The state’s capital leads the way for other SEQ regions to follow. Strong population growth and low interest rates sparked the apartment boom. Now that commencements are slowing, civil and larger commercial projects are waiting in line to continue growth momentum. A healthy economy leaves the region with a balanced pool of labour to help support the growing region’s needs.

1.8% expected annual population growth

2,400,000 population

6% unemployment rate

117,000 employed in construction

7,000 construction apprentices

46% of QLD construction apprentices are in the Brisbane region

Construction Apprentice Intake Rate
Apprentice commencements per 100 workers

Construction Apprentice Training Rate
Apprentices in-training per 100 workers

Construction Workforce Outlook

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 Greater Brisbane 2018-19

RESIDENTIAL - 44% of overall activity in Greater Brisbane

COMMERCIAL - 17% of overall activity in Greater Brisbane

ENGINEERING - 39% of overall activity in Greater Brisbane

45% of QLD construction businesses are located in this region

33,600 construction businesses

- 60% Sole traders
- 39% SMEs (1-20)
- 1% Large (over 20)

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45%

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