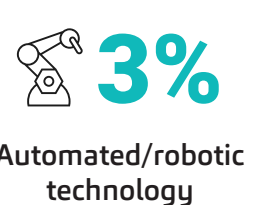
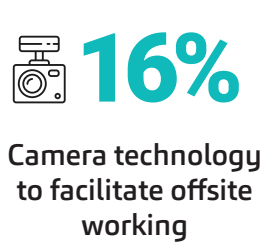
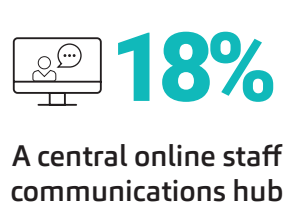
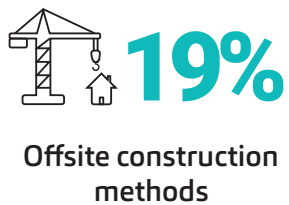
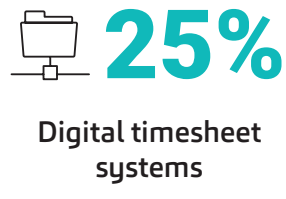
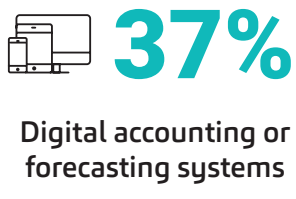




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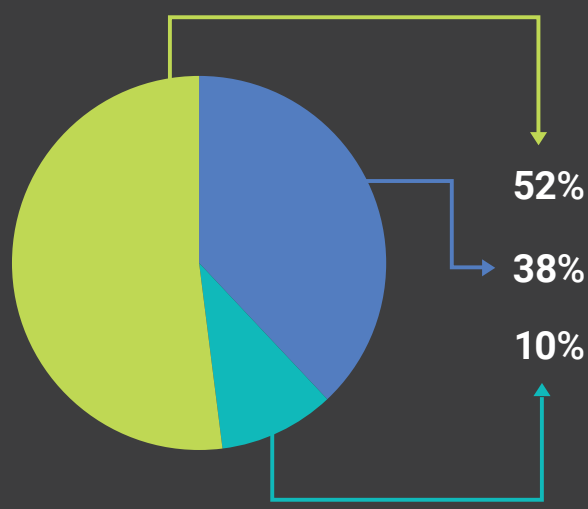
## What impact has COVID had on technology and innovation in the UK construction industry?

### 1 Technology used prior to COVID-19



Digital software for accounting, forecasting and time management were already used by many construction businesses prior to COVID-19.

### New technology since COVID-19

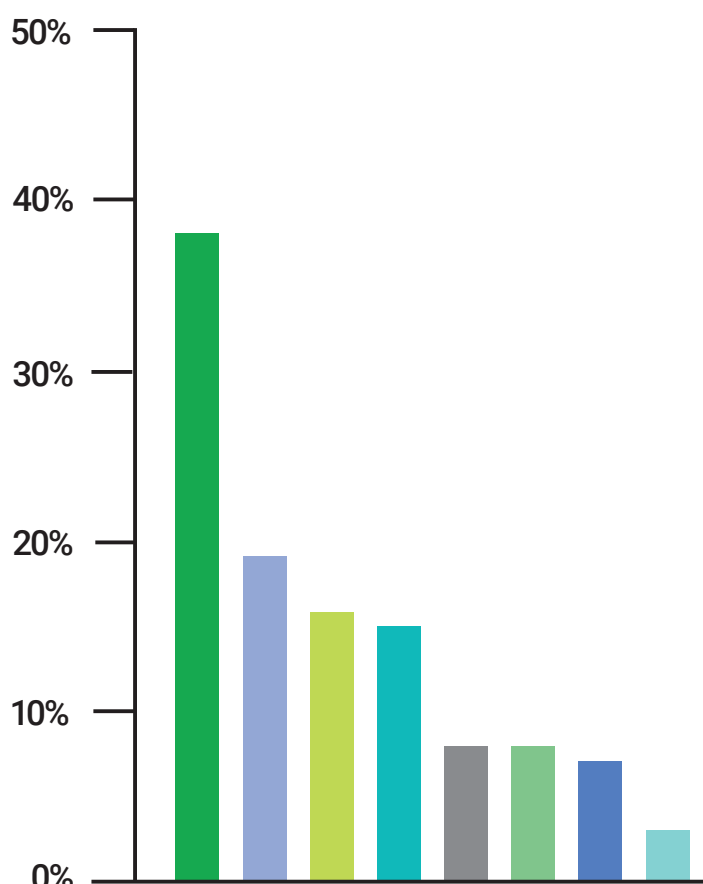


## 52%

More than 50% of businesses have implemented new technology since March, with video conferencing tools at the top of the list. A further 10% are planning on bringing in new technology as a result of COVID-19.

