

Redlands Coast Industry Snapshot

Construction

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Construction is a cornerstone of the Redlands Coast economy. One in five registered businesses in the city operates in the construction sector, making it a critical driver of local growth. Over the last few years, construction has consistently contributed more than 10% of the city's total gross value added and stands as the second-largest employer in the region.

Beyond its direct economic impact, the industry fuels capital investment in housing, commercial buildings, and infrastructure, which in turn stimulates other sectors such as manufacturing, transport, and retail. This interconnected activity not only strengthens the local supply chain but also creates diverse employment opportunities, supporting both skilled trades and professional roles.

Trends affecting the sector

- **Tight labour market and ageing workforce.** Over the last few years, the industry has faced a persistent shortage of skilled workers. This challenge is inflating wages and causing delays in major infrastructure projects.
- **Cost pressures.** Ongoing supply chain disruptions continue to drive up the cost of materials, adding financial strain to projects and impacting timelines.
- **Technology adoption and sustainability.** Robotics and drones are increasingly being used for design, site surveys, and progress monitoring, improving efficiency and safety. At the same time, there is growing demand for green building practices and energy-efficient design, driven by regulatory requirements and consumer expectations.

Opportunities

- The sector is a critical enabler of growth, underpinning business expansion and providing the infrastructure foundation that allows other industries to thrive.
- Strong demand driven by population growth and government housing initiatives is creating significant opportunities across the construction sector particularly for residential builders, civil contractors, and specialist trades involved in infrastructure delivery, medium-density housing, and large-scale urban development projects.

Future outlook

- Industry activity is set to accelerate, driven by sustained population growth and major infrastructure projects, including preparations for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.
- Significant housing developments, such as Shoreline and the Southern Thornlands Priority Development Area, will continue to fuel sector growth and meet rising residential demand.
- Strategic investment in the Capalaba Revitalisation Project will further stimulate local construction activity, creating opportunities for businesses and supporting long-term economic development.

Sources: economy id, Ibisworld, ABR, ABS, Construction Skills Queensland

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Industry profile

AUD \$2.6b

Output/total sales

AUD \$725.4m

Value added

7,739

Local workers in the industry

80% males,

20% females

Gender breakdown of local workers

\$88,452

Average productivity per worker

3,117

Registered businesses

52.1%

of the local construction workers have Certificate level qualification

Top 3 occupations:
Technicians and trade workers, clerical and administrative workers, managers