

MEET YOUR  
LOCAL EXPERT

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COST CONSIDERATIONS  
THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

**MARKET TRENDS** Labor shortages and material delays are still impacting construction costs, and almost all projects and sectors are being affected. Timing will be everything for the remainder of 2022 as the industry juggles speed-to-market against ongoing supply chain issues and rising construction costs.



**BIDDING ENVIRONMENT** The busiest sectors in the Seattle market are currently residential, infrastructure, K-12, and higher educations. Material and supply pricing continues to be a major disruptor to the market.

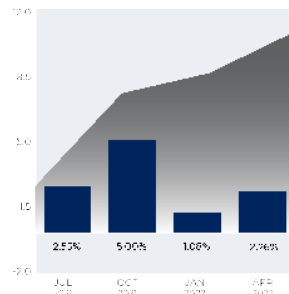


**MATERIALS** We recommend buying American made materials and supplies wherever possible and procuring them early on in the process. It may even be wise to stock and store materials in bonded warehouses to avoid costly delays

## CONSTRUCTION COST DRIVERS

SELECT MATERIALS	APPROX. INCREASE FROM Q4 2021
Rebar	▲ 11.3%
Structural Steel	▼ 0.1%
Ready-Mix Concrete	▲ 2.4%
Lumber	▲ 41.3%
Copper	▲ 4.2%
Plumbing Fixtures	▲ 2.4%
Diesel	▲ 43.9%

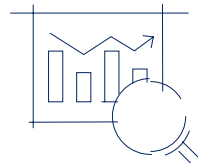
## CITY COST INDEX



## PROJECTED MARKET TRENDS

**11.28%**  
Seattle YOY  
Escalation Rate

**7.50%**  
National YOY  
Escalation Rate



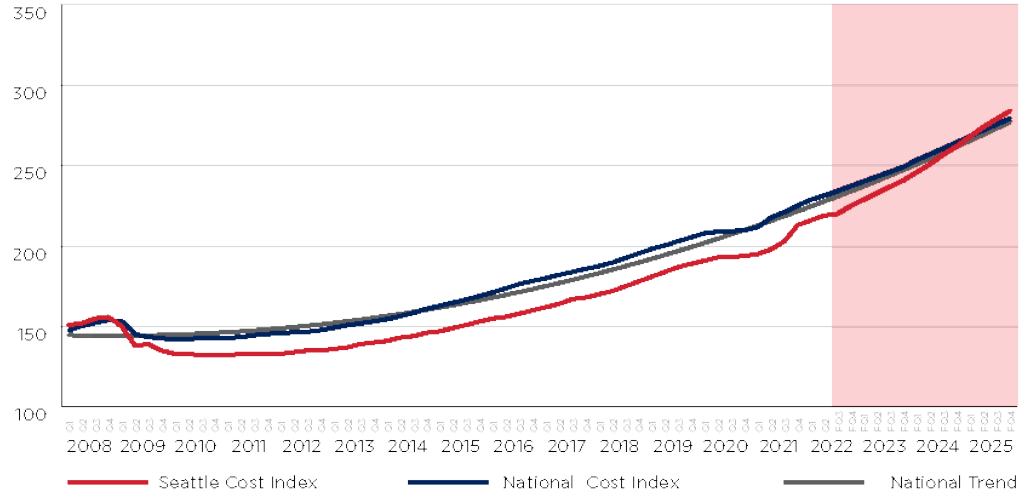
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## CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX, ESCALATION, AND TRENDS



### ABOUT THE CHART

RLB expects that the National and local construction cost index will rise at a steady rate over the next three years, staying in line with the construction cycle trend.

### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Local construction costs have historically resided below the national average. It is evident in the chart above that the COVID-19 impact felt across the country had a steeper local impact. As we look ahead, we anticipate that Seattle's construction market will experience escalation above the national average in the next few years, however the escalation will level back out in the next few years.