- Yes
- No, and not planning to
- No, but planning to

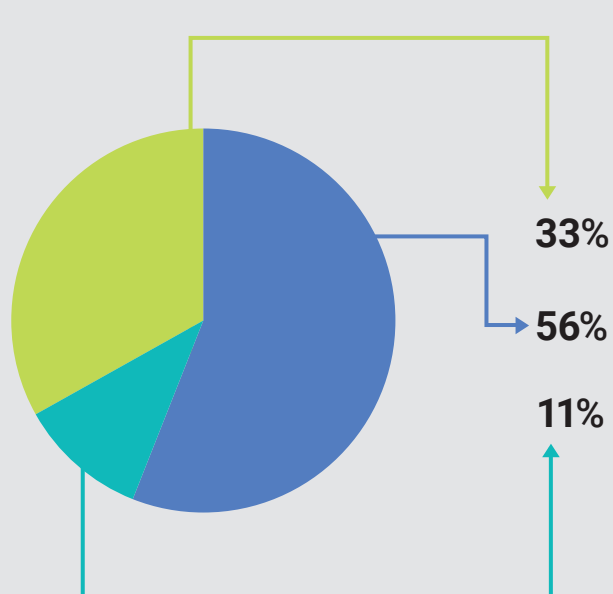
### Technology to implement in the next 12 months



- 38% No plans to implement new technology
- 19% Digital timesheet systems
- 16% A central online staff communications hub
- 15% Camera technology to facilitate offsite working
- 8% Digital accounting or forecasting systems
- 8% Drones
- 7% Offsite construction methods
- 3% Automated/robotic technology

After the initial push for new technology, nearly 40% of businesses have no further plans to bring in any further innovative changes.

### 2 Claiming R&D Tax Relief



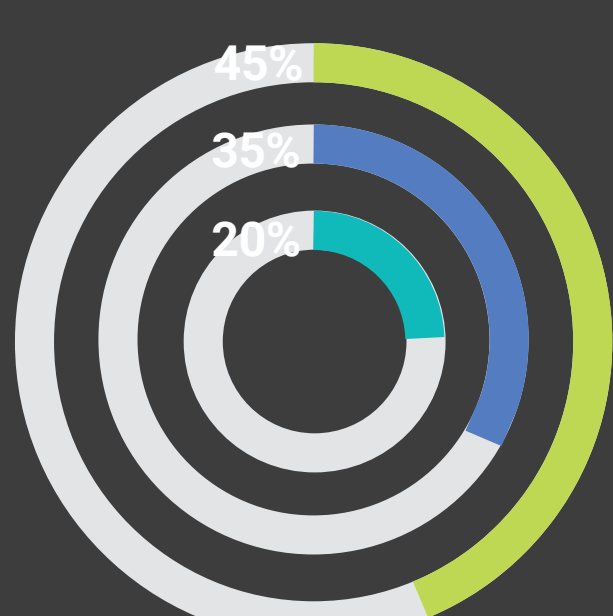
A third of businesses are already claiming R&D tax relief for their technology, with a further 11% planning to.

R&D within the construction industry can include:

- overcoming on-site issues
- innovative use of materials
- just-in-time logistics

- Yes, and we've been successful
- No, and not planning to
- No, but planning to

### Plans to invest in green technology



## 45%

45% of construction businesses plan on investing in green technology over the next 12 months, with a further fifth considering.

If your business plans on making innovative changes, it's essential you discuss plans with an adviser to ensure you don't miss out on R&D tax relief.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Read more about the state of the UK construction industry in the MHA Construction Sector Report, due out at the end of September.

The report will look at the state of the construction sector going into the COVID pandemic, analyse how the sector is responding to current challenges, and anticipate the way forward for the industry.