

ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS



Construction



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 people employed in construction in Queensland
+8,107 additional people employed since 2023-24

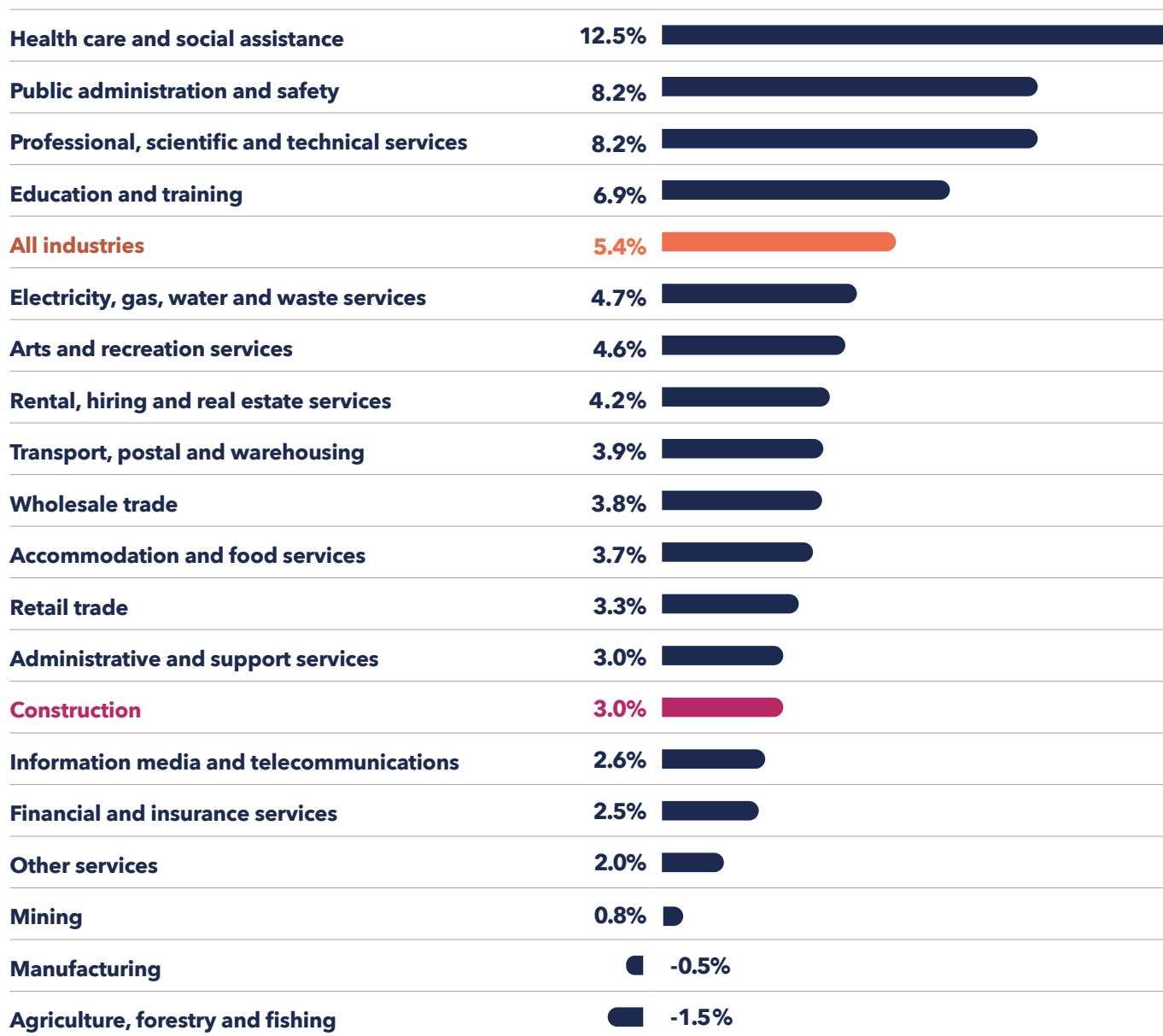


By 2027-28, the four largest construction services groups will be:

Building installation services	Residential building construction	Building completion services	Other construction services
People employed	People employed	People employed	People employed
67,103 23.9% of industry's workforce	53,397 19.1% of industry's workforce	43,706 15.6% of industry's workforce	31,176 11.1% of industry's workforce
+3.3% change from 2024 (+2,155 people)	+14.0% change from 2024 (+6,569 people)	-0.8% change from 2024 (-339 people)	+1.8% change from 2024 (+555 people)
Largest occupations	Largest occupations	Largest occupations	Largest occupations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">ElectriciansPlumbersAirconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Carpenters and JoinersConstruction ManagersArchitectural, Building and Surveying Technicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Carpenters and JoinersPainting Trades WorkersPlasterers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GardenersHandypersonsFencers

*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.



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

Region	Additional jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce	Region	Additional 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%	Far North	-64	9.4%
Ipswich	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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