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## ***Turnover in construction up substantially in 2000***

The construction sector saw its turnover increase by 10% in 2000 compared to 1999. All sectors within construction contributed to this increase. The preliminary figures by Statistics Netherlands show that there was also a major increase in the number of construction companies (10%) in 2000.

### ***Construction companies generate a 132 billion guilder turnover***

Construction companies generated a 132 billion-guilder turnover in the year 2000, against 119 billion guilders in 1999. This means a growth rate of 10%. Within the construction sector the turnover growth rate of installation companies stayed below (8%). Civil engineering companies were the fastest growing companies with a 13% turnover increase. Contractors in the residential and non-residential building (+10%) and other construction companies (+11%) saw an average turnover increase.

The category other construction companies include contractors in completion works, painters and plasterers.

### ***Medium-sized companies generate highest turnover***

Medium-sized companies generated the largest share in turnover among construction companies, namely 42%. About 9% of all construction companies is a medium-sized company. Large companies generated 38% of turnover. The small companies generated 20% of the turnover. Nine out of ten construction companies are small.

### ***More construction companies***

There was a substantial increase in the number of construction companies in the year 2000. Nearly 13 thousand entrepreneurs started a new companies, while over 5 thousand companies closed down. On balance the total number of companies rose to over 86 thousand in the year 2000. Both small- and medium sized companies and large companies increased in number (by 10%, 2% and 2% respectively). The increase in the number of medium-sized and large companies is mainly due to expansion of existing companies.

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