

Future Trends: The Architects' Market

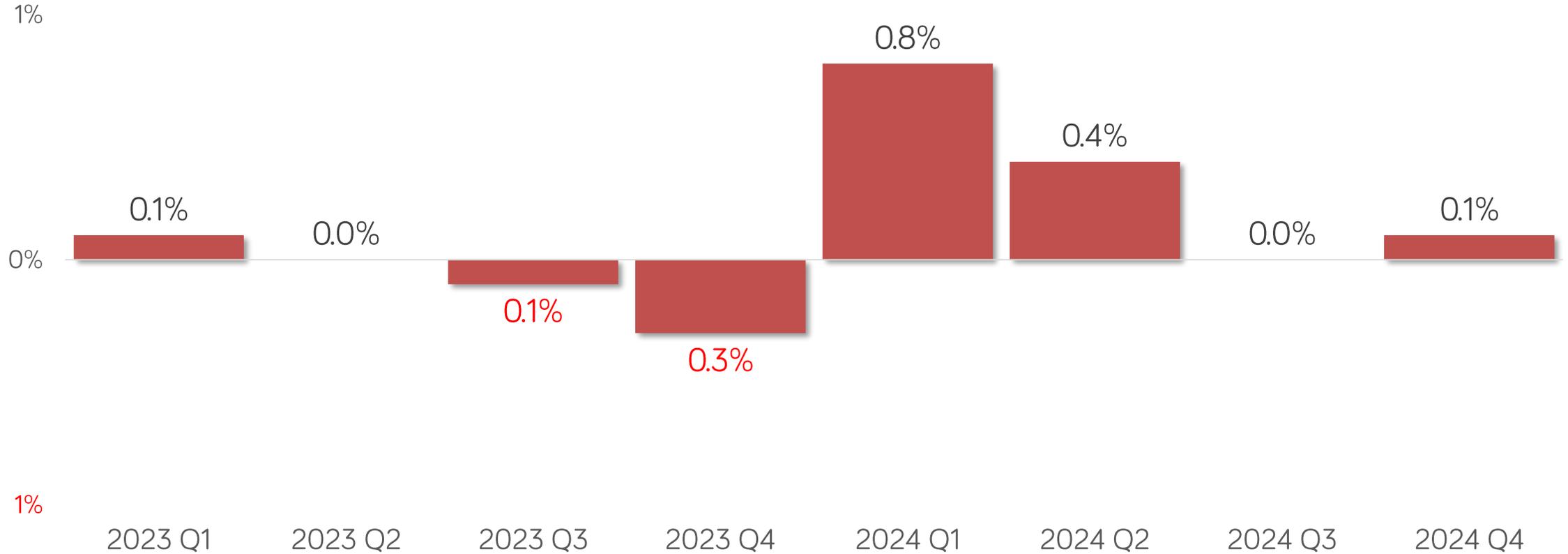
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The UK Economy

UK Economy

Gross Domestic Product
Quarter on Quarter growth

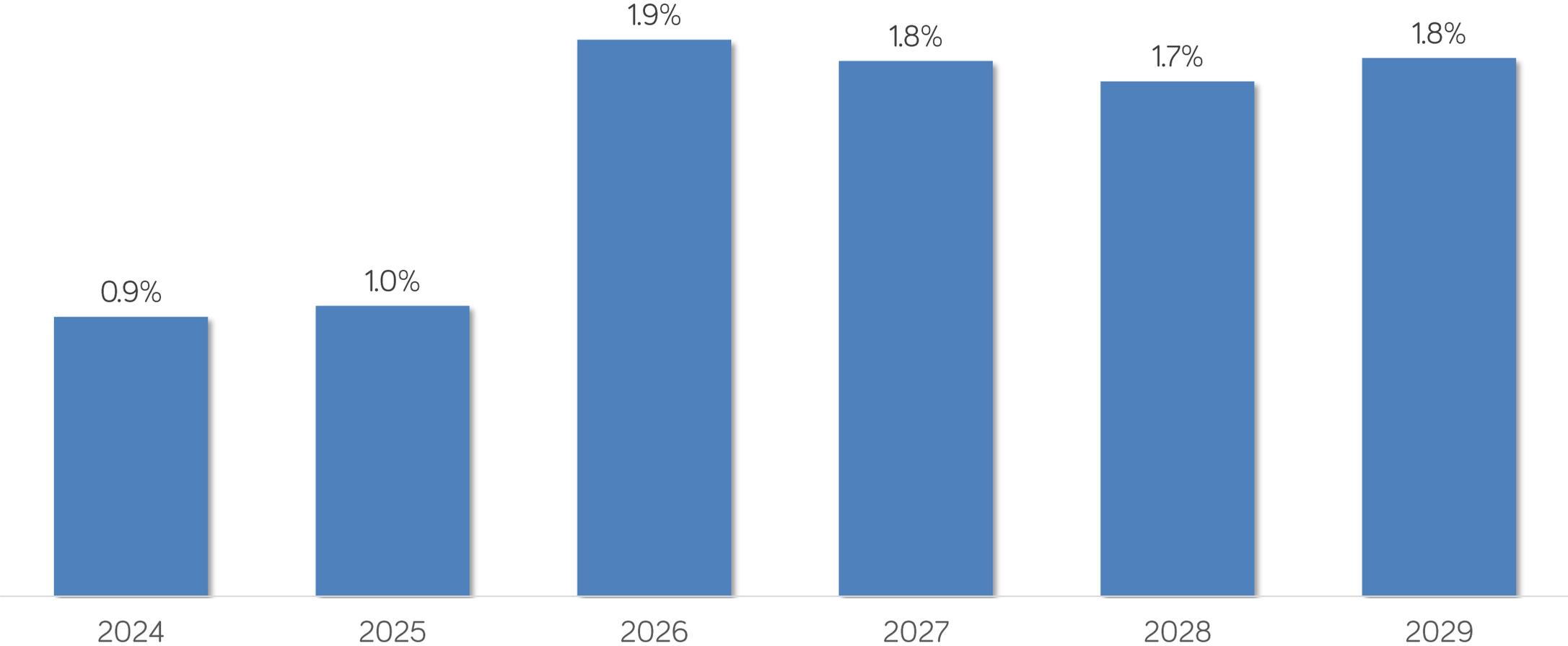


1%

Source [ONS](#)

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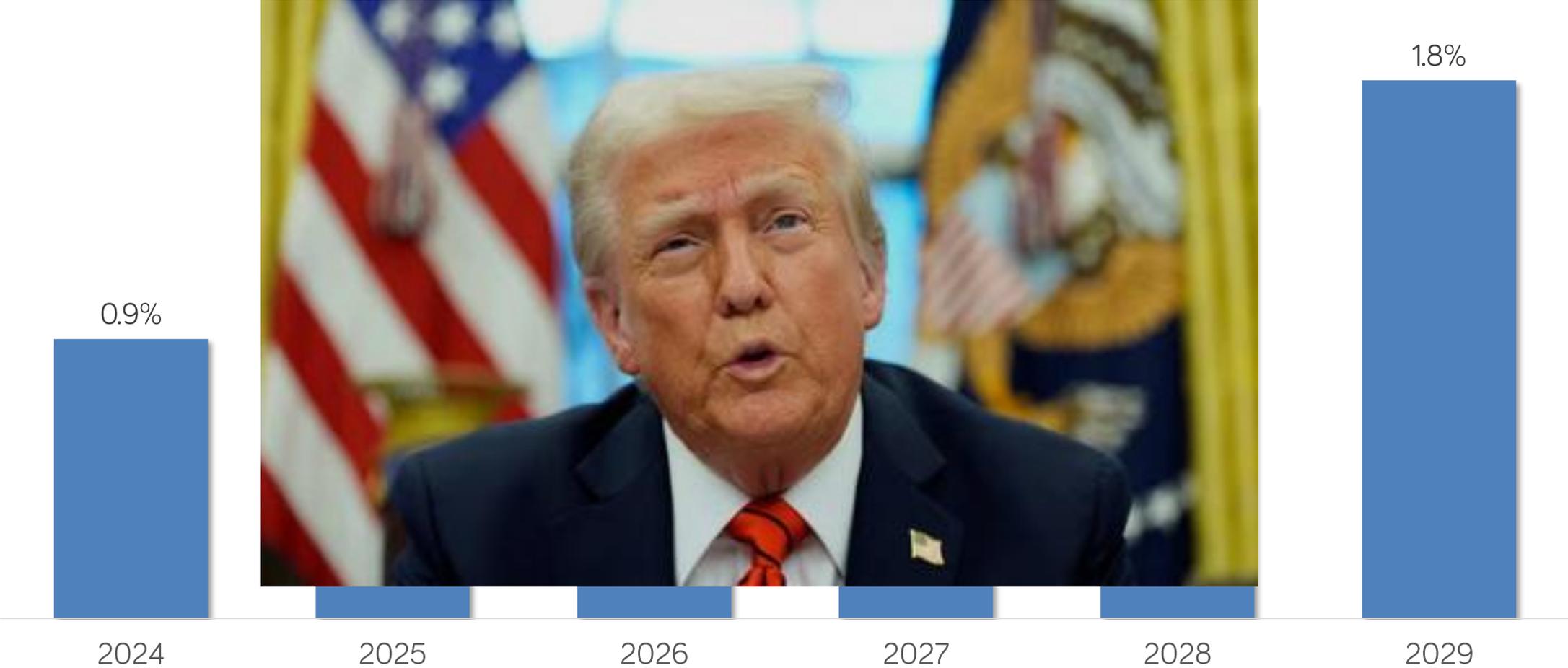
OBR – March GDP growth forecast projection



