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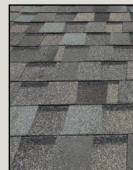
Quarterly Construction Review

winter 2015

The year finishes with positive growth in residential construction! Higher construction activity nudged demand in 2014, resulting in a steady rise in cost for materials & labor. New home starts are up 13% year over year. These trends are expected to strengthen in 2015 and into 2016. Below are some inflation changes for many of the key building elements in a home.



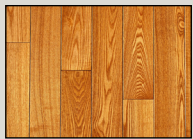
Gypsum
Products
+ **3.8%**



Asphalt
Roofing
+ **1.7%**



Diesel Fuel
- **26.1%**



Hardwood
Flooring
+ **3.4%**



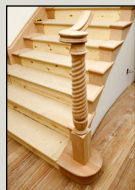
Copper
- **3.7%**



Lumber &
Plywood
+ **4.6%**



Steel
+ **.4%**



Millwork &
Moldings
+ **2.9%**



Labor
+ **3.2%**



Custom
Cabinetry
+ **3.7%**

Concrete
Products

+ **5.1%**



Data from December 2013 to December 2014. Sources:

- Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)
- Engineering News Record (ENR)
- National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB)

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