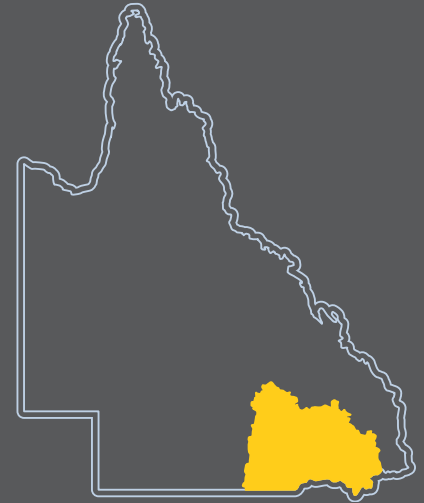


Regional Profile 2019-20

Darling Downs - Toowoomba



The flurry of large commercial projects around Toowoomba of recent years is now receding and a trade labour surplus is expected to open-up over the coming years. This will be offset by a number of workers choosing to leave the region in search of opportunities elsewhere, which will keep the headline unemployment rate low.



0.7%

expected annual population growth

286,000

population

6%

unemployment rate

14,300

employed in construction

1,000

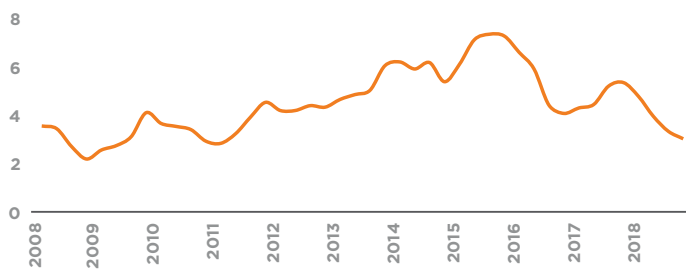
construction apprentices

6%

of QLD construction apprentices are in the Darling Downs-Toowoomba region

Construction Apprentice Intake Rate

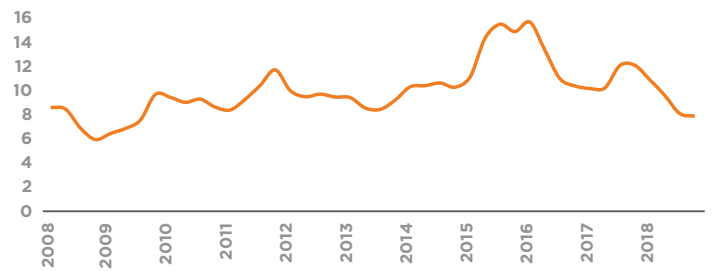
Apprentice commencements per 100 workers



Source: NCVER, ABS, CSQ

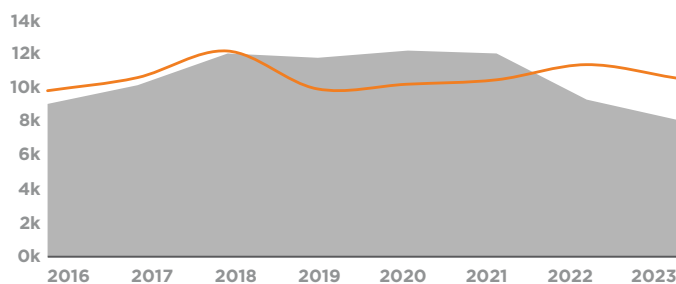
Construction Apprentice Training Rate

Apprentices in-training per 100 workers

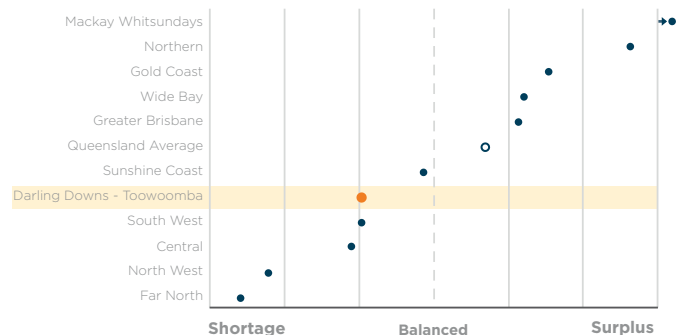


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Construction Workforce Outlook



