Construction activity in the region has been a roller coaster ride driven by the ebb and flow of major civil projects over the past decade. North West's book of work is expected to rise again through 2018-19 alongside its neighbouring regions, bringing with it a labour shortage within the industry over the medium term.

- **0.6%** expected annual population growth
- **30,200** population
- **1,000** employed in construction
- **90** construction apprentices
- **11%** unemployment rate
- **0.6%** of QLD construction apprentices are in the North West 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 North West 2018-19

Activity - Residential

RESIDENTIAL - 3%
of overall activity in North West

Activity - Commercial

COMMERCIAL - 3%
of overall activity in North West

Activity - Engineering

ENGINEERING - 94%
of overall activity in North West

0.4%
of QLD construction businesses are located in this region

Caution should be exercised when interpreting trends for this region. Statistics for lightly-populated regions often fluctuate randomly and dramatically from one year to the next, as small changes in numbers can result in large percentage changes.