Apartment-mania recently swept through SEQ and now that we've found the ceiling, residential and commercial sectors will slowly contract. Engineering construction in the form of transport projects should be the next source of growth for the industry.

**2.2%**
expected annual population growth

**607,000**
population

**5%**
unemployment rate

**37,800**
employed in construction

**2,500**
construction apprentices

**16%**
of QLD construction apprentices are in the Gold Coast region

Construction Apprentice Intake Rate

**Apprentice commencements per 100 workers**

Construction Apprentice Training Rate

**Apprentices in-training per 100 workers**

Construction Workforce Outlook

**Workers required**

**Workers available**

Trade Availability

Source: NIEIR

NB: These figures reflect the overall balance of supply and demand for trades labour across all industries for 2019.
Sectors in Focus for Gold Coast 2018-19

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- RESIDENTIAL - 51% of overall activity in Gold Coast

Activity - Commercial

- COMMERCIAL - 15% of overall activity in Gold Coast

Activity - Engineering

- ENGINEERING - 34% of overall activity in Gold Coast

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- 36% SMEs (1-20)
- 1% Large (over 20)

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