

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT FIGURES AT ALL TIME HIGH**

**The number of South Australians employed in construction has rocketed to an all-time high, with carpenters, plumbers, electricians and construction managers leading the charge.**

According to recently released figures by Master Builders SA, there were 84,487 South Australians employed in the industry as at August 2022. The previous record was 78,016 workers as at May 2019.

The construction workforce increased by a massive 13,269 from only three months earlier in May. Construction also continues to be the number one employer of apprentices in every state and territory.

Master Builders SA CEO Will Frogley said despite the record high there were plenty more opportunities still out there for South Australians wanting to enter a highly paid and rewarding industry.

“It’s crazy busy out there and a massive challenge is still the lack of labour. Employers are crying out for more workers and at Master Builders SA we are always looking for more apprentices to recruit. The pipeline of work is strong and the industry is forecast to increase by more than 66,400 workers nation-wide by November 2026.

“Reflecting the high demand for their skills, the average salary of a South Australian working in construction is approximately \$100,000 per year.

“We see women, who make up only 13% of the industry, as a largely untapped resource. The key is from an early age to let girls know a career in construction is a great choice.”

Master Builders SA is actively working to help to dispel misconceptions about the industry, encourage more women to join the industry across all occupations, support retention through mentoring, and nurture career progression and business resilience.

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