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Market watch: Track construction's economic health

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Industry experts, economists and construction executives rely on a long list of economic indicators to help them forecast the future of the business. But predicting what's on the horizon is tricky, said Associated Builders and Contractors chief economist Anirban Basu, because construction activity generally lags behind other sectors of the economy.

"It is among the last segments to enter a downturn and among the last to begin to recover," he told Construction Dive.

That makes tracking the health of related sectors and the economy overall important. Below, Construction Dive provides a roundup of the national indicators that are most cited by those in the construction industry, along with links to keep tabs on each. They include:

- Federal government reports
- Association reports
- Indexes
- Residential construction reports
- Stocks to watch

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