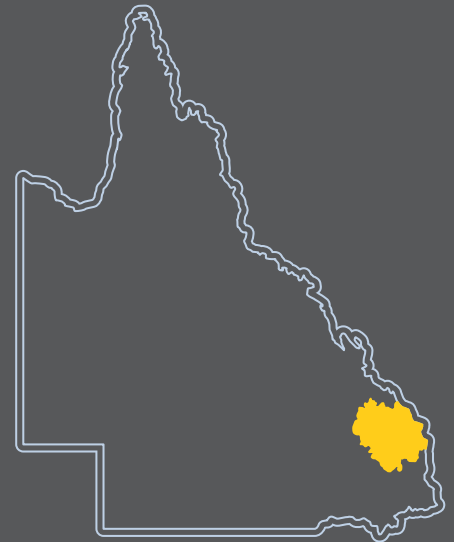


# Regional Profile 2018-19

## Wide Bay



Construction activity in the region is expected to marginally grow throughout the medium term. This growth is anticipated to stem from the growing book of work in the currently small civil sector of the region. With economic growth hard to find in the region and a relatively high unemployment rate, the available pool of labour is expected to remain in surplus over the medium term.

**1.1%**

expected annual population growth

**295,000**

population

**9%**

unemployment rate

**8,500**

employed in construction

**640**

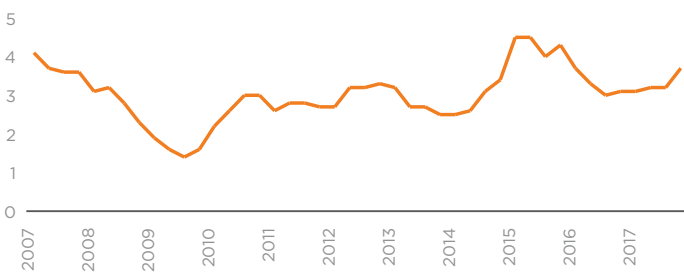
construction apprentices

**4%**

of QLD construction apprentices are in the Wide Bay region

### Construction Apprentice Intake Rate

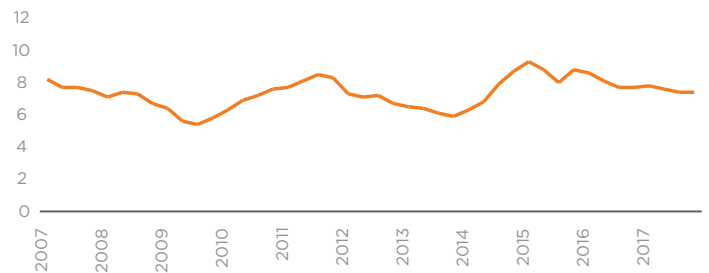
*Apprentice commencements per 100 workers*



Source: NCVER, ABS, CSQ

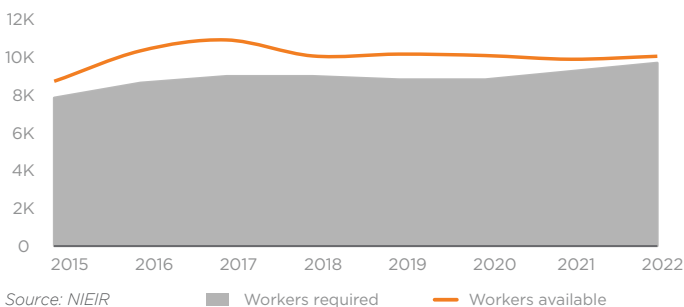
### Construction Apprentice Training Rate

*Apprentices in-training per 100 workers*



Source: NCVER, ABS, CSQ

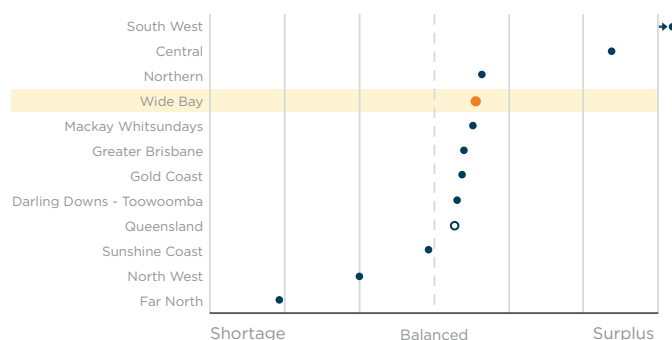
### Construction Workforce Outlook



Source: NIEIR

Workers required (grey), Workers available (orange)

