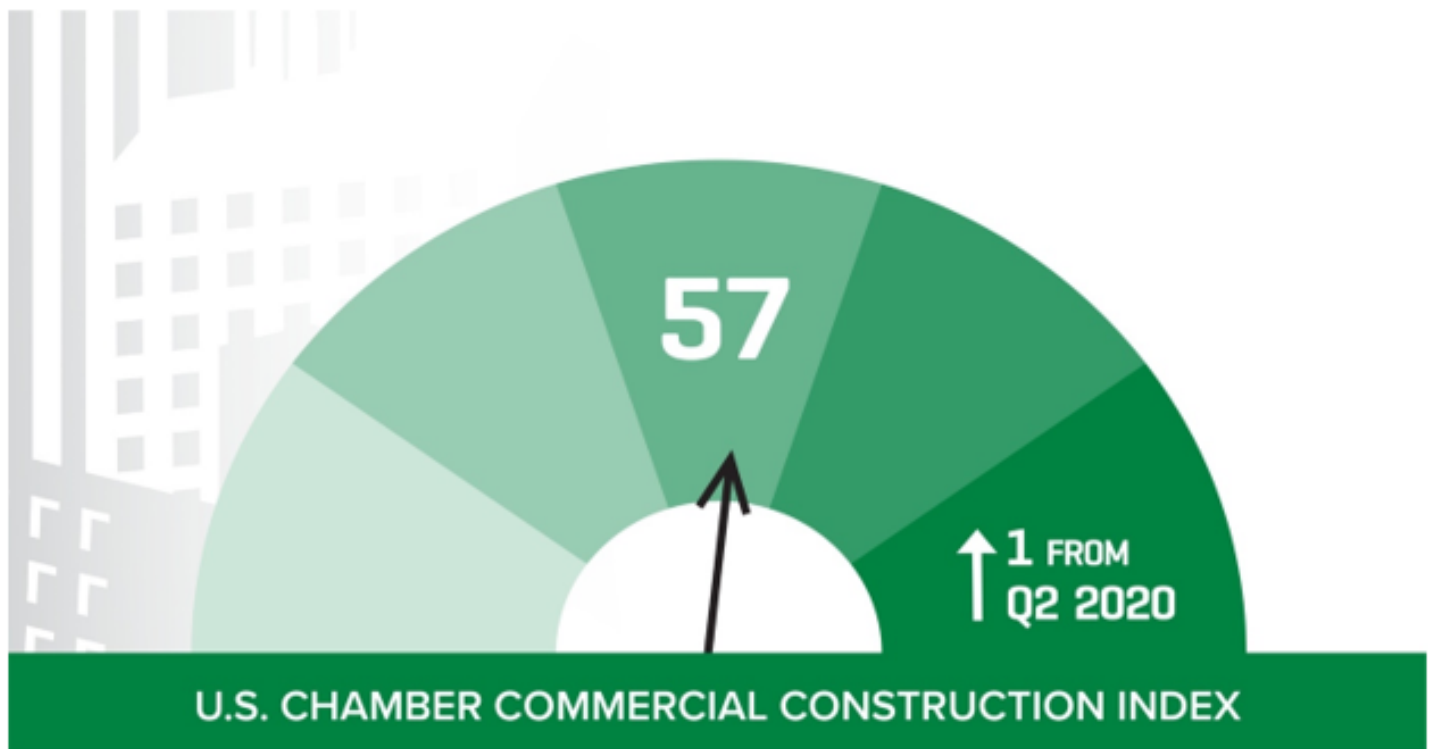


## Commercial Construction Index Steady, Contractors Express Optimism About Future

The U.S. Chamber's Q3 [Commercial Construction Index](#), released today, increased by one point to 57. Scores for contractors' confidence in new business opportunities and revenue went up, showing some signs of rebound for the industry.



**Why it matters:** Despite the overall slight gain, the index remains significantly below the score of 74 from Q1 2020. Many of the longer-term prospects of the industry will [depend on people having growing confidence](#) to return in similar numbers to retail stores, restaurants, and other businesses.

### Key numbers:

- **82%** of contractors have moderate to high confidence in the market's ability to provide sufficient new business in the next year, up from 75% in Q2.
- **1 in 3** plan to hire in the next six months, while only 7% expect to reduce staffing.

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