



CONSTRUCTION RECOVERY CONTINUES – JUNE 2021

The latest information from **Builders' Conference** shows that both the number and value of contracts awarded in June exceeded the monthly average for the last year. Despite the slight reduction in the number of contracts compared to the previous month, the industry will be feeling optimistic about construction's continued recovery post COVID-19, despite the extension of lockdown restrictions which are now due to be lifted on 19 July.

Number of Contracts Dips Slightly

The number of contracts awarded in June was **516**. Whilst this was 6% lower than the previous month (551), it was still 3% higher than the average number of contracts awarded each month over the past year (501 between June 2020 and May 2021). It was also 24% higher than June 2020 (415) when the first national lockdown was lifted, indicating that construction has recovered more quickly from the most recent lockdown.

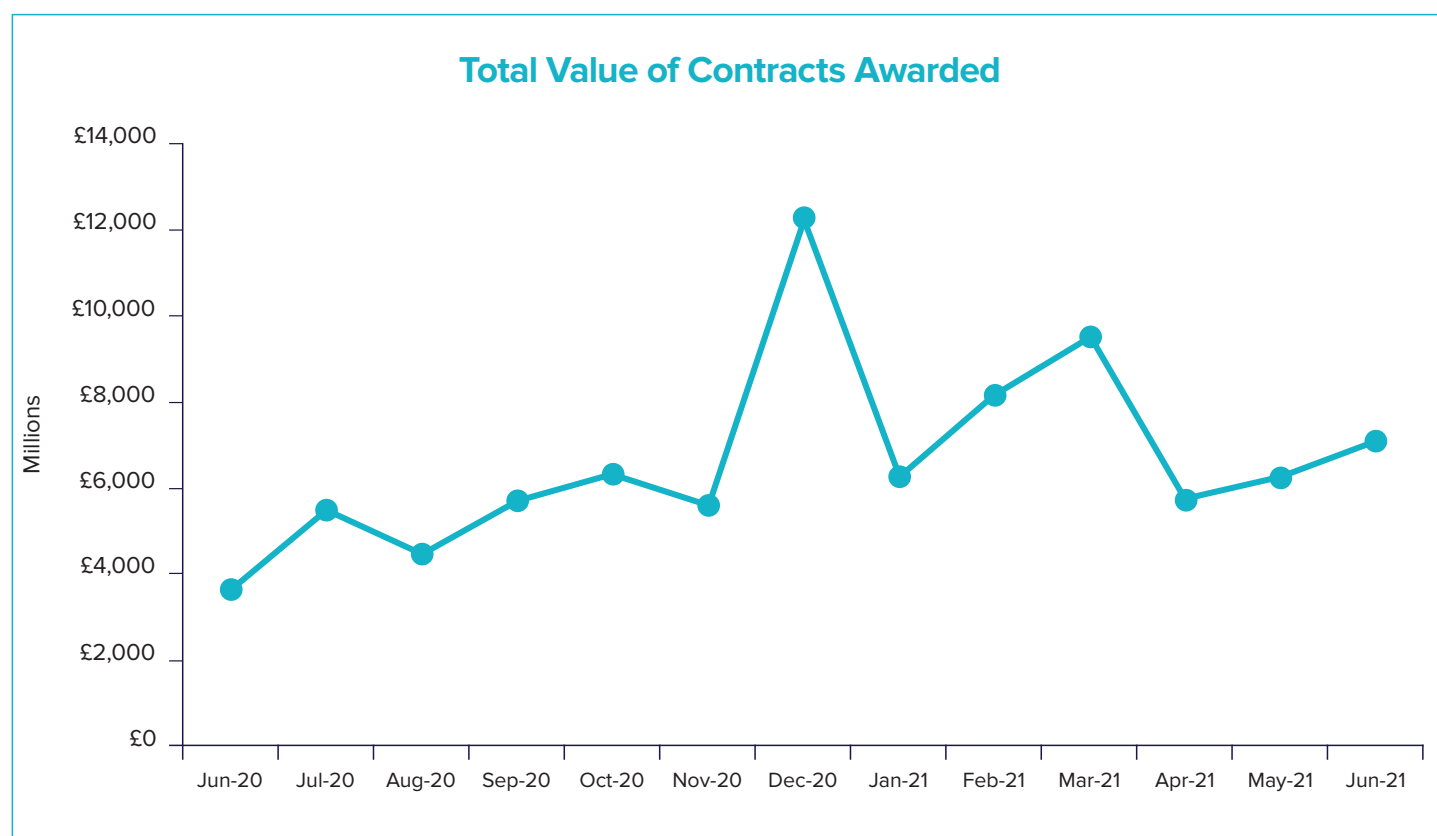


Value of Contracts Increases Again

The value of contracts awarded in June was **£7.2 billion**, an increase of 14% compared to May (£6.3 billion). It was also 9% higher than the monthly average of £6.6 billion recorded over the last year and double the value recorded in June 2020 (£3.6 billion). The increase was largely due to three projects worth £1.3 billion awarded under the Future Defence Infrastructure Services (FDIS) programme to provide repair and maintenance services across the UK defence estate.

Just over half of all the contracts awarded by value were in the private sector. There were 180 housing projects worth £1.9 billion (26%) and eight rail projects with a total value of £925 million (13%).

England continued to dominate with 89% of the value this month, with London recording 34% of the total and the Midlands 19%.



Limited Tender Opportunities

The number of tender opportunities available in June was **496**, which was the same as May. It remains 29% below the monthly average of 638 projects available for tender between June 2020 and May 2021.

At present, there are just 260 tender opportunities available until the end of September 2021, according to Builders' Conference.

