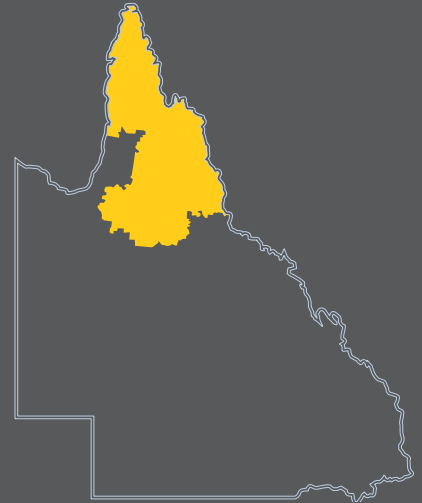


Regional Profile 2019-20

Far North

CSQ

In 2019-20, construction will be firing on all three cylinders – residential, commercial and engineering. Employment growth in and around Cairns has surged over the last 12 months, pulling many workers back into the region. This will soak up the region's trade labour shortages over the coming years.



1.2%

expected annual population growth

287,000

population

7%

unemployment rate

10,700

employed in construction

800

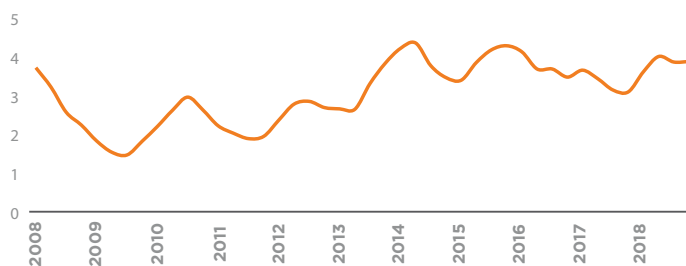
construction apprentices

5%

of QLD construction apprentices are in the Far North region

Construction Apprentice Intake Rate

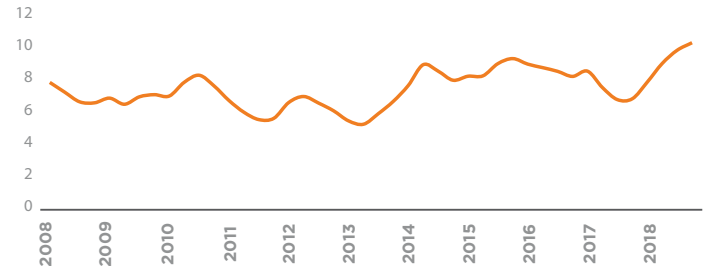
Apprentice commencements per 100 workers



Source: NCVER, ABS, CSQ

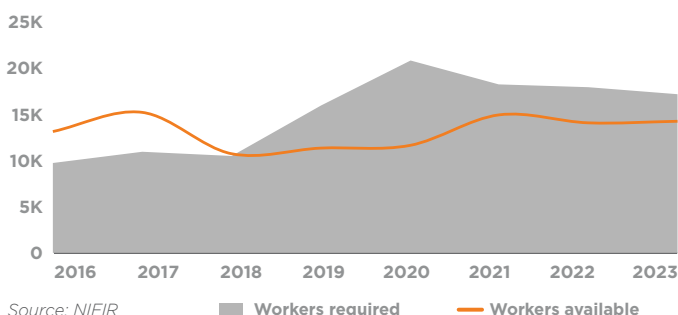
Construction Apprentice Training Rate

Apprentices in-training per 100 workers



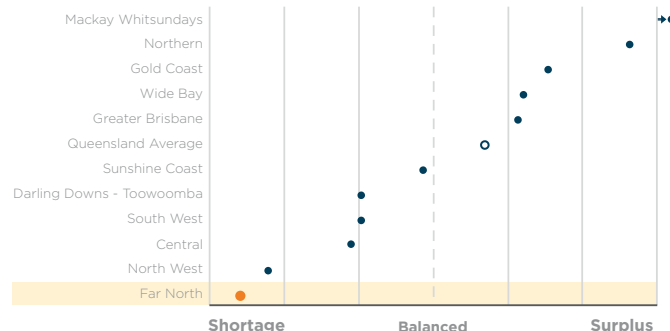
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Construction Workforce Outlook



