

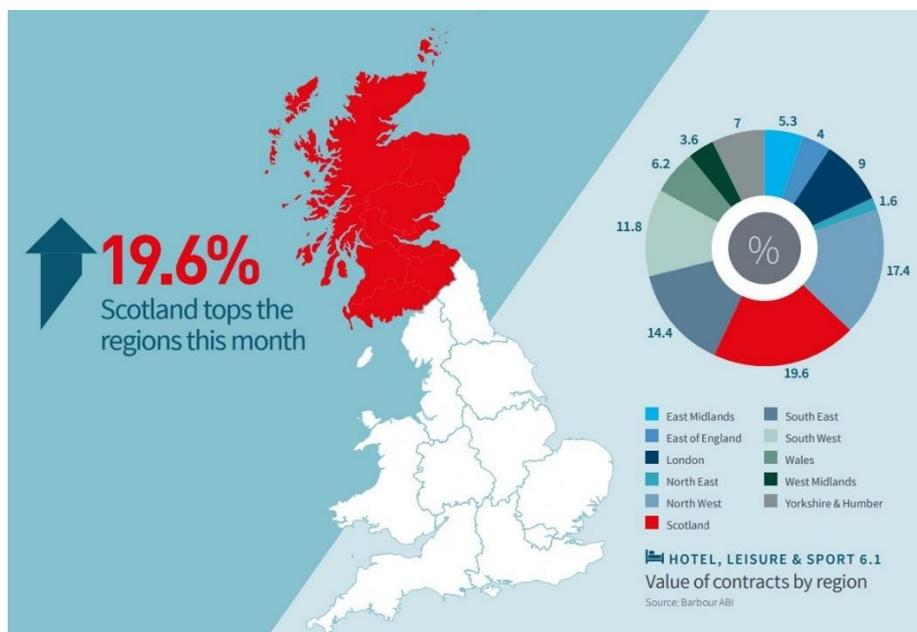
## Scotland dominates UK construction activity in the infrastructure and hotel, leisure & sport sectors

The value of all construction contract awards in July 2019 was £5.1 billion based on a three-month rolling average, which is a slight decrease of 1.8% on June. Scotland has seen the most contract awards in July 2019 in both the infrastructure and hotel, leisure & sport sectors, compared to the rest of the UK.

The latest edition of the Economic & Construction Market Review from industry analysts [Barbour ABI](#) highlights levels of construction contract values awarded across Great Britain.

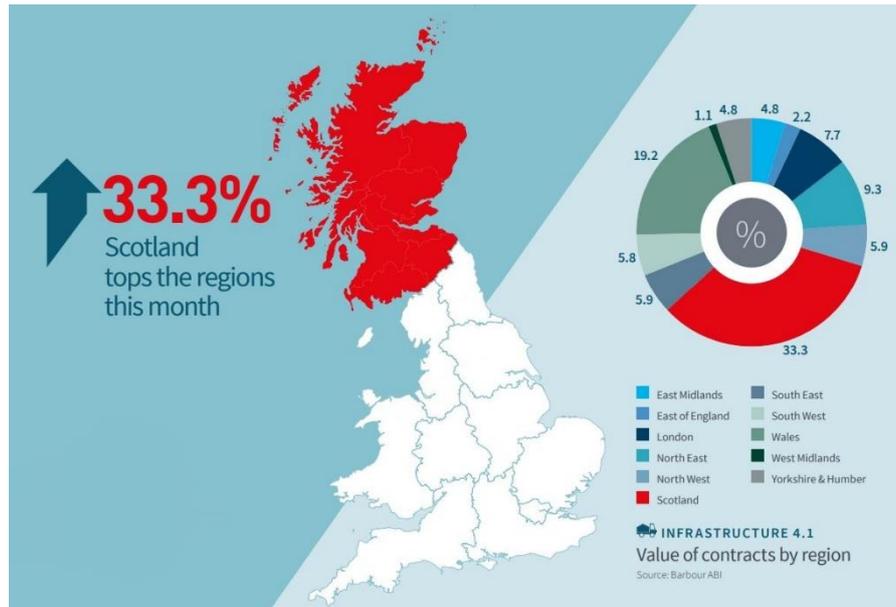
Within the hotel, leisure & sport sector, July saw significant rebound in contract awards, with a value of £425 million based on a three-month rolling average. This is an increase of 44.9% on June and is also 10.8% higher than July 2018. Quarterly data indicates that for the three months ending in July 2019, the total value of hotel, leisure & sport contract awards was £1.1 billion. Whilst this is 27.4% lower than for the previous quarter, it is an increase of 2.8% on the comparable quarter ending July 2018.

Scotland topped the regional table and therefore, accounted for 19.6% of all hotel, leisure & sport contract awards, which is an increase of 14.6% on Scotland's share in July 2018. The Custom House development in Glasgow was the highest value project at £90 million.



In July, the value of infrastructure contract awards across the UK was £1.1 billion, based on a three-month rolling average. This is 8.0% lower than for June but is 82.2% higher than for July 2018. Quarterly analysis indicates that for the three-month period ending July 2019, the total infrastructure contract awards were £3.0 billion. This is an increase of 0.8% on the previous quarter but this is 56.5% higher than for the comparable quarter ending July 2018.

Scotland was the largest region for contract awards in July with a 33.3% share of infrastructure contract awards, which is an increase of 16.3% on July 2018. The Greenbank Crescent Energy from Waste Facility in Aberdeen was the largest infrastructure contract award this month and was valued at £150 million.



Commenting on the figures, Tom Hall, Chief Economist at Barbour ABI said, “Last month we saw Scotland dominate the medical & health and education sectors for the UK, this month infrastructure and hotel, leisure & sport. Scotland’s investment in construction is an encouraging sign for the country, especially seeing growth spread across many sectors and not just the traditionally more dominant sectors such as infrastructure and residential.”

Download the full report here: <https://ubm.io/2zg4wCw>

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