Construction activity is expected to continue experiencing modest growth against the backdrop of a solid economy. Like other SEQ regions, the baton is expected to be passed to the civil sector as the next source of growth. Tradespeople in the region are forecast to be the busiest in SEQ but the large pool of available skilled labour should sufficiently meet the growing demand.

2.0% expected annual population growth
366,000 population
23,900 employed in construction
1,400 construction apprentices
5% unemployment rate
9% of QLD construction apprentices are in the Sunshine Coast 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

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

**Activity - Residential**
- 52% of overall activity in Sunshine Coast
- **RESIDENTIAL - 52%**

**Activity - Commercial**
- 12% of overall activity in Sunshine Coast
- **COMMERCIAL - 12%**

**Activity - Engineering**
- 36% of overall activity in Sunshine Coast
- **ENGINEERING - 36%**

- 7,800 construction businesses
- 60% Sole traders
- 39% SMEs (1-20)
- 1% Large (over 20)

- 10% of QLD construction businesses are located in this region