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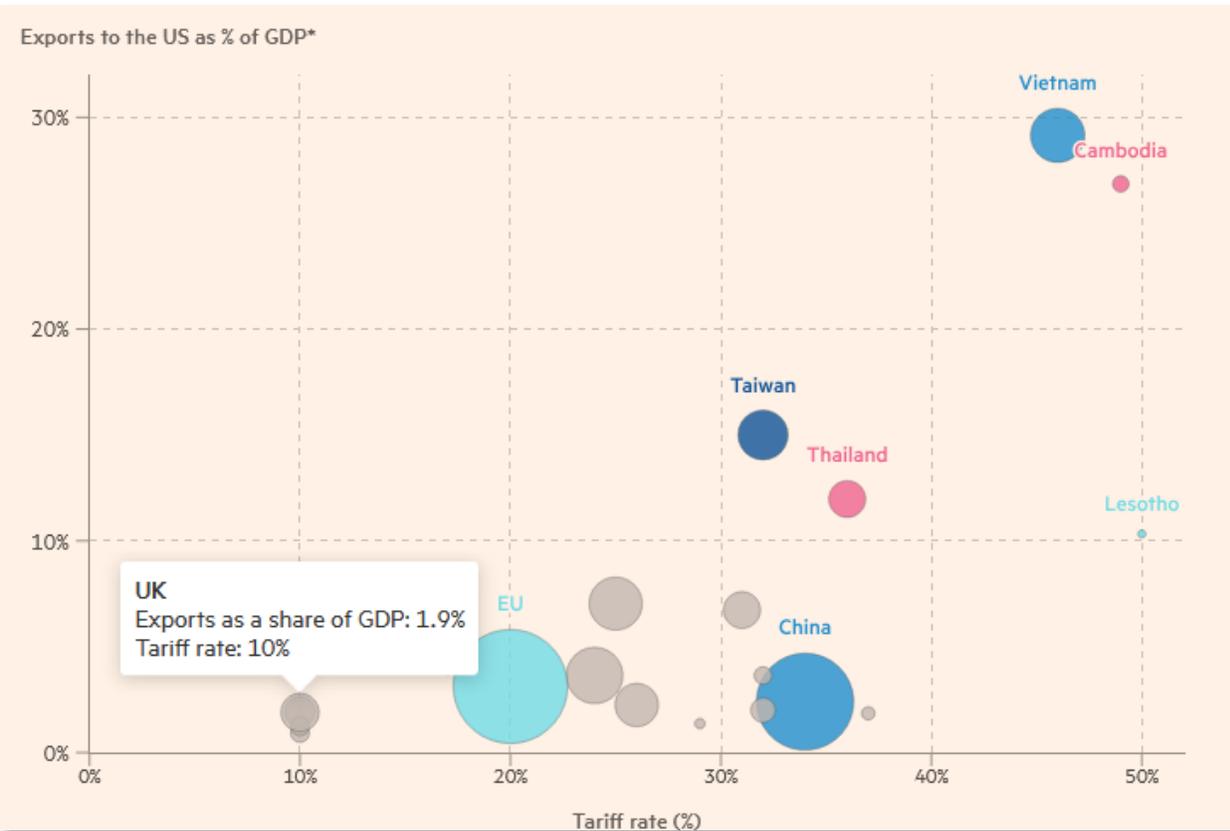
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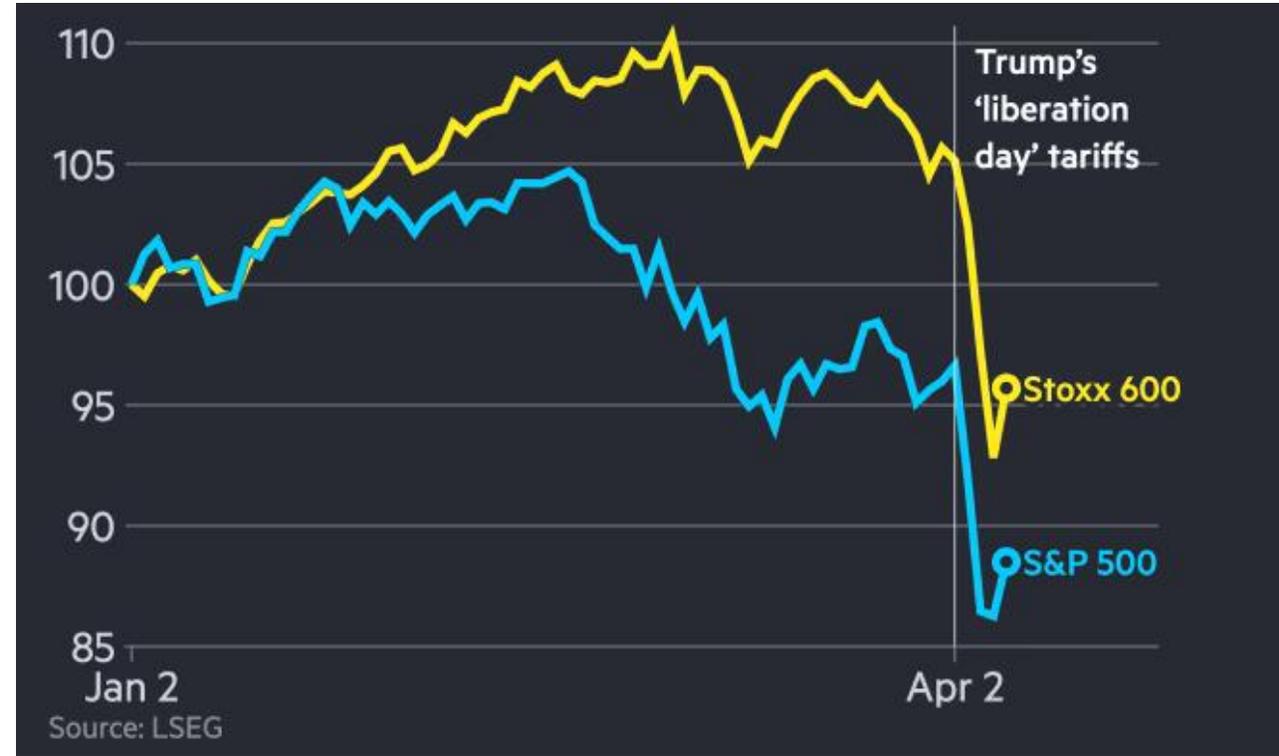