Source: NIEIR

Trade Availability

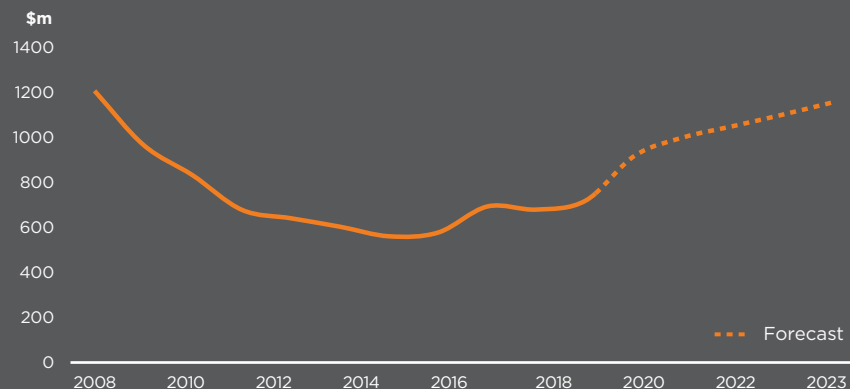


Source: NIEIR

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

Sectors in Focus for Far North 2019-20

Activity - Residential



Source: NIEIR



RESIDENTIAL - 27%

of overall activity in Far North



COMMERCIAL - 9%

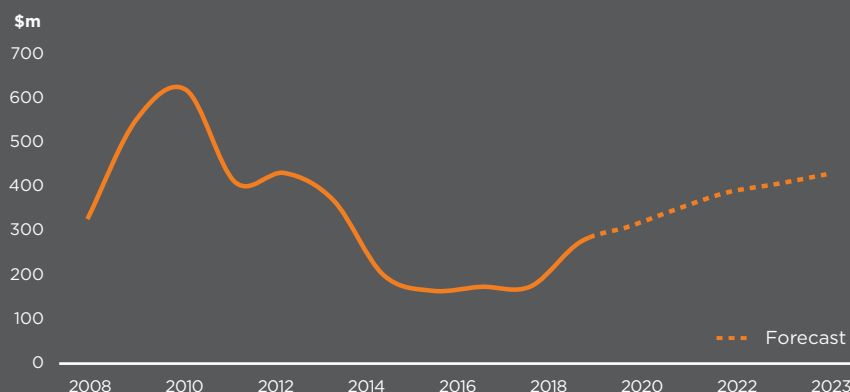
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ENGINEERING - 64%

of overall activity in Far North

Activity - Commercial

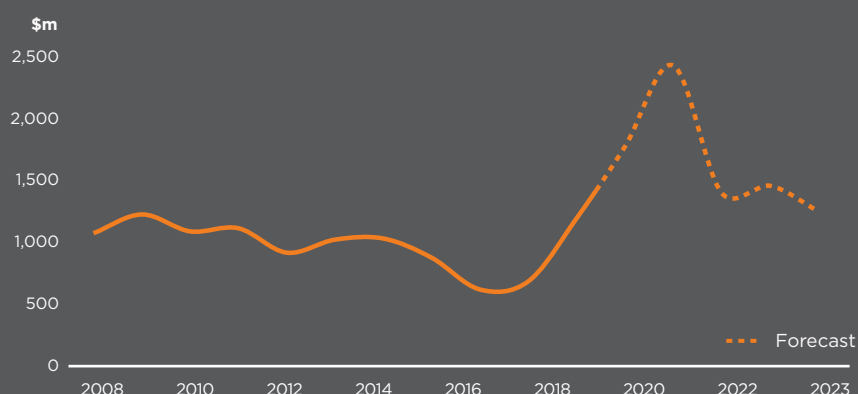


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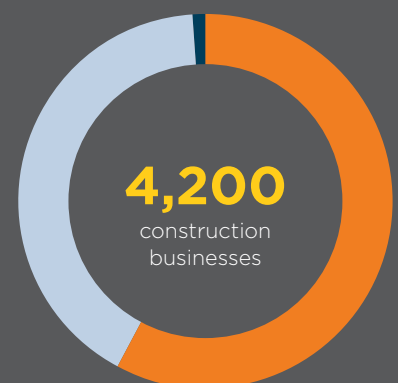
6%

of QLD construction
businesses are located in
this region

Activity - Engineering



Source: NIEIR



4,200

construction
businesses

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