

# Small Business and Construction

## A Profile 2021



Small business is the lifeblood of the economy, employing around 40% of the workforce. Nowhere is small business more important than in Queensland's construction industry.

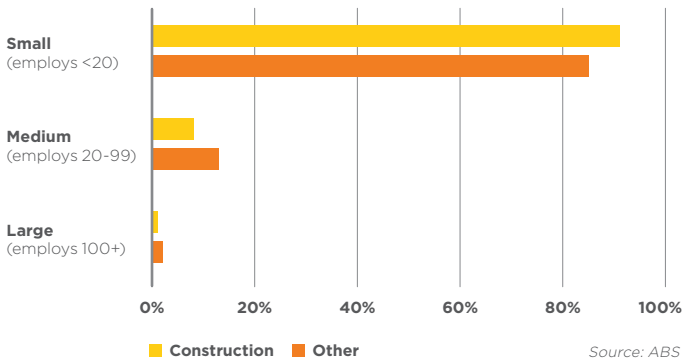
There are around **22,000\*** small construction businesses in Queensland. This represents **1/5** of all small businesses in the state.

These businesses employ around **2/3** of all construction workers - that's around **165,000** Queenslanders.

Small construction businesses in Queensland generate around **\$10 billion** in revenue and pay out over **\$2 billion** in wages each year.

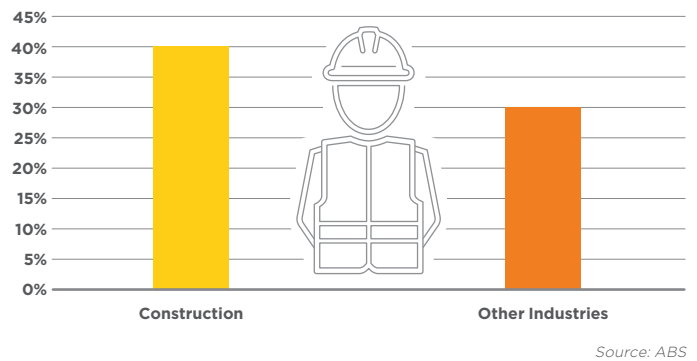
### 90% of Queensland construction firms are small businesses

Queensland business by employment size, Queensland



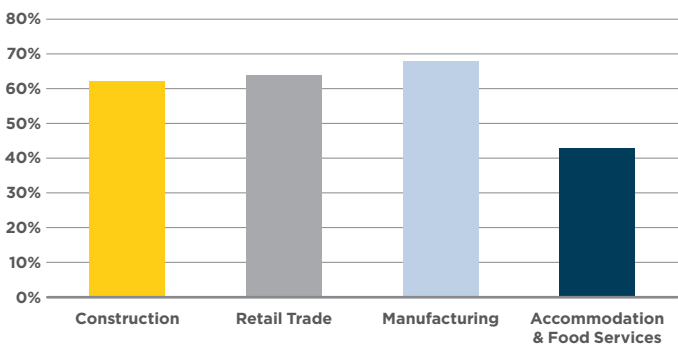
### A construction business is more likely to be a sole operator

Sole Proprietors as a % of all businesses by industry, Queensland



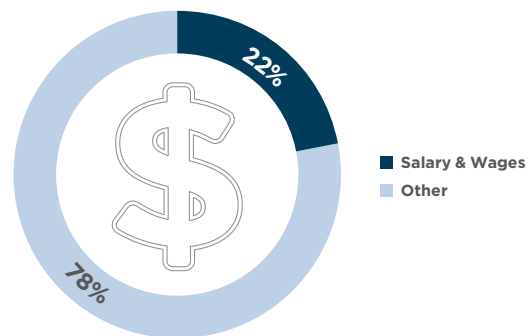
### The typical small construction business is younger than some comparable industries

% of small businesses operating more than 5 years, Queensland



### 1/5 of revenues for small construction businesses goes to workers

Salary and wages as a % of total sales, small construction firms, Queensland



\*Excludes sole traders, and refers to the 2018-2019 period.