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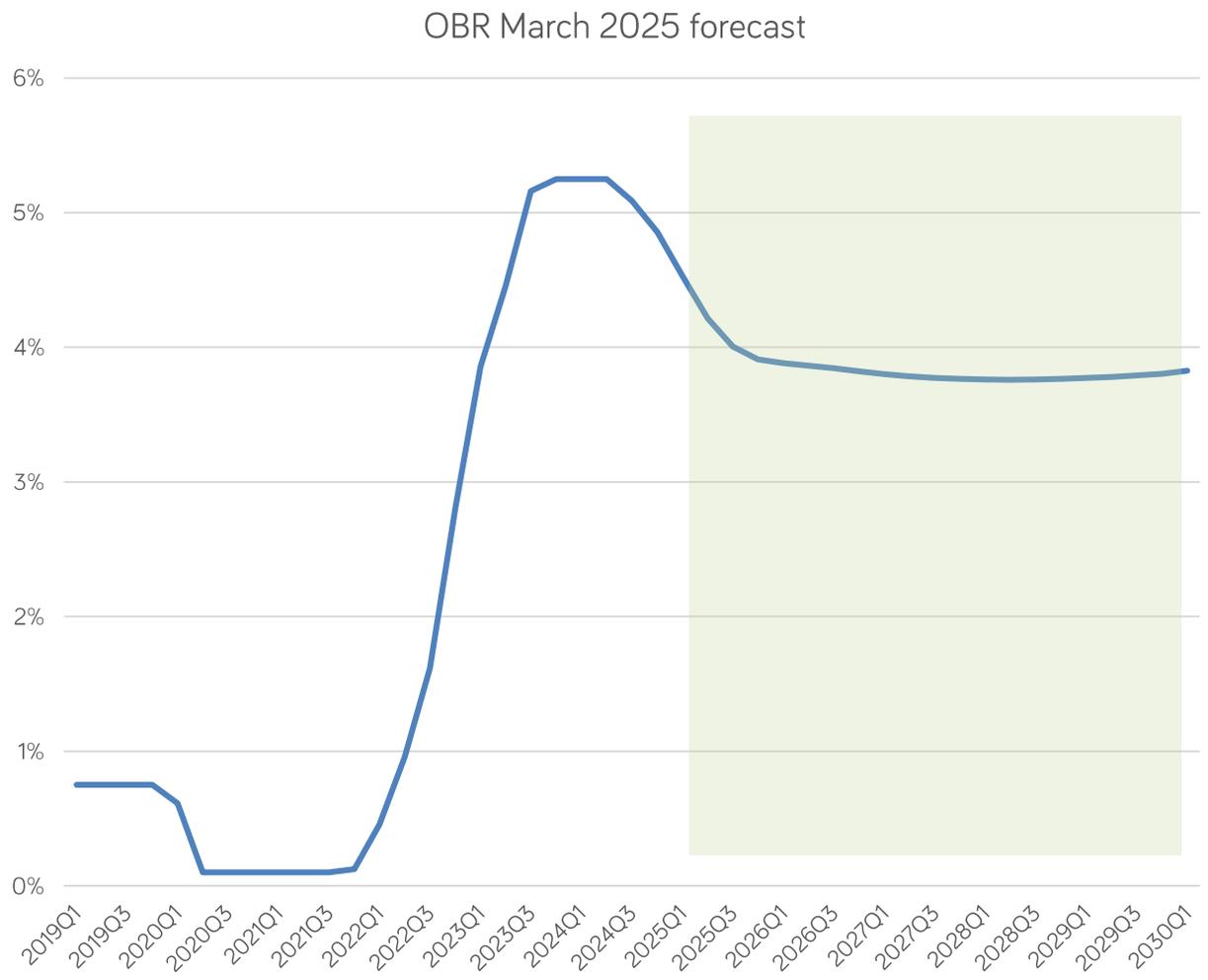
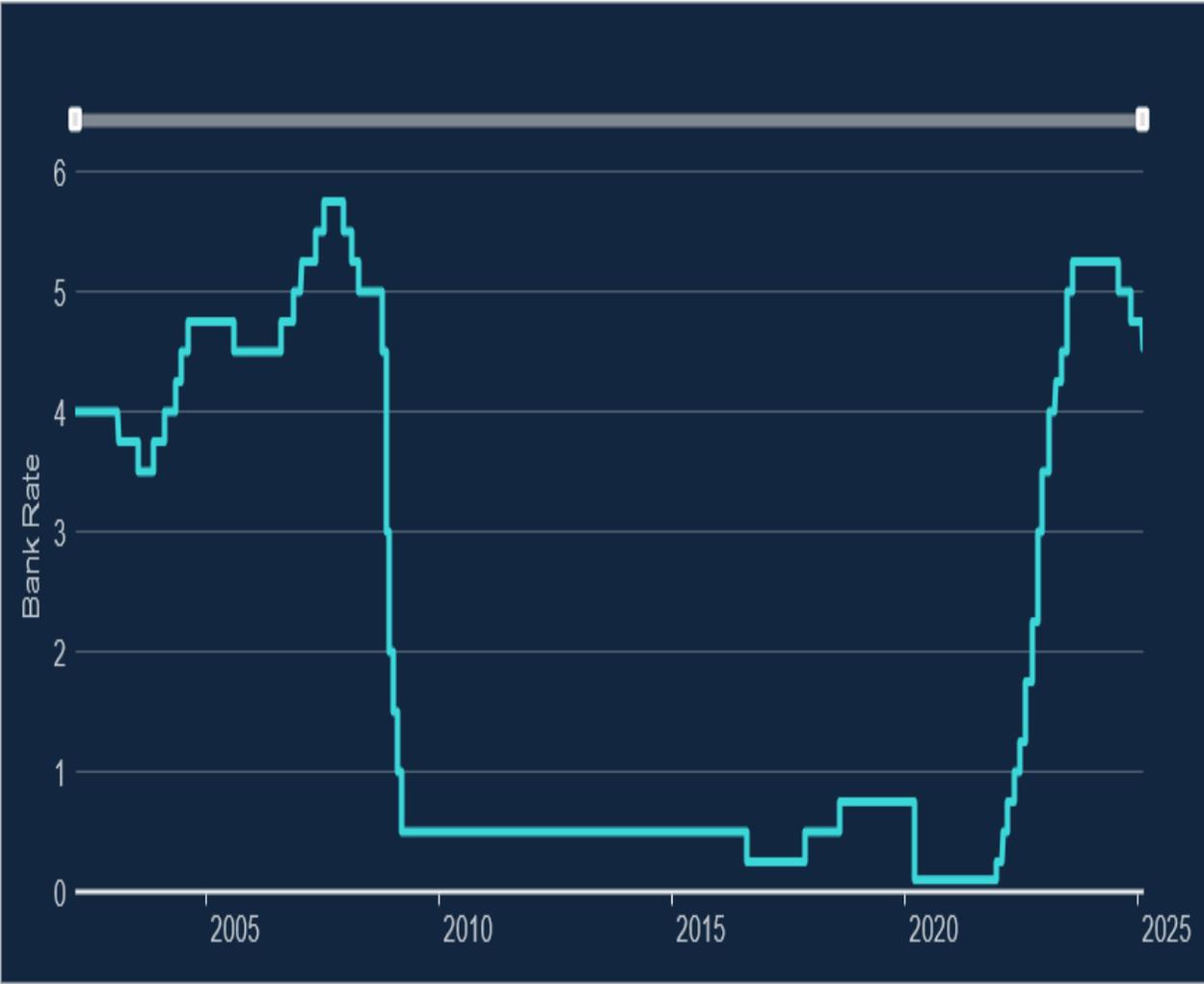


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Source: LSEG

UK Economy – Interest Rates



Source: [Bank of England](https://www.bankofengland.co.uk)

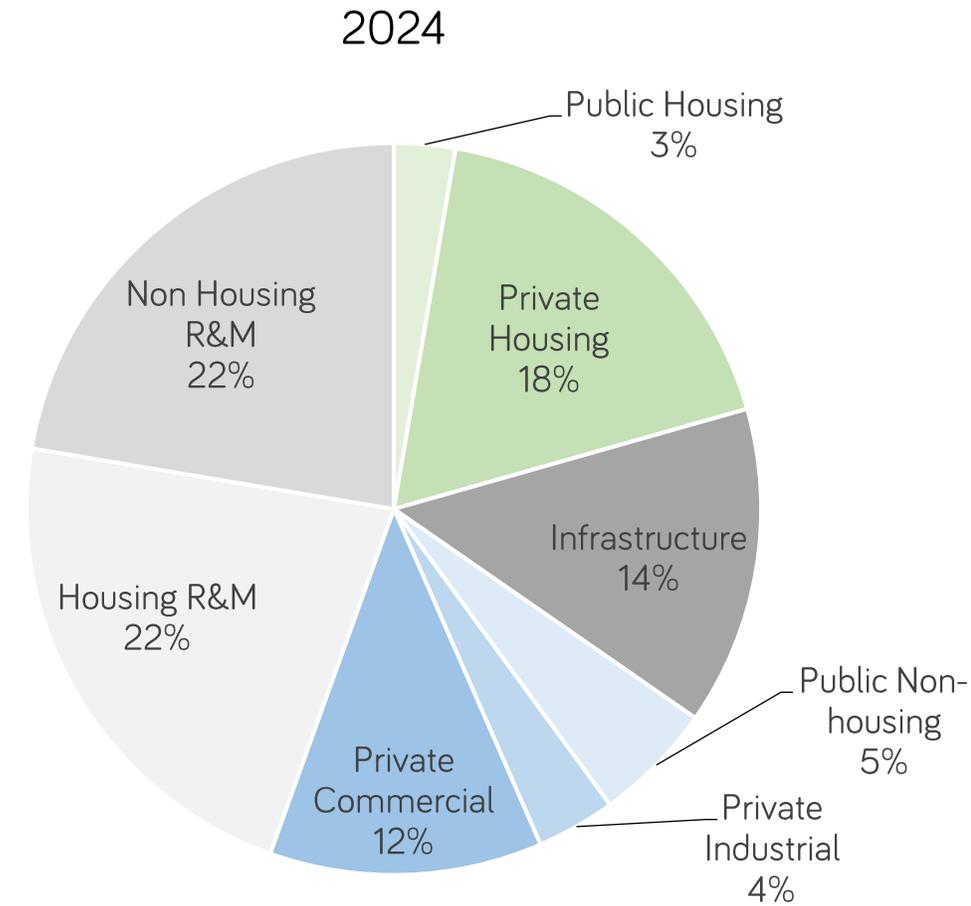
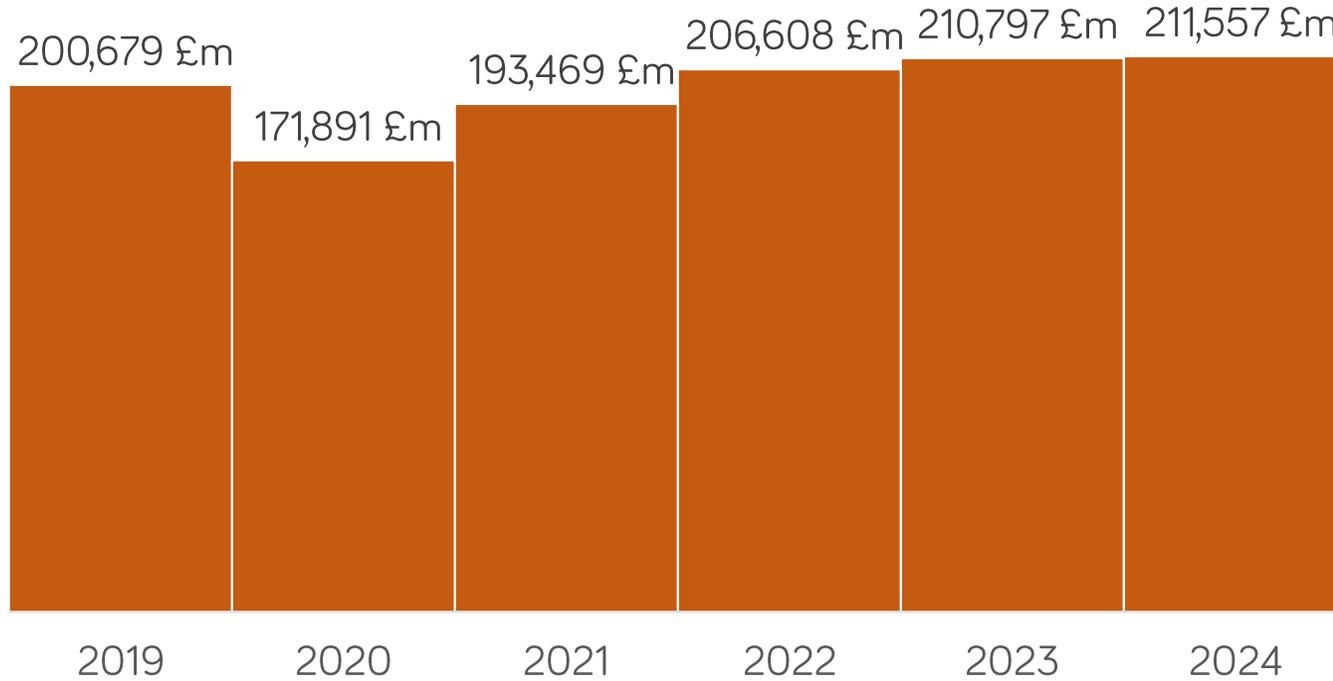
Bank Rate

