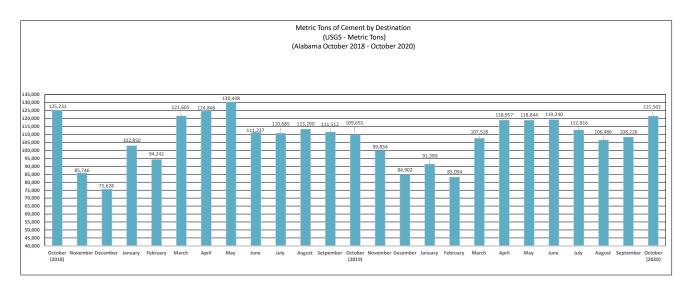
## TRENDLINES

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Data recently released by the United States Geological Service shows 121,502 tons of cement were shipped to the state during October 2020. Cement shipments to the state grew by 10.8% over the same period in 2019. After contracting for two consecutive months, the state experienced much needed growth in October.

Looking to ready mix volumes, we estimate 449,922 cubic yards of concrete were placed during the month. The volume represents the high-water mark for 2020, surpassing the previous high from June. The tonnage also marks the fifth highest total since we begin tracking the data in January 2014.

Examining the national construction indexes, The Home Builder Sentiment for January in the South currently stands at 82. Anything above 50 forecast a growth in the homebuilding market. The figure represents a 7% contraction from the record 90 in November. Considering the ongoing COVID19 crisis, homebuilder sentiment remains historically high. As states begin to reopen the economy, we anticipate residential construction to remain a bright spot. The index has seen record recovery since dropping to 34 in April 2020. The AIA billing index for the month of December stands at 42.6. An index below 50 signifies a contraction in the market.



Cement Shipments to Alabama (USGS Data - metric tons)													
Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
2014	51.206	63.119	82.065	80.012	87.014	89.204	96.389	90.384		91.304	66.907	68.949	953,525
2015	70,732	56,229	74,139	75,984	96,125	98,975	99,284	88,455	89,504	89,889	72,472	73,941	985,729
2016	72,343	78,591	96,152	102,668	105,228	103,002	89,547	98,391	97,909	96,673	88,227	70,168	1,098,900
2017	74,711	80,645	100,482	99,508	95,639	90,025	93,295	99,579	101,342	111,162	111,828	86,587	1,144,802
2018	84,753	93,323	115,209	106,675	107,363	112,089	109,228	115,528	99,853	125,231	85,746	75,628	1,230,627
2019	102,850	94,242	121,605	124,846	130,408	111,237	110,685	113,290	111,512	109,655	99,834	84,902	1,315,066
2020	91,390	83,094	107,518	118,957	118,844	119,240	112,816	106,486	108,226	121,502			1,088,073
Alabama Ready Mix Production (cubic yards)													
Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
Year 2014	<b>January</b> 189,616	<b>February</b> 234,002	March 304,240	<b>April</b> 296,628	<b>May</b> 322,587	June 330,706	July 357,344	August 335,080		October 338,491	November 248,043	December 255,614	<b>YTD</b> 3,534,782
									322,431				
2014	189,616	234,002	304,240	296,628	322,587	330,706	357,344	335,080	322,431	338,491	248,043	255,614	3,534,782
2014 2015	189,616 261,921	234,002 208,458	304,240 274,856	296,628 281,695	322,587 356,364	330,706 366,930	357,344 368,076	335,080 327,929	322,431 331,818	338,491 333,245	248,043 268,675	255,614 274,121	3,534,782 3,654,090
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