

Benchmarking Construction Process Ireland: embracing the power of data

By and large, our survey found respondents in Ireland were much more likely to track information relating to the different stages of construction projects. While the reasons for this are unclear (see note on demographics below), it seems that the Irish construction industry is increasingly aware of the power of capturing and analysing data to improve efficiency and overall project performance.

Irish respondents were especially likely to say that using software to manage snagging and handover activities was valuable, with 81% using software in this way and 90% of that group saying it is valuable or very valuable to do so.

Furthermore, those surveyed in Ireland are twice as likely as their UK counterparts to snag as they go. This may be driven by their beliefs around costs – Irish respondents were also twice as likely to say not being able to finish a project by the planned completion date would have a high or very high impact on their profitability.

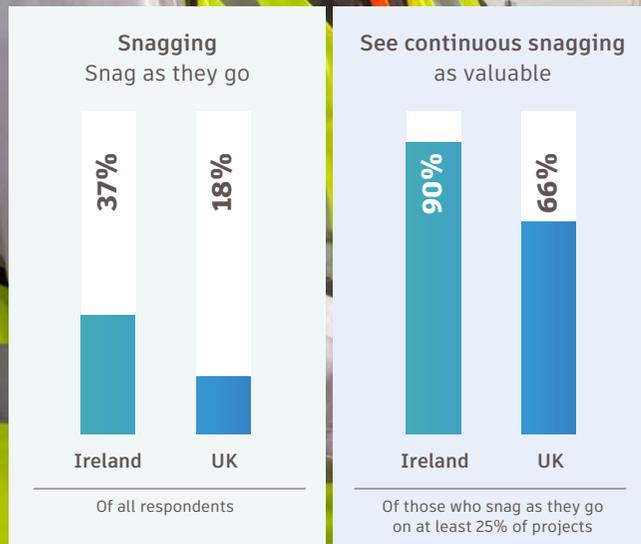
Opportunity for growth

One area where Irish contractors and project owners say they are less efficient is the project schedule. Irish respondents were less likely to update the programme every day or every week, tending to leave it longer between updates. Perhaps as a result, they are also significantly more likely to take longer to update a project programme after becoming aware of a situation that means they must update it. More frequent updates make for better project performance so taking the time is worthwhile.

Interestingly, Irish respondents were more likely to use an overall schedule and a shorter-term look-ahead schedule, indicating they are using Lean practices in project management.

Note on demographics

Respondents based in Ireland were most likely to be main contractors, and less likely than those surveyed as a whole to be subcontractors or project owners. This accounts for some of the differences we see in the figures for Ireland.



200 Total respondents
 Main contractor or construction management firm 59%
 Subcontractor or specialist contractor 27%
 Project owner or client 15%