Current Bank Rate: 4.5%

The Construction Industry

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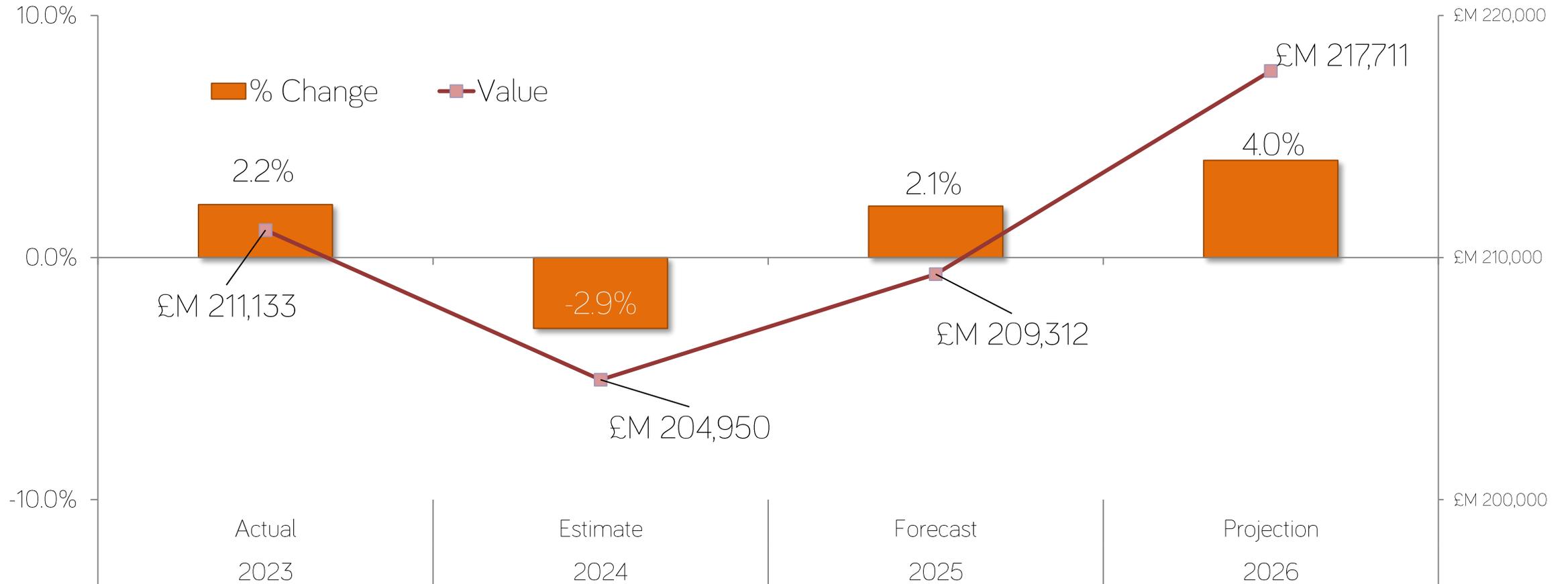
Construction Output



Source [ONS](#) - Construction output in Great Britain, volume, seasonally adjusted, by sector.

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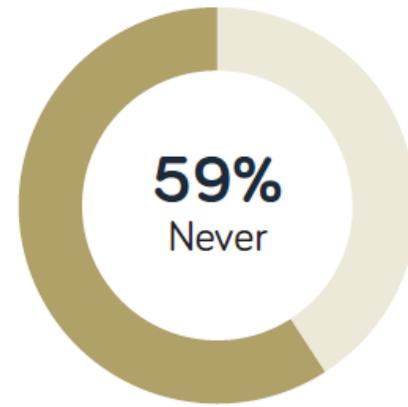
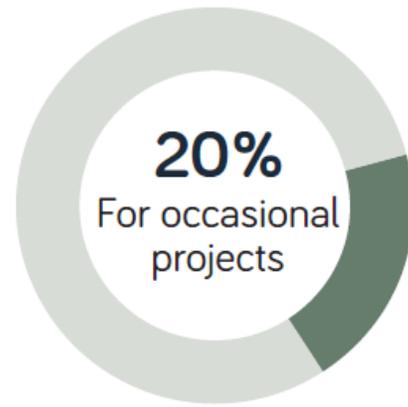
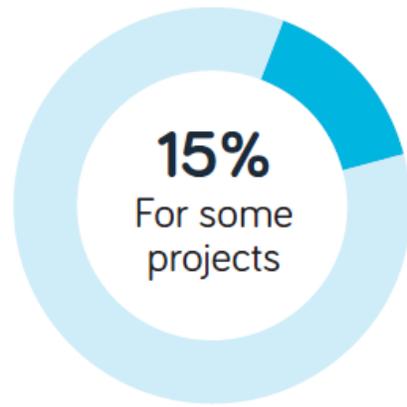
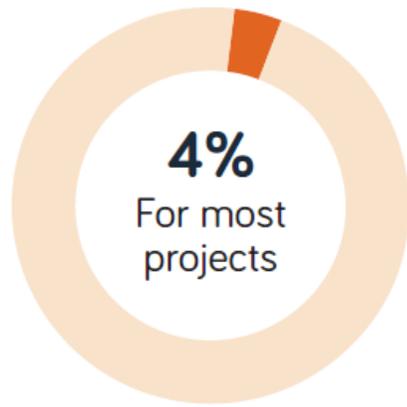
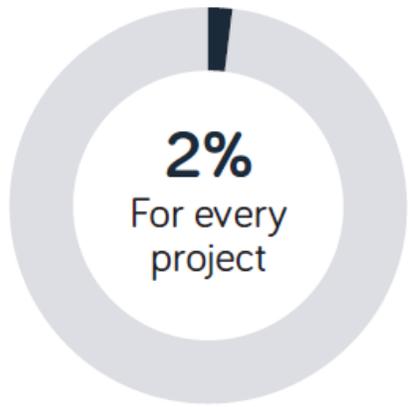
All Construction Output



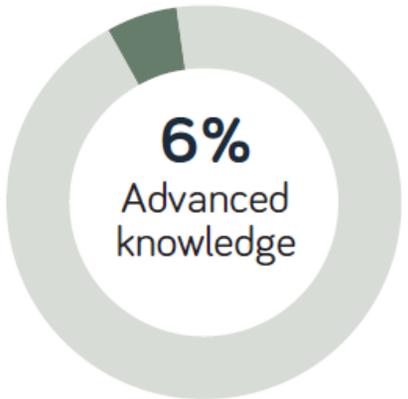
AI and Architects

RIBA AI Report

For the projects you are currently working on, how often does your practice use AI in any way?

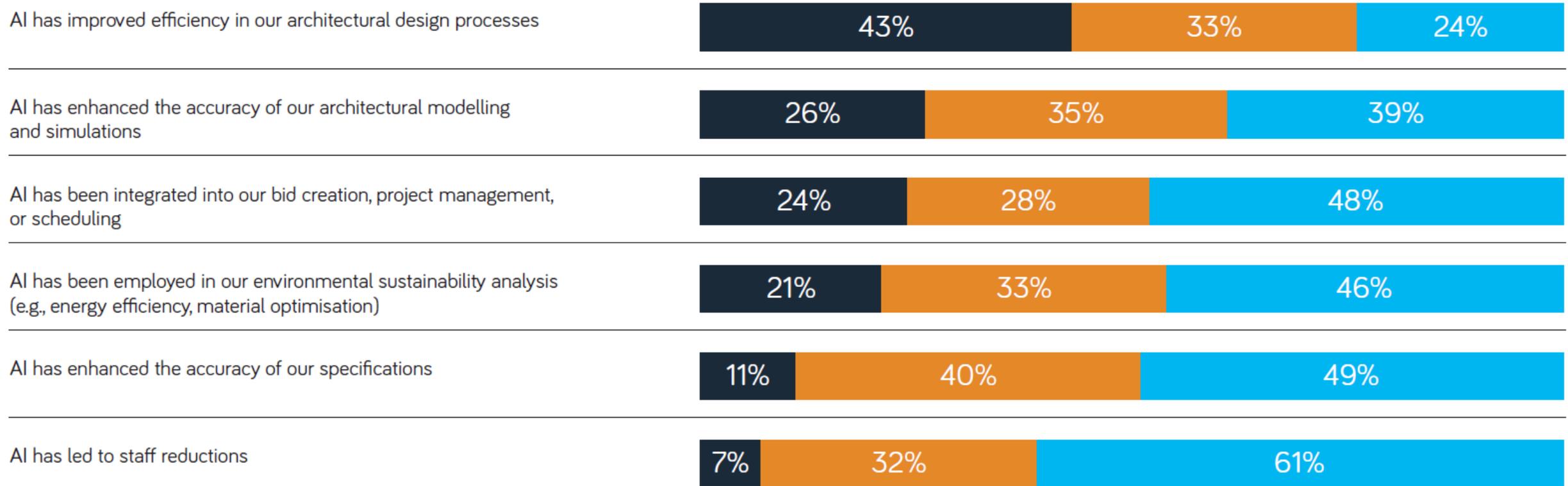


Overall, how would you rate your personal knowledge about AI, in general?



RIBA AI Report

For those using AI - How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about AI:



■ Agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Disagree

RIBA AI Report

Agreement that in the next 2 years:

AI will be employed in environmental sustainability analysis
(e.g., energy efficiency, material optimisation)



AI will improve efficiency in our architectural design processes



AI technologies will be adopted in my architectural practice



AI will enhance the accuracy of our architectural modelling and simulations.



