**

Yes. The number of nonresponses for October 2012 for the surveys used to collect these data was not significantly higher than normal. The normal imputation process for nonresponse was used (described at <http://www.census.gov/construction/c30/pdf/methodology.pdf>).

**Did the Census Bureau change its data collection procedures this month?**

No.

**Did the Census Bureau alter the parameters input to the seasonal adjustment program to produce value put in place estimates for October 2012?**

No.

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