

Construction

What you need to know



This industry is engaged in the construction of buildings and other structures, buildings and other alterations, installation, maintenance and repairs of structures.

Occupations include: Carpenters and Joiners, Plumbers, Electricians, Construction Managers, Painters, Concreters, Bricklayers, Gardeners, Earthmoving Plant Operators, Labourers, Wall and Floor Tilers, Cabinetmakers and Plasterers.

OUTLOOK

Over the next five years, about **70,000 employees¹** are forecast to be needed in the Construction industry, including:

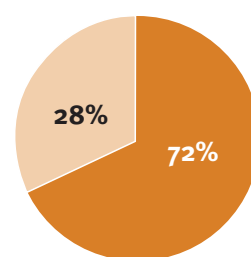
- 8400 Carpenters and Joiners
- 6100 Plumbers
- 5750 Electricians

Current Skills Shortages:

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| • Construction Project Manager | • Plumber (general) |
| • Project Builder | • Airconditioning and Mechanical Services Plumber |
| • Building Associate | • Gasfitter |
| • Building Estimator | • Roof Plumber |
| • Construction Estimator | • Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic |
| • Bricklayer | • Cabinetmaker |
| • Glazier | |
| • Wall and Floor Tiler | |

FAST FACTS

- Contributed \$20.4 billion (seven per cent) to the Victorian economy in 2012-13
- 89,200 businesses in Victoria
- Employs 240,200 people in Victoria
- Employment has grown by 15,900 people (seven per cent) over the past five years
- About 71 per cent of people are employed in the Construction Services and 24 per cent in Building Construction
- 72 per cent of people are employed in metropolitan Melbourne
- 28 per cent of people are employed in regional Victoria



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FINDING A JOB

Deciding what career is best for you can be a complex process. A professional careers practitioner can assist. There are a range of training opportunities available across Victoria to help you develop the skills needed to find a job in the Construction industry. Government financial support may be available to eligible students under the Victorian Training Guarantee.

Notes: Economic and employment data are sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University. Occupations experiencing skills shortages are sourced from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's 2014 Victorian Skills Shortage List.

[1] This includes growth in overall employment as well as replacement of workers who exit the industry.