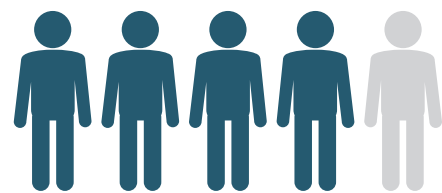


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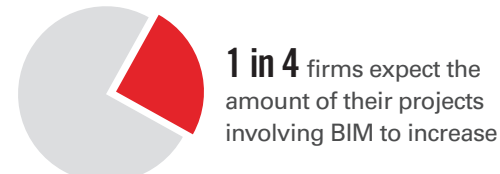
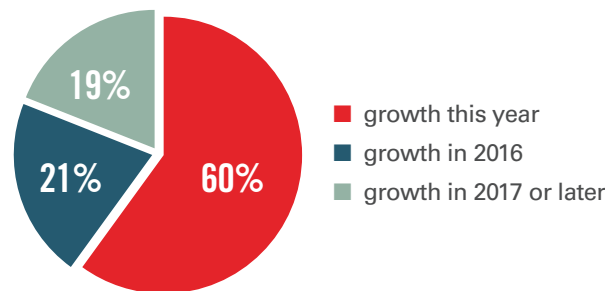
STRONG MARKET EXPECTATIONS IN 2015



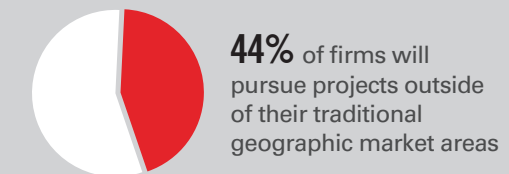
More than 4 out of 5 firms expect the construction market to grow again this year and 2016

This is the first time since the AGC Outlook survey started in 2009, that a majority of contractors reported expectations the market will grow in the current year!

Industry growth expectations:

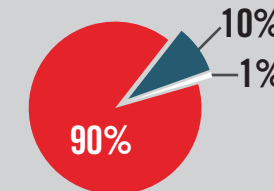


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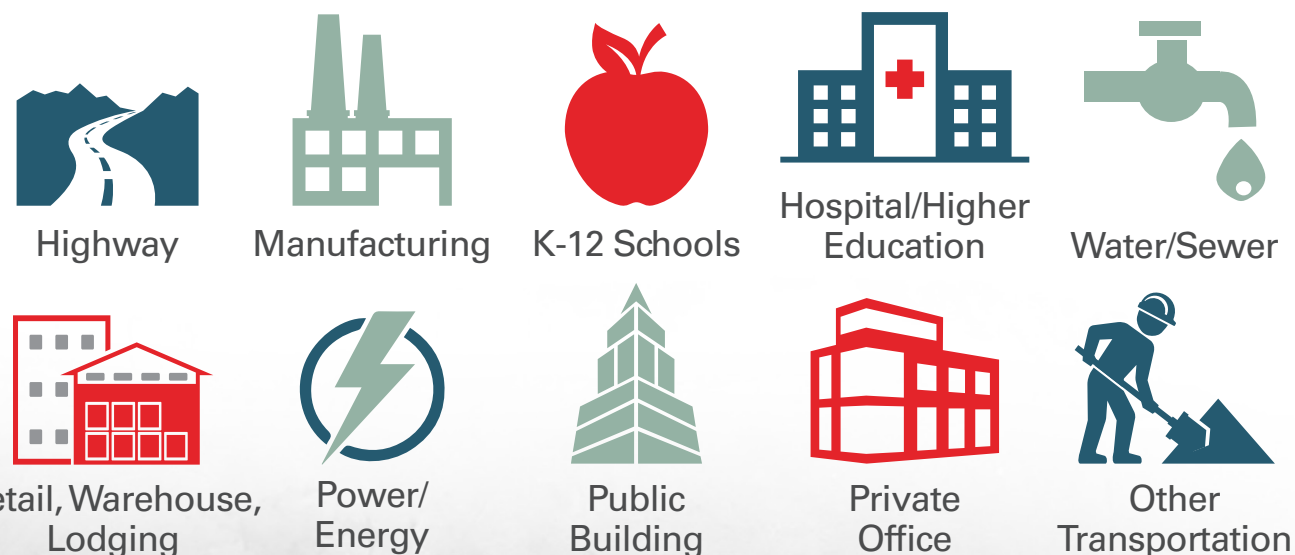
Payroll expansion:

- plans to expand payroll by 1-26%
- plans to expand between 26-50%
- plans to expand more than 50%



If predictions are accurate, construction employment should expand at a faster rate than in 2014

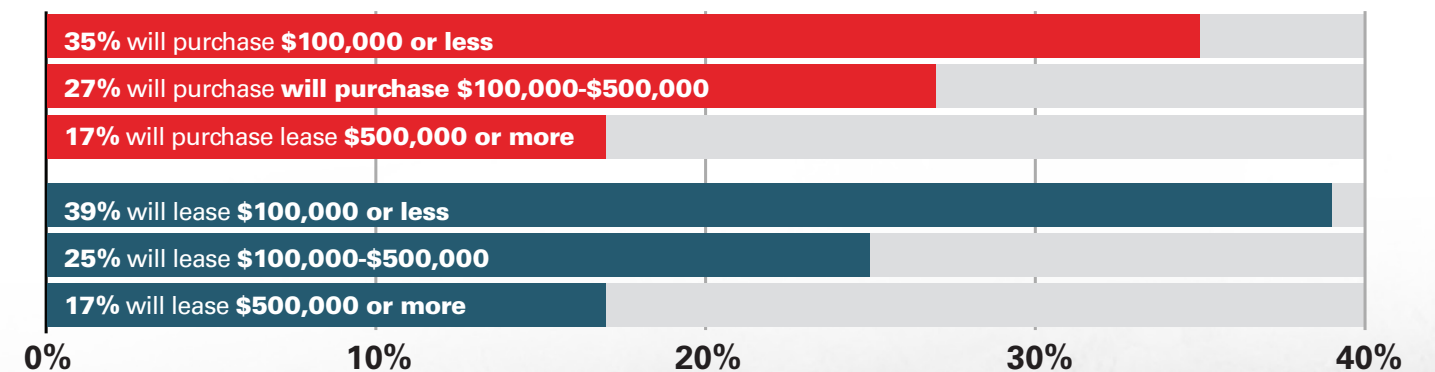
Compared to 2014, the dollar amount of projects expected to be complete in 2015 yielded an overall net increase in most construction segments including:



Purchasing and Leasing Equipment:*



More than 3 out of 4 firms plan to purchase and/or lease construction equipment



*19% do not plan on any leases and 21% do not plan on any purchases