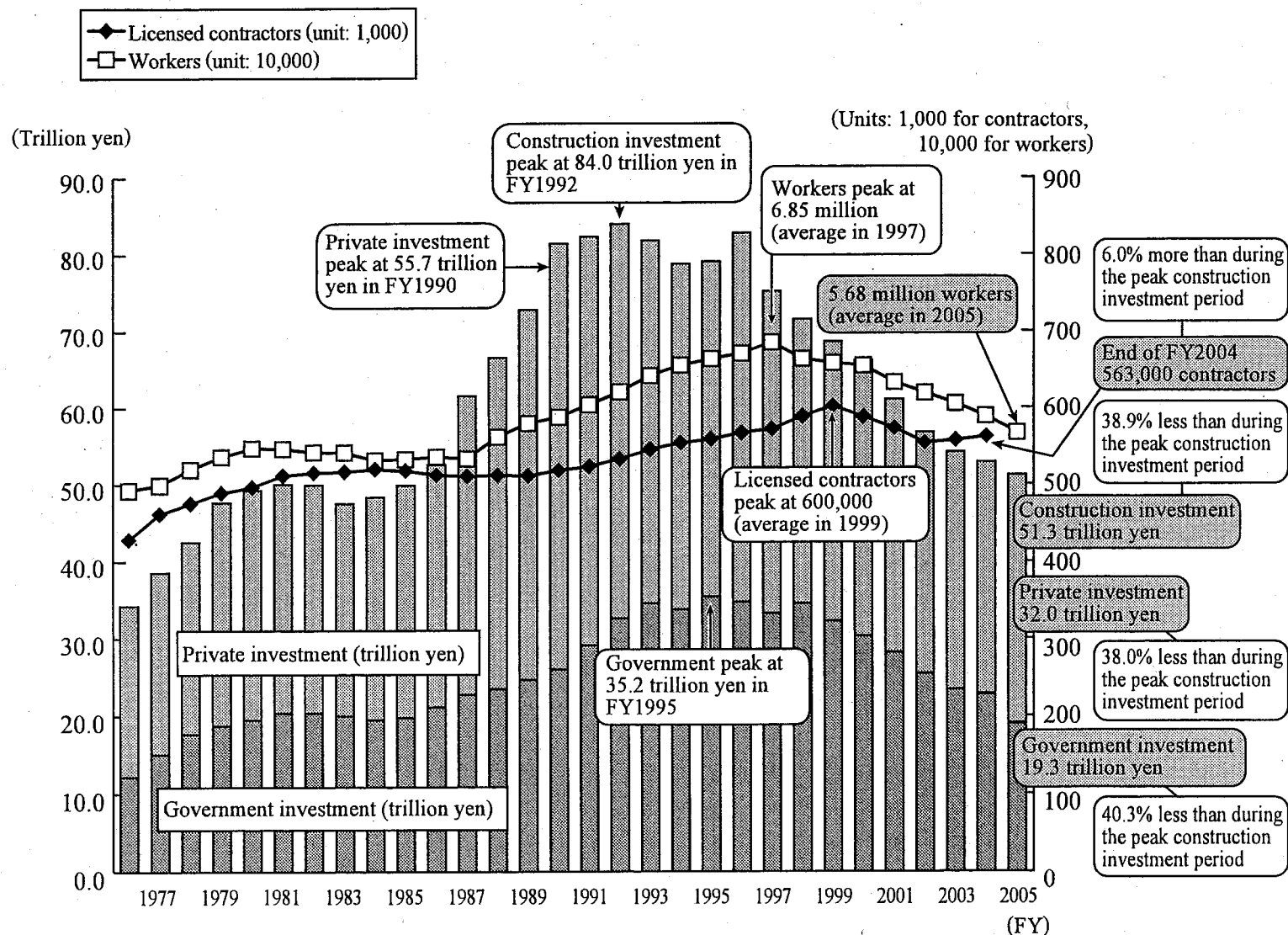


Trend in construction investment (nominal term) and the number of licensed contractors and workers



- Notes:
1. The figures for construction investment are results for FY2002, estimates for FY2003 and FY2004 and a forecast for FY2005
 2. The number of licensed contractors represents the figure at the end of each fiscal year (the end of March of the following year).
 3. The number of workers represents the annual average.

Sources: MLIT, Estimate of Construction Investment and Survey of the Number of Licensed Contractor; MPHPT, Labour Force Survey

Outline of construction industry

Record of 2005FY

Construction investment of all Japan in a year	51.3 trillion yen (427billion US\$)
Number of construction workers.	5.68 million
Number of the licensed contractors in Japan	563,000 companies.
Total working hours in a year of laborer. (ave.)	2,044 hours
Limited lowest price of laborers	604 ~ 708yen per hour (regional rules)