Construction will be firing on all cylinders. Employment in the industry has recently jumped amidst the growing workload on offer, outpacing growth in apprenticeships. The pick-up in activity across all sectors leaves tradespeople in high demand and an expected labour shortage through the medium term.

1.3% expected annual population growth

285,000 population

7% unemployment rate

10,200 employed in construction

760 construction apprentices

5% of QLD construction apprentices are in the Far North region

Construction Apprentices in-training per 100 workers

Source: NCVER, ABS, CSQ

Construction Workforce Outlook

Source: NIEIR

Workers requiredWorkers available

25K

15K

10K

5K

0


Trade Availability

Source: NIEIR

NB: These figures reflect the overall balance of supply and demand for trades labour across all industries for 2019

Regional Profile 2018-19

Far North

Far North

285,000 population

7% unemployment rate

10,200 employed in construction

760 construction apprentices

5% of QLD construction apprentices are in the Far North region
Sectors in Focus for Far North 2018-19

**Activity - Residential**

- Source: NIEIR
- **RESIDENTIAL - 27%** of overall activity in Far North

**Activity - Commercial**

- Source: NIEIR
- **COMMERCIAL - 9%** of overall activity in Far North

**Activity - Engineering**

- Source: NIEIR
- **ENGINEERING - 64%** of overall activity in Far North

- 4,200 construction businesses
  - 58% Sole traders
  - 41% SMEs (1-20)
  - 1% Large (over 20)

- 6% of QLD construction businesses are located in this region

- RESIDENTIAL - 27%
- COMMERCIAL - 9%
- ENGINEERING - 64%