My practice will invest resources in AI research and development



AI will be integrated into our bid creation, project management,
or scheduling



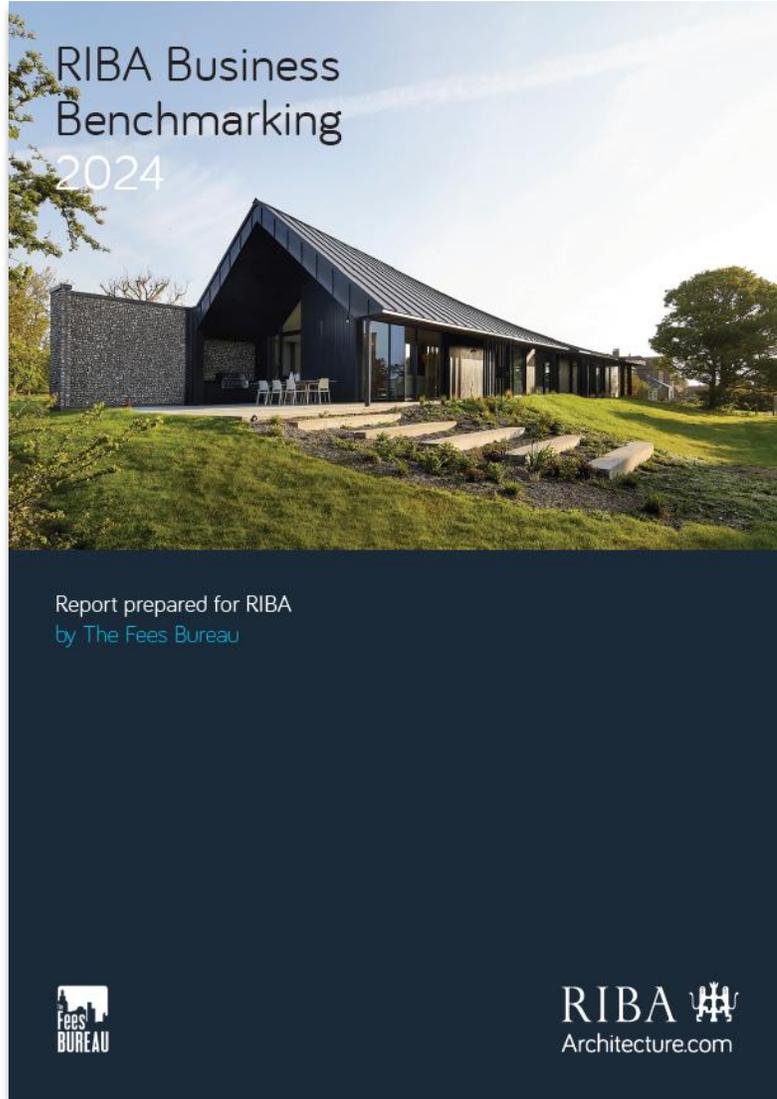
AI will enhance the accuracy of our specifications



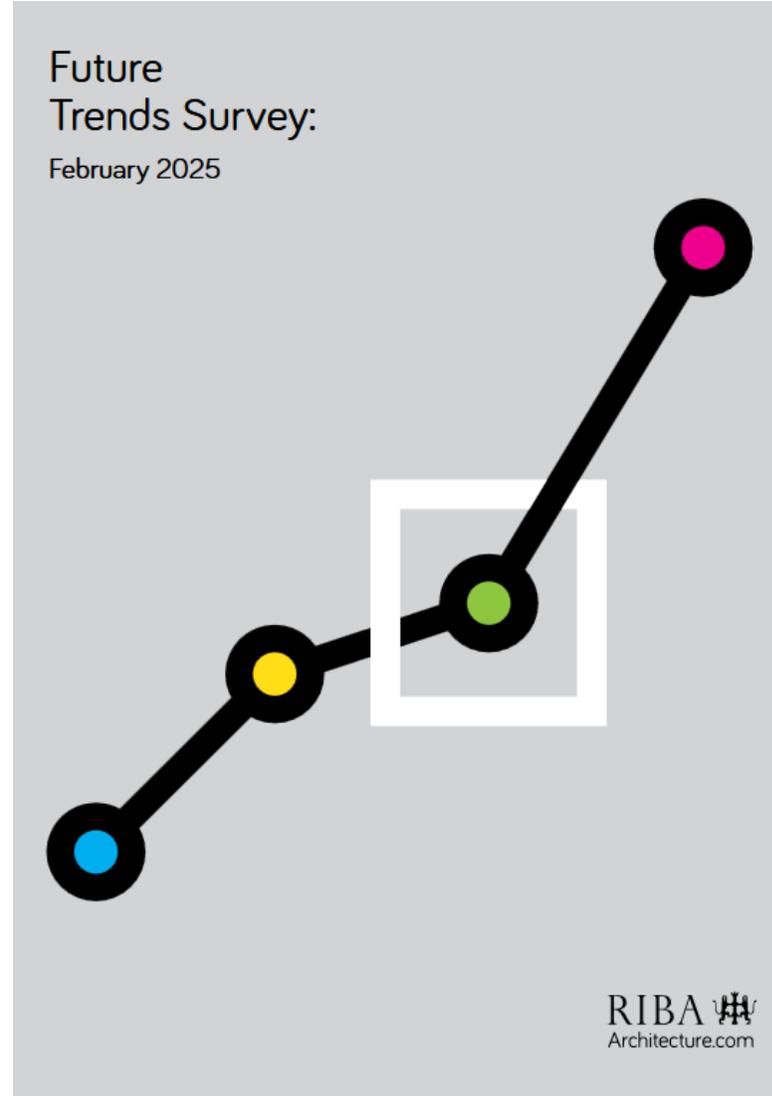
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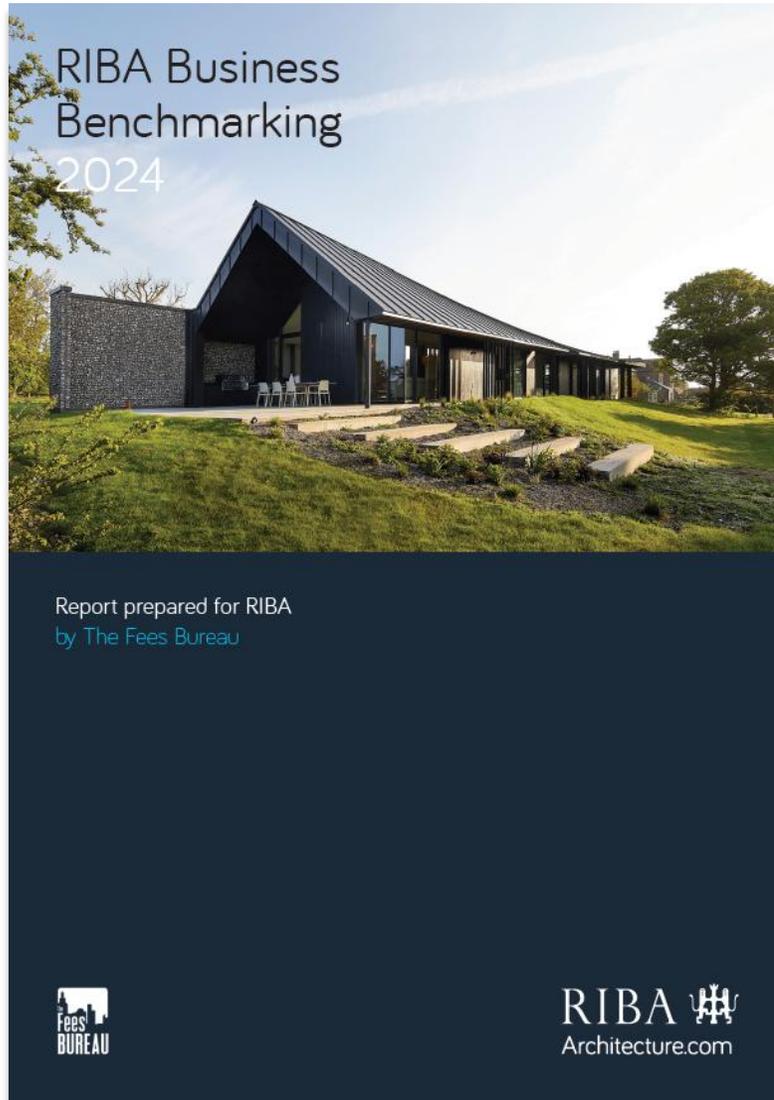


