

U.S. pedestrian bridge market exhibiting a CAGR of 3.6% and is estimated to reach \$26.0 billion by 2033

As infrastructure modernization continues, pedestrian bridges will become a crucial component of urban planning, ensuring safer and more efficient movement

The <u>U.S. pedestrian bridge</u> market is experiencing significant growth, driven by urban expansion, infrastructure modernization, and the increasing need for pedestrian-friendly cities. In 2023, the market was valued at \$18.2 billion, and projections indicate it will reach \$26.0 billion by 2033, growing at a CAGR of 3.6% from 2024 to 2033. This growth is fueled by the rising number of roads, increasing urbanization, and innovative construction technologies that enhance safety and connectivity.

A pedestrian bridge is a specialized structure designed to allow pedestrians (and sometimes cyclists) to safely cross over roads, rivers, valleys, or railway lines. These bridges are commonly made from steel, concrete, wood, or fiber-reinforced composites, ensuring durability and adaptability to different environmental conditions.

As the U.S. population continues to grow and cities expand, there is an increasing need for welldesigned pedestrian pathways. More roads are being built to accommodate vehicular traffic, making pedestrian safety a crucial concern. Pedestrian bridges provide safe crossings, reducing accidents and improving mobility in congested areas.

The U.S. government has been investing heavily in smart city initiatives and infrastructure development. These efforts include pedestrian-friendly urban planning, focusing on accessibility, safety, and sustainability. Federal and state-level funding for infrastructure projects plays a crucial role in the expansion of the pedestrian bridge market.

New materials and technologies, such as 3D printing, are revolutionizing pedestrian bridge construction. 3D-printed pedestrian bridges offer cost savings, reduced construction time, and enhanced sustainability. This innovation allows for the creation of customized, lightweight, and durable structures, aligning with the growing demand for eco-friendly infrastructure solutions.

The volatile prices of steel, concrete, and timber pose challenges for pedestrian bridge construction projects. Budget constraints and unpredictable raw material costs can slow down project implementation and increase overall expenses.

Pedestrian bridges require regular maintenance due to wear and tear from usage and exposure to environmental factors. This can be costly, discouraging new investments, especially in cities with budget limitations.

Infrastructure projects, including pedestrian bridges, must comply with strict safety regulations and zoning laws. Navigating these requirements can cause delays in project approval and implementation.

The use of 3D printing technology in bridge construction is set to transform the market. This technology allows for the rapid production of pedestrian bridges using sustainable materials,

significantly reducing costs and construction time. As cities strive for green infrastructure, 3D printing will play a major role in urban development.

Integration of smart technology in pedestrian bridges is gaining momentum. Features such as real-time traffic monitoring, solar-powered lighting, and pedestrian flow analytics are making bridges safer and more efficient. These innovations align with the broader push toward smart city solutions.

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Collaborations between government bodies and private companies are leading to more pedestrian bridge projects. Public-private partnerships facilitate funding, innovation, and efficient project execution, creating new opportunities for market players.

The U.S. pedestrian bridge market is segmented by type, construction type, and material.

By Type:

Truss Bridges

Beam Bridges (Dominant segment in 2023 and expected to lead)

Suspension Bridges

Arch Bridges

By Construction Type:

New Construction (Held the largest market share in 2023)

Reconstruction & Repair

By Material:

Concrete

Steel (Generated the highest revenue in 2023)

Others

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Key market players are adopting strategies such as mergers, acquisitions, partnerships, and product innovations to gain a competitive edge. Some of the leading companies in the U.S. pedestrian bridge market include:

Arup

Backwoods Bridges LLC

Contech Engineered Solutions LLC

IJP Corporation Ltd

Mace Group

Nature Bridges

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM)

The Walsh Group

U.S. Bridge

Kiewit Corporation

Recent Developments:

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) completed the High Line - Moynihan Connector in New York City in August 2023. The project features two pedestrian bridges, enhancing connectivity between Moynihan Train Hall and the High Line.

The Walsh Group completed the Union Street Pedestrian Bridge in Seattle in December 2022, providing improved accessibility with a wider walkway, integrated lighting, and an elevator.

With ongoing investments in urban infrastructure, pedestrian safety, and smart city initiatives, the U.S. pedestrian bridge market is poised for steady growth. Key trends such as 3D-printed

bridges, smart technology integration, and eco-friendly construction materials will shape the future of the industry.

□ The U.S. pedestrian bridge market is expected to grow from \$18.2 billion in 2023 to \$26.0 billion by 2033, at a CAGR of 3.6%.

Increasing urbanization and government investments are driving market growth.
Fluctuating material costs and high maintenance expenses remain key challenges.
3D printing and smart technology innovations present significant growth opportunities.
Beam bridges, steel materials, and new construction projects dominate the market.
Public-private partnerships will play a critical role in expanding the pedestrian bridge infrastructure.

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