Regional Profile 2018-19

Moderate growth across all sectors paints a rosy picture for the region’s construction industry during 2018-19. This recovery is expected to be fulfilled by an ample pool of labour through the medium term.

1.6% expected annual population growth

236,000 population

8% unemployment rate

9,700 employed in construction

610 construction apprentices

4% of QLD construction apprentices are in the Northern 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 Northern 2018-19

Activity - Residential

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$0$ $200$ $400$ $600$ $800$ $1,000$ $1,200$


Source: NIEIR

RESIDENTIAL - 27%
of overall activity in Northern

Activity - Commercial

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$0$ $100$ $200$ $300$ $400$ $500$ $600$ $700$


Source: NIEIR

COMMERCIAL - 18%
of overall activity in Northern

Activity - Engineering

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$0$ $200$ $400$ $600$ $800$ $1,000$ $1,200$ $1,400$ $1,600$


Source: NIEIR

ENGINEERING - 55%
of overall activity in Northern

RESIDENTIAL - 27%
of overall activity in Northern

COMMERCIAL - 18%
of overall activity in Northern

ENGINEERING - 55%
of overall activity in Northern

4% of QLD construction businesses are located in this region

2,900
construction businesses

53% Sole traders
46% SMEs (1-20)
2% Large (over 20)