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RIBA Architecture.com

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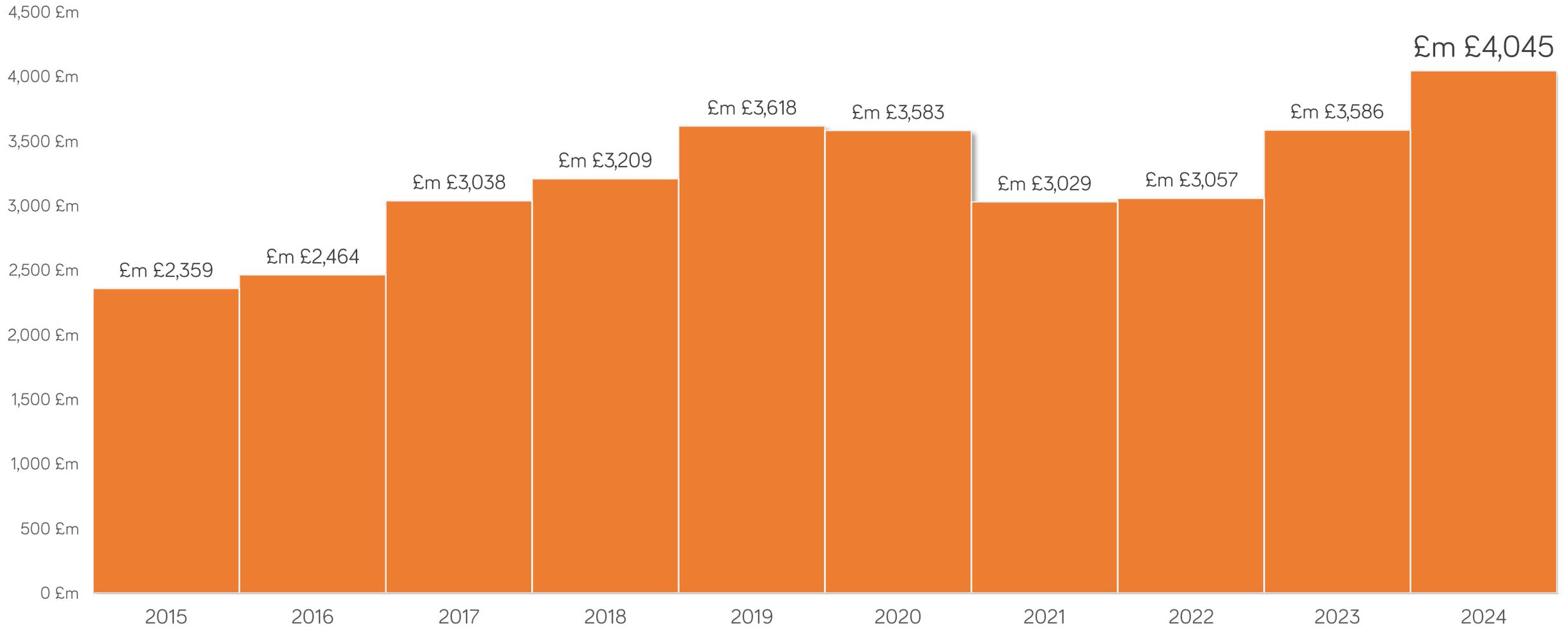


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Total Chartered Practice Revenue



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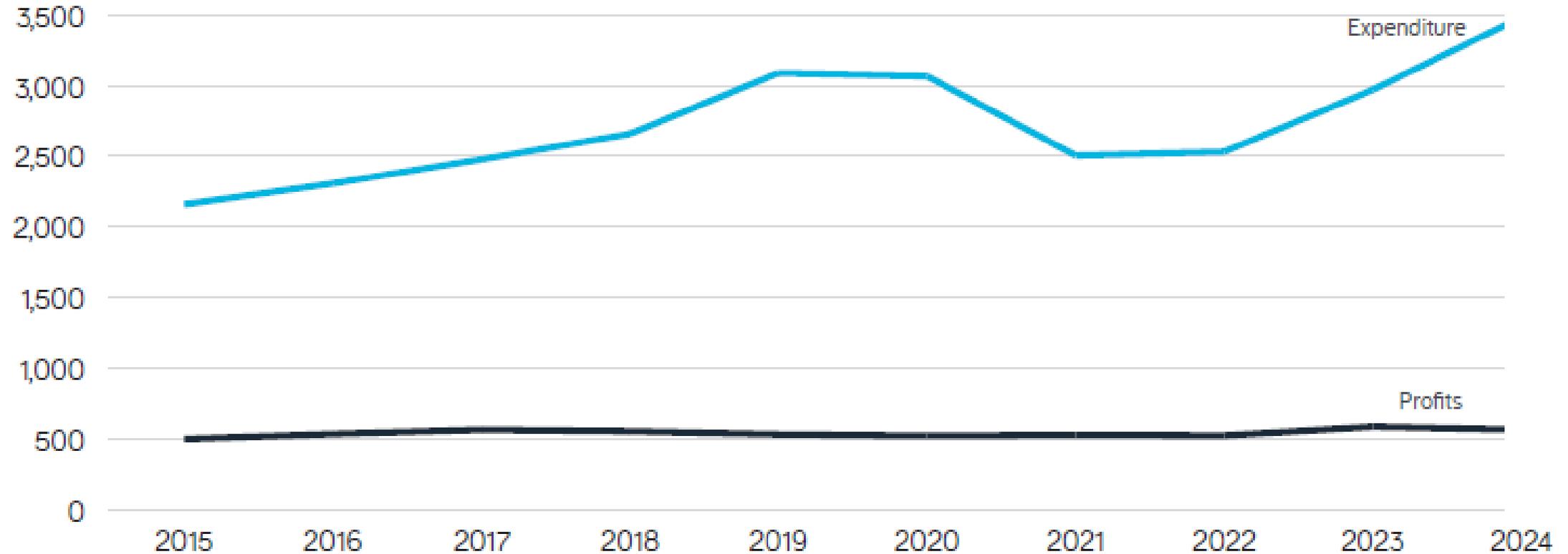
c. 3,900 Chartered Practices

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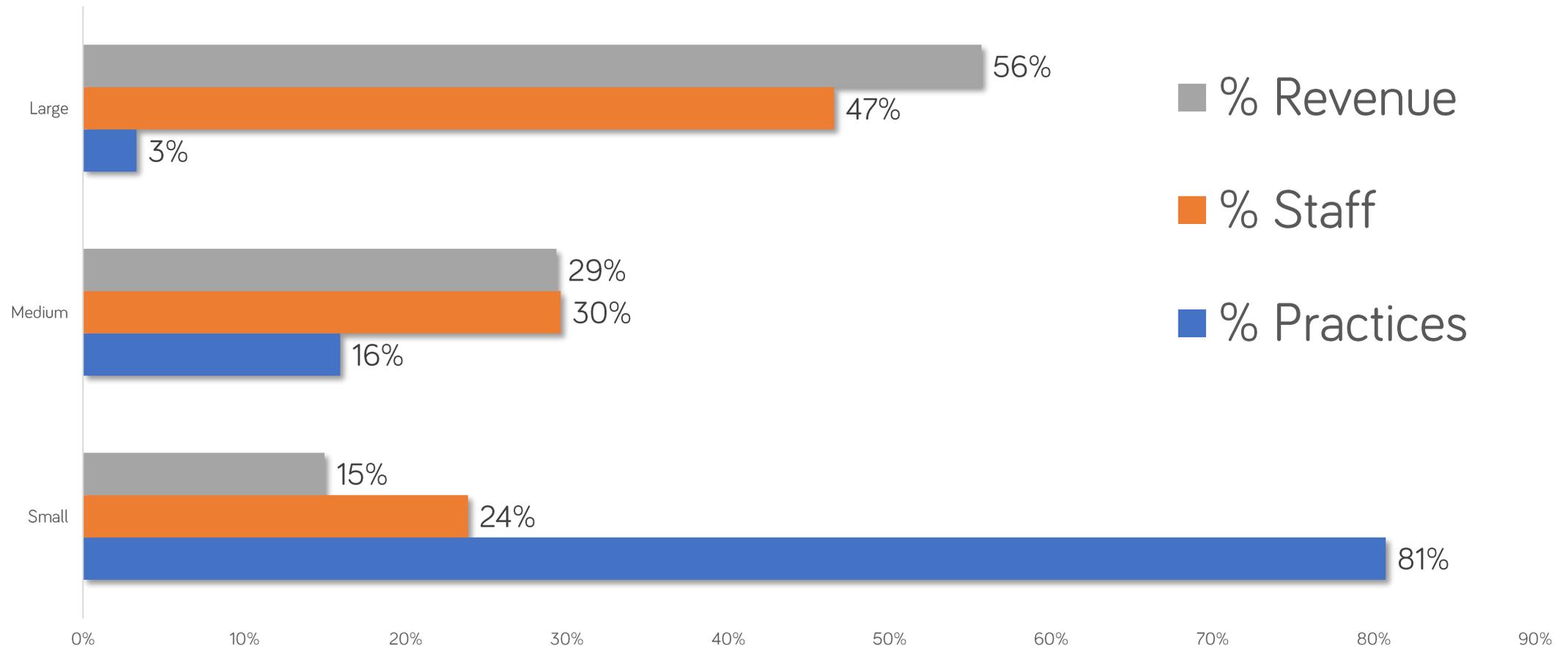
Total expenditure and profits from all RIBA Chartered Practices: trends 2015 to 2024