Trade Availability

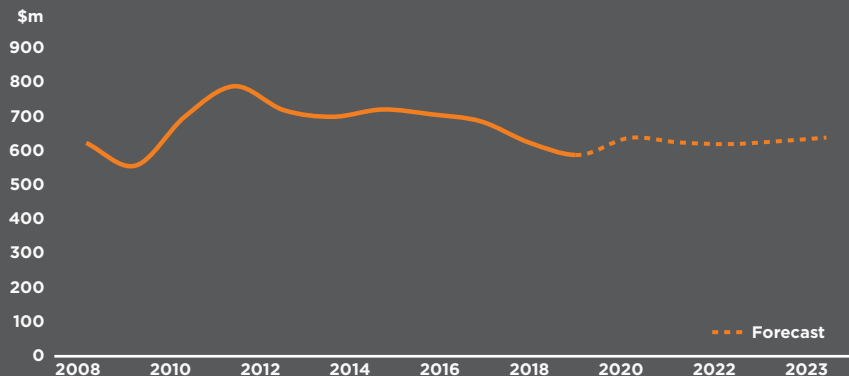


Source: NIEIR

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

Sectors in Focus for Darling Downs - Toowoomba 2019-20

Activity - Residential



Source: NIEIR



RESIDENTIAL - 17%

of overall activity in Darling Downs - Toowoomba



COMMERCIAL - 9%

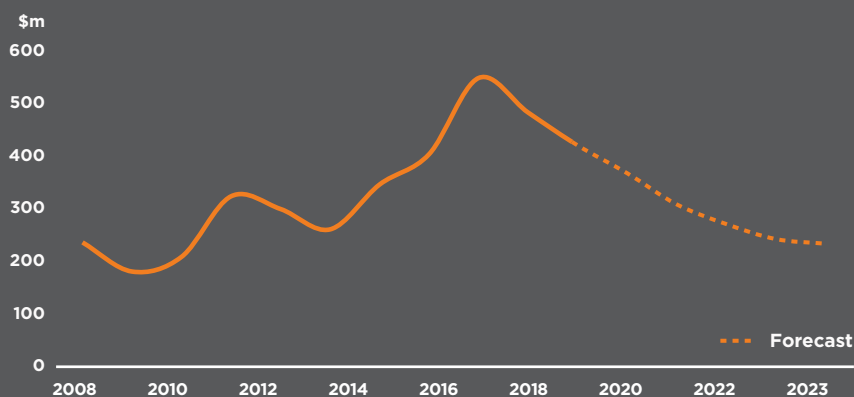
of overall activity in Darling Downs - Toowoomba



ENGINEERING - 74%

of overall activity in Darling Downs - Toowoomba

Activity - Commercial

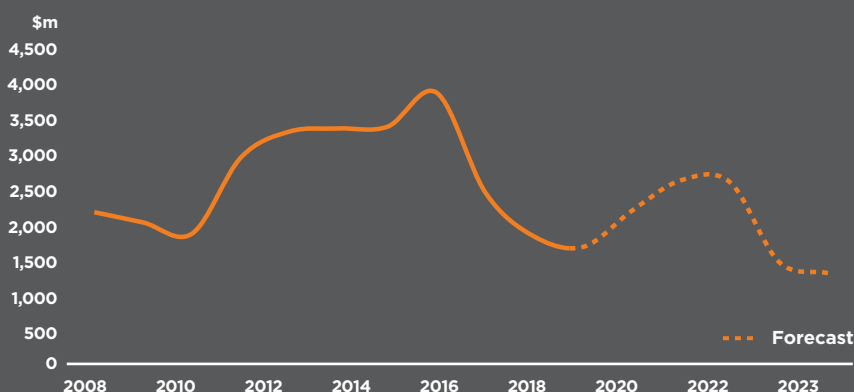


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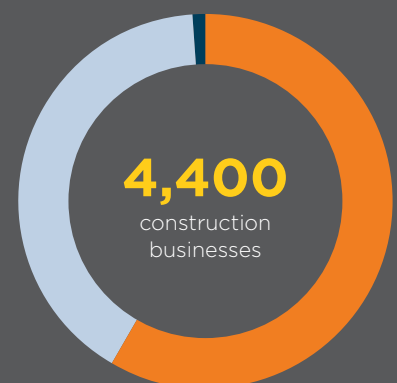
6%

of QLD construction businesses are located in this region

Activity - Engineering



Source: NIEIR



4,400

construction businesses

- 58% Sole traders
- 41% SMEs (1-20)
- 1% Large (over 20)