### Trade Availability

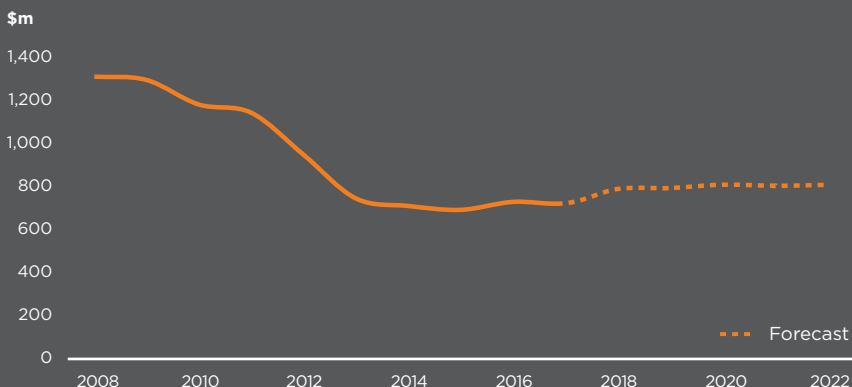


Source: NIEIR

NB: These figures reflect the overall balance of supply and demand for trades labour across all industries for 2019

# Sectors in Focus for Wide Bay 2018-19

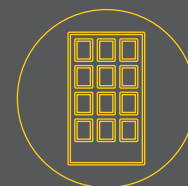
## Activity - Residential



Source: NIEIR



**RESIDENTIAL - 61%**  
of overall activity in Wide Bay

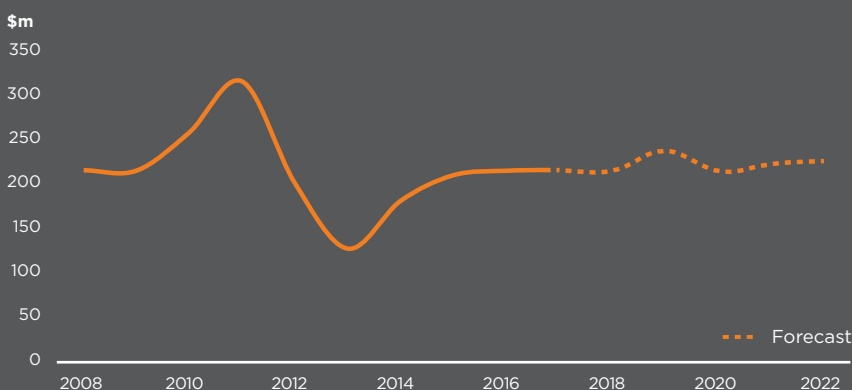


**COMMERCIAL - 18%**  
of overall activity in Wide Bay



**ENGINEERING - 21%**  
of overall activity in Wide Bay

## Activity - Commercial

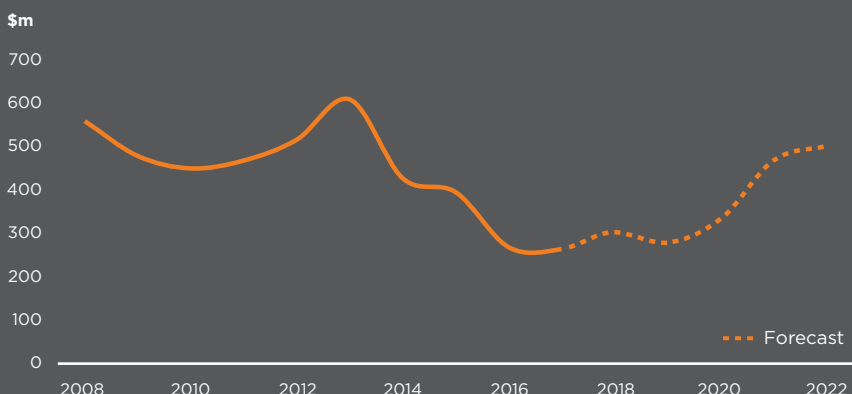


Source: NIEIR

**5%**

of QLD construction businesses are located in this region

## Activity - Engineering



Source: NIEIR



- 57% Sole traders
- 42% SMEs (1-20)
- 1% Large (over 20)