Expenditure and profits from all RIBA Chartered Practices

£million

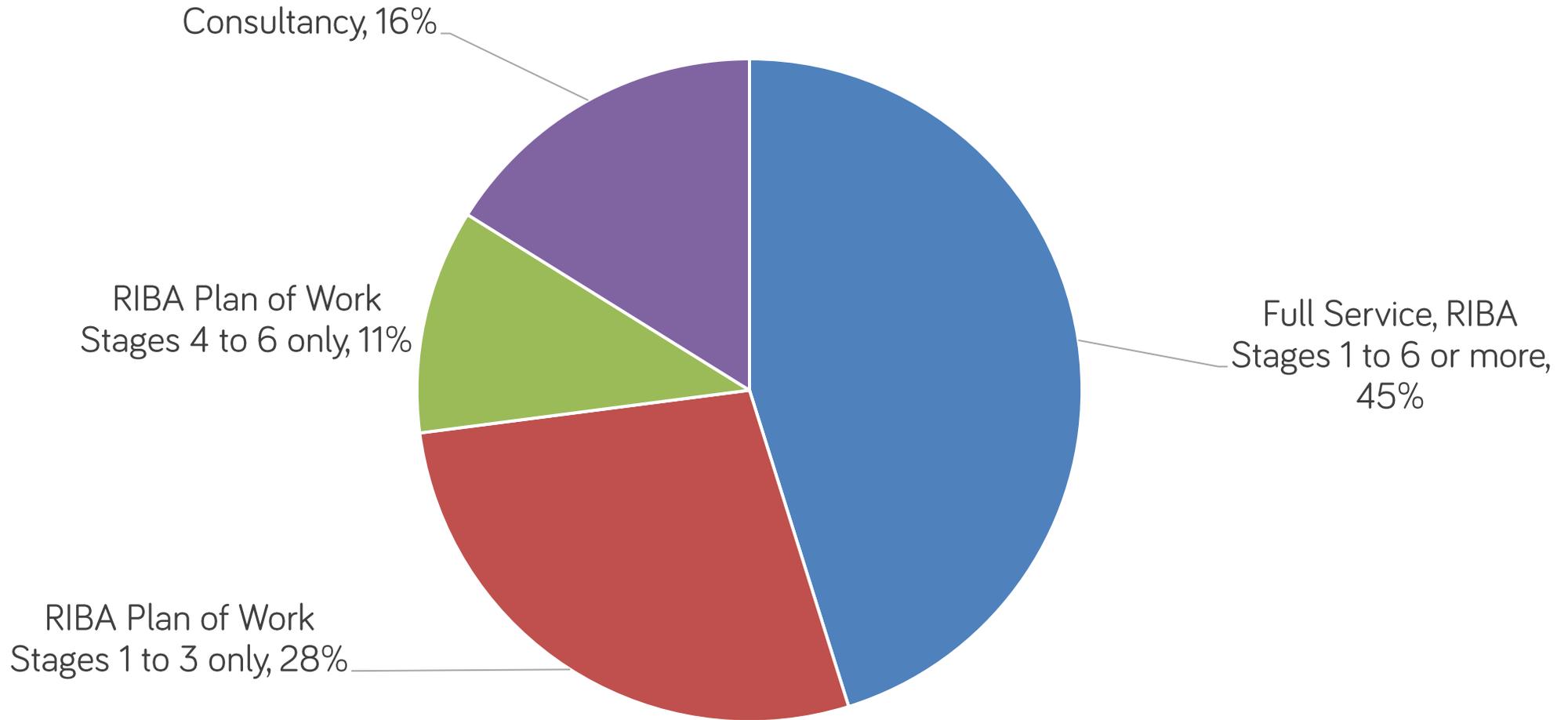


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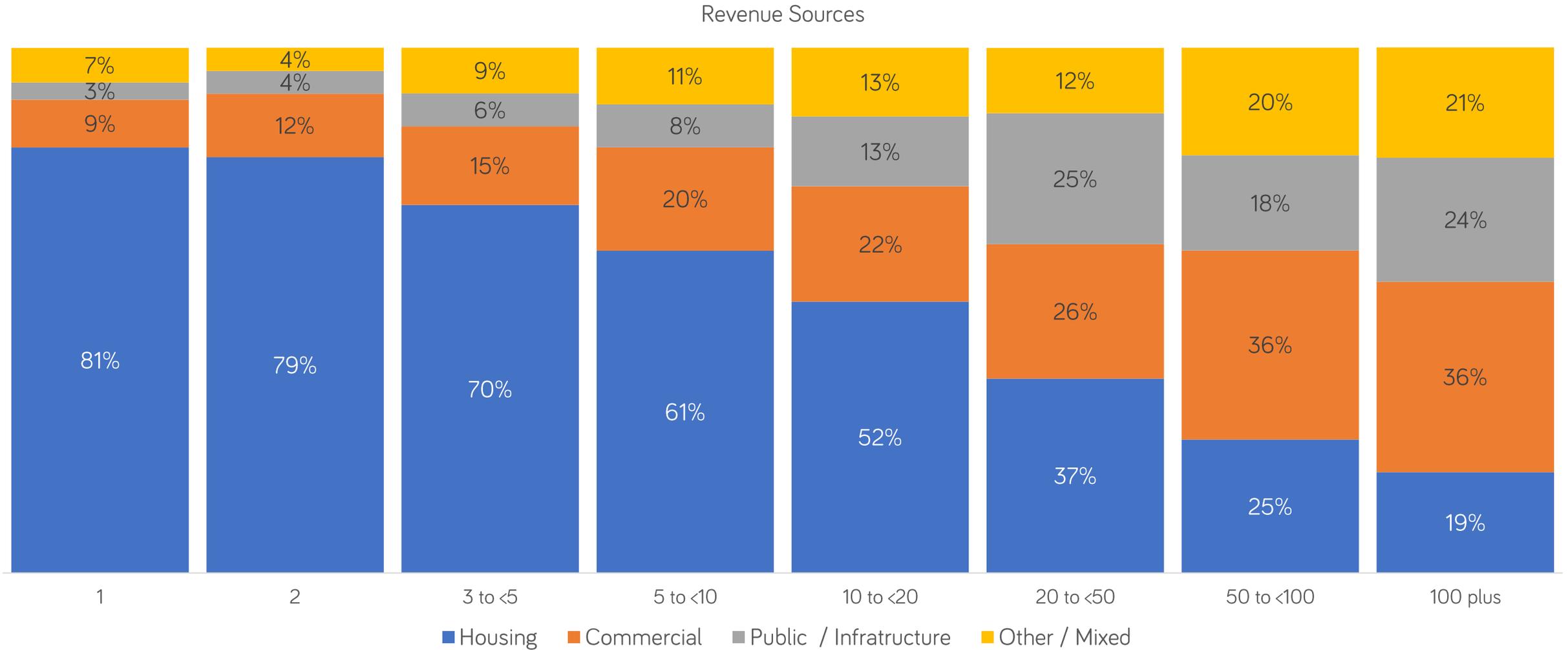


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Revenue by Service Provided



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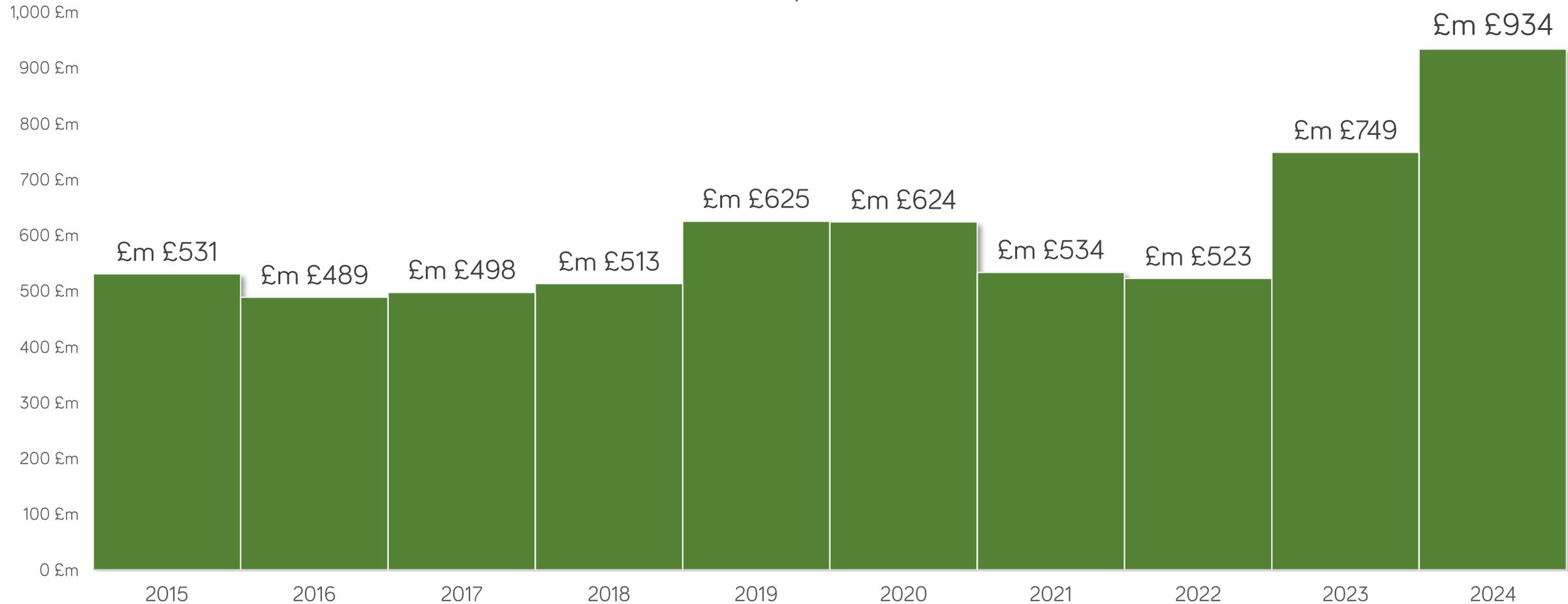


