

Construction Industry Snapshot for WA¹

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Employment

The industry employs **10.2%** of the State Workforce

With 4.6% growth in May 2018 compared to May 2017.

Tradespeople

The industry employs over **67,800** tradespeople

The industry employs 4.3% more workers than it did 12 months ago.

Apprenticeships

The industry employers **44%** of the State's apprentices

Including electrical, there are currently 6,764 apprentices 'in training' which is a 2.9% decrease on the previous year but there has been a 68.4% reduction in apprenticeship cancellations. There has been a 4.8% decrease in Construction apprenticeship commencements with an increase in Electrical apprentice commencements of 16.6%.

Traineeships

The industry employs **804** trainees.

Since 2009 there has been a 71% increase in Traineeships especially in the Civil Construction sector

Building Approvals and Commencements ³

Building Approvals

Total Dwelling Units - there was a total of **18,534** approvals for all types of Dwelling Units

This was a reduction of 7.7% on the previous year to May 2018. However, over the period April to May 2018, approvals have decreased by 0.6%.

Total Houses – there was a total of **13,747** approvals for houses

This was a reduction of 8.1% in the year to May 2018 and a reduction of 8.0% in the last quarter with a 9% decrease over the period April to May 2018.

Dwelling Commencements

In the year to December 2017 there was a total of 19,634 dwelling commencements.

Construction Work Done

Residential – decrease of **2.7%** in value in the last quarter to **\$6.16B**

This shows an improvement in activity in the last quarter compared against a reduction of 15.5% on the previous twelve months.

Non-Residential – a decrease of **20.1%** in the last quarter to **\$4.81B**

This was against an increase of 7.6% in the previous twelve months. This is an improvement on the year to March 2017 when there was an 8.6% decrease in work done.

¹ All interpretations and conclusions drawn from this data are those of the Construction Training Fund

² Published in June 2018 using data based on the latest available monthly/quarterly ABS Data (May 2018)

All apprenticeship and training data is current from TRS Datacubes as at end of February 2018

³ Seasonally adjusted ABS 8731.0 & 8752.0