

## Construction Industry Pay

Wages in construction are often assumed to lag behind other industries. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics tracks pay across industries through its monthly Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey.<sup>1</sup> Figure 1 displays monthly average hourly earnings from 1964 to 2026 for production and nonsupervisory employees in two categories: the construction industry and the total private sector. It can be observed that since comparable tracking began in 1964, average hourly earnings for construction production and nonsupervisory employees have never fallen below the total private sector average.

Average Hourly Earnings of Production and Nonsupervisory Employees: Construction vs. Total Private

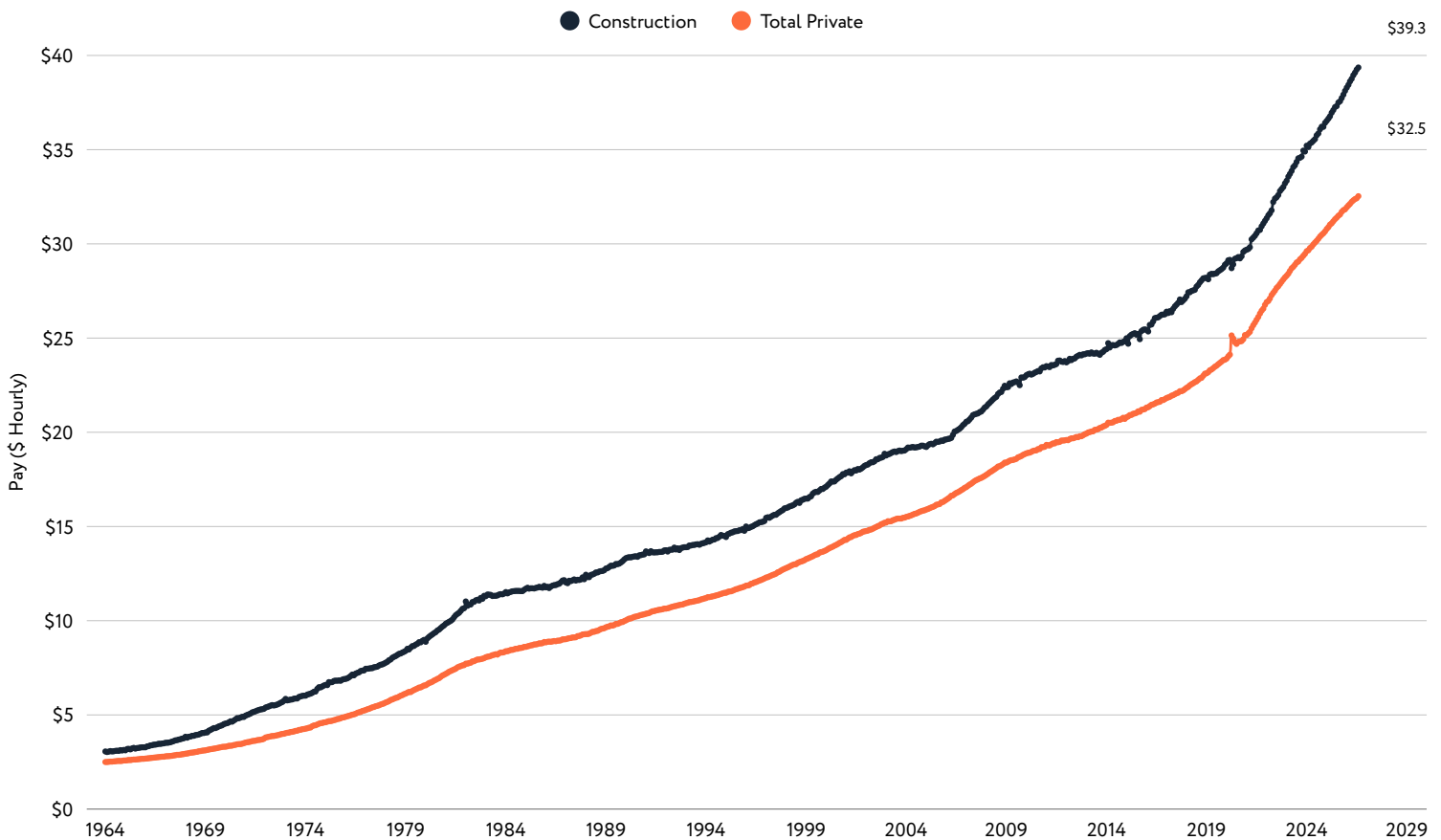


Figure 1: Average hourly earnings of production and nonsupervisory employees in construction vs. the total private sector, 1964-2026.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey, Average Hourly Earnings of Production and Nonsupervisory Employees: <https://www.bls.gov/ces/>