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Value of Practice Exports



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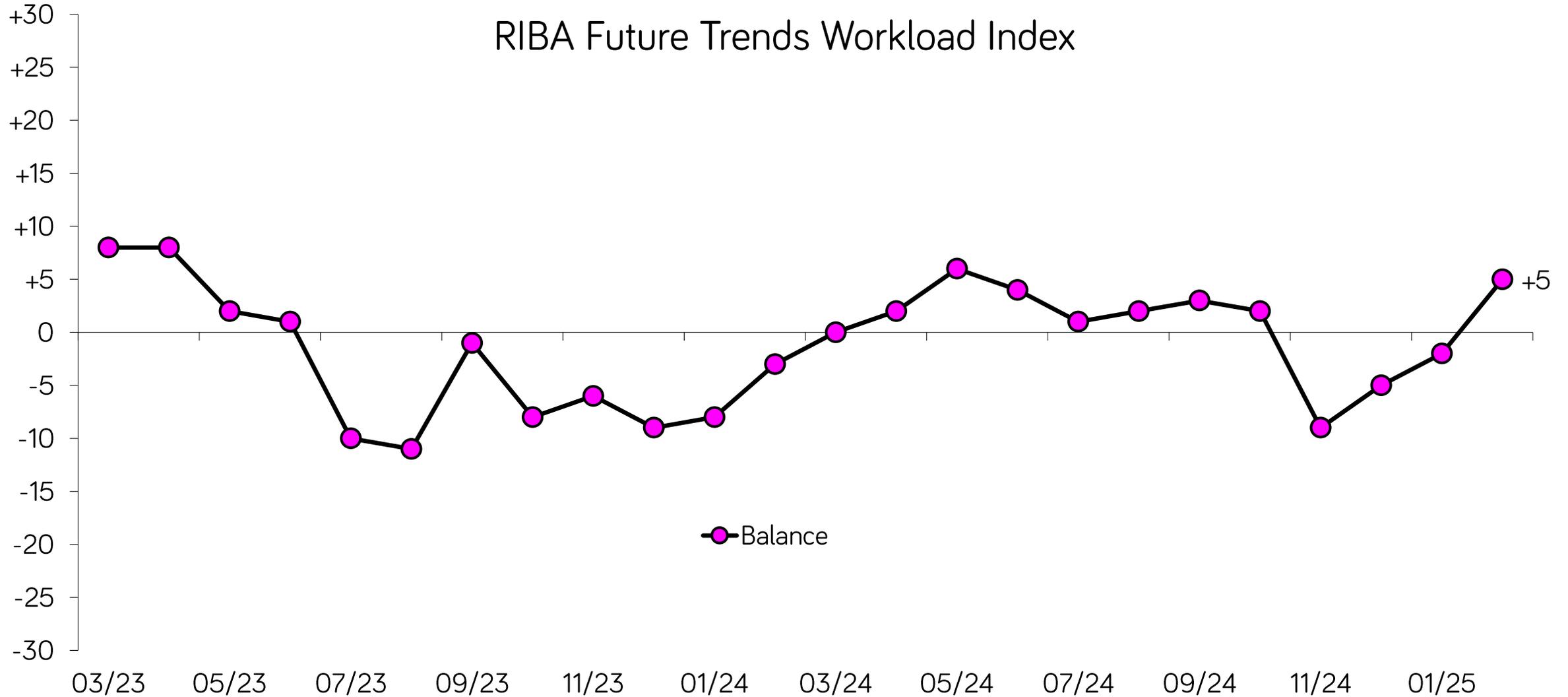
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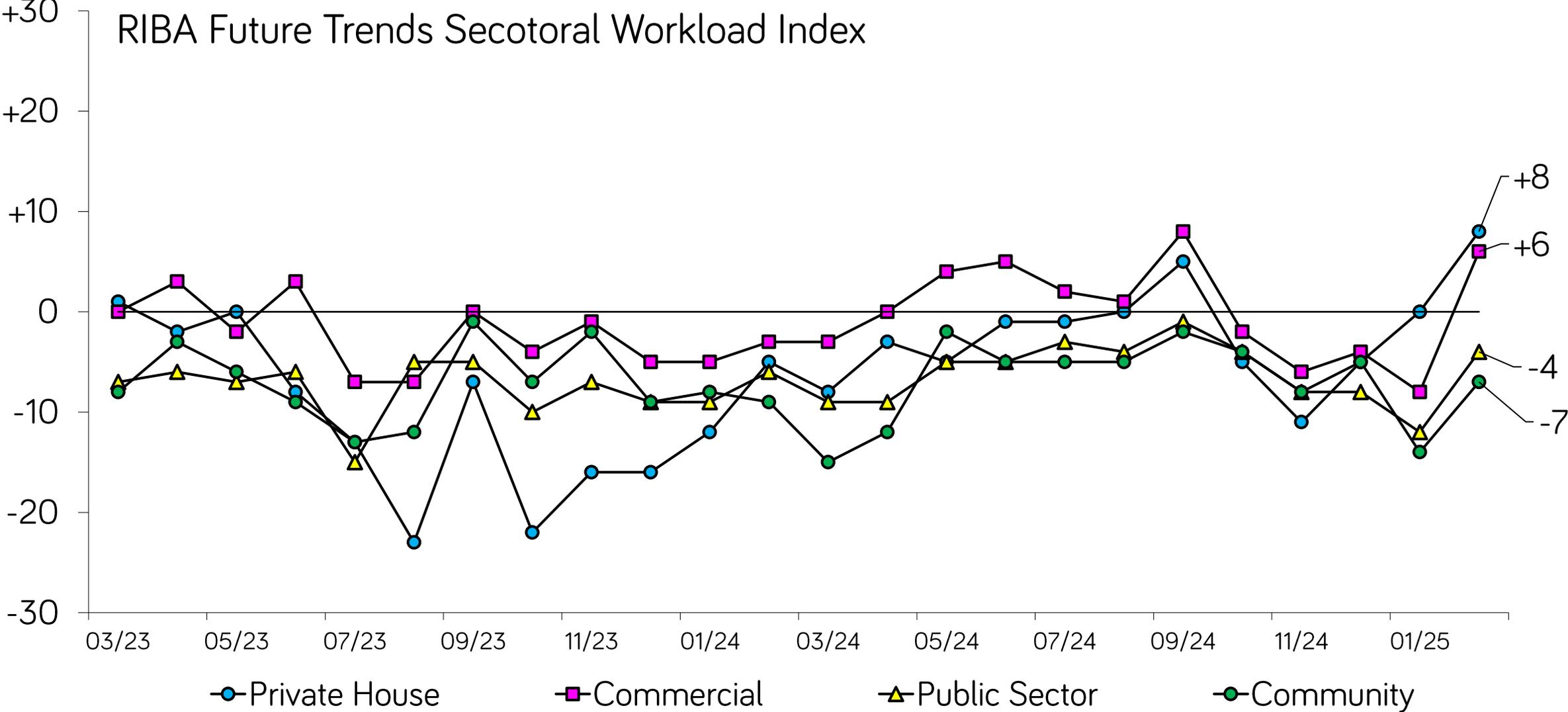
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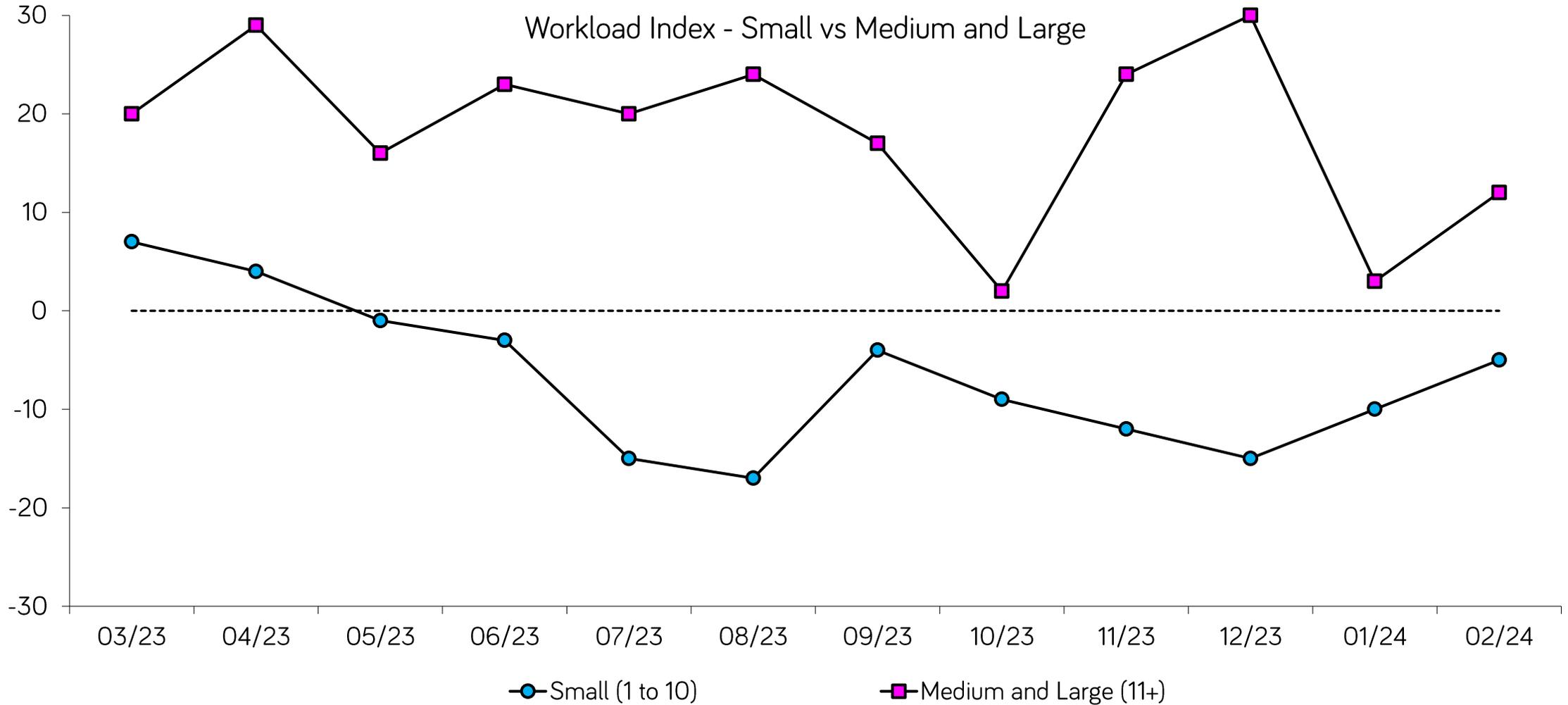
RIBA Future Trends Workload Index



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+5%

Anticipated increase in staff, next 12 months



+6%

Anticipated increase in revenue, next 12 months



Economy

The most significant impediment to profitability



Adopting new working practices

The most significant improvement to profitability

A photograph of a modern building's exterior featuring a wooden deck and a white railing. The railing is composed of vertical slats. The building has a light-colored, vertically-slatted facade. A large window is visible on the left side. The view from the deck shows a vast, green landscape with a body of water in the distance under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text "Thank you" and "adrian.malleson@riba.org" is overlaid in the center of the image.

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