ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS





The construction industry engages in the construction of buildings and other structures, additions, alterations, reconstruction, installation and maintenance and repairs of buildings and other structures. It also includes businesses engaged in demolition or wrecking of buildings and other structures, clearing of building sites and blasting, test drilling, landfill, levelling, earthmoving, excavating, land drainage and other land preparation.

By 2027-28, it is projected^{*} that there will be:

280,258 Construction in Queensland +8,107

people employed in

additional people employed since 2023-24



By 2027-28, the four largest construction services groups will be:

Building installation services

People employed

67,103 23.9% of industry's workforce

+3.3% change from 2024 (+2,155 people)

Largest occupations

- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics

Residential building construction

People employed

53,397 19.1% of industry's workforce

+14.0% change from 2024 (+6,569 people)

Largest occupations

- Carpenters and Joiners
- Construction Managers
- Architectural, Building and Surveying Technicians

Building completion services

People employed

43,706 15.6% of industry's workforce

-0.8% change from 2024 (-339 people)

Largest occupations

- Carpenters and Joiners
- Painting Trades Workers
- Plasterers

Other construction services

People employed

31,176 11.1% of industry's workforce

+1.8% change from 2024 (+555 people)

Largest occupations

- Gardeners
- Handypersons
- Fencers

*Projections are based on the 2024-25 State Budget and are not directly comparable to subsequent Budget Update forecasts for aggregate employment growth. As these projections are high level, indicative and subject to change, it is recommended that the focus be on employment trends rather than the numbers in isolation.

By 2027-28, employment in construction is projected to have the thirteenth-fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.

Health care and social assistance	12.5%	
Public administration and safety	8.2%	
Professional, scientific and technical services	8.2%	
Education and training	6.9%	
All industries	5.4%	
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	4.7%	
Arts and recreation services	4.6%	
Rental, hiring and real estate services	4.2%	
Transport, postal and warehousing	3.9%	
Wholesale trade	3.8%	
Accommodation and food services	3.7%	
Retail trade	3.3%	
Administrative and support services	3.0%	
Construction	3.0%	
Information media and telecommunications	2.6%	
Financial and insurance services	2.5%	
Other services	2.0%	
Mining	0.8%	
Manufacturing	-0.5 %	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-1.59	%

Regions in South East Queensland tend to have higher proportions of people working in construction than other parts of the state.

Region	New jobs 2027–28	% of regional workforce	Region	New jobs 2027–28	% of regional workforce
Gold Coast	2,738	11.8%	Central Queensland	204	9.4%
Brisbane	1,926	6.9%	Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	166	8.3%
Logan - Beaudesert	938	13.9%	Toowoomba	9	7.9%
Townsville	616	9.8%	Cairns	-9	9.0%
Sunshine Coast	562	9.9%	Outback - Far North	-64	9.4%
lpswich	554	9.3%	Outback - South	-102	9.0%
Wide Bay	528	11.4%	Outback - North	-126	7.0%
Moreton Bay - South	285	11.7%	Darling Downs - Maranoa	-351	10.0%
Moreton Bay - North	232	11.4%			

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