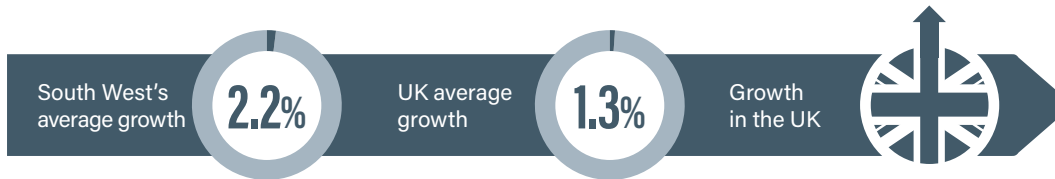


CONSTRUCTION SKILLS NETWORK SOUTH WEST 2019-23

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GROWTH RATE

With an annual average growth rate of 2.2% for construction output, the South West is one of the best performing areas of the UK between 2019 and 2023. The key sector for growth is infrastructure work, with Hinkley Point C nuclear new build helping to drive growth to an annual average rate of nearly 9% per year.

JOB CREATION

With strong output growth, the construction workforce in the South West is also set to grow strongly with an average annual increase of 1.2%, which is the highest level across all regions and nations. This means that the workforce – over 238,000 at the end of 2018 – is set to increase to more than 252,000 by the end of 2023. This growth is spread across a range of managerial, professional, technical and skilled trade occupations.

ANNUAL RECRUITMENT REQUIREMENT (ARR)

The level of workforce growth means the South West also has the highest level of annual average recruitment required at 2.2% per year, based on 2018 employment levels.

This is noticeably higher than the UK figure of 1.2% per year and means the region will need to recruit an extra 5,440 new workers each year to deliver the expected work output.

MAIN GROWTH DRIVERS/CONTRACTS

Infrastructure output is likely to remain the key driving force for expansion in the region, largely owing to work on Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant. Two years after construction began, work on Hinkley Point C is largely still on track – with a major milestone in the form of a 4,500-tonne concrete platform supporting the reactor buildings due for completion in 2019. The facility is scheduled to become fully operational in 2025. Construction work on Viridor's Avonmouth Resource Recovery Centre (RRC) started in early 2018 after laying the foundations the previous summer. The £252m project, which is due to be completed in the summer of 2020, forms part of a £1.5bn investment in next-generation recycling and recovery facilities by Viridor's parent company, South West-based Pennon Group. According to the National Housing Federation, in the next three years housing associations in Cornwall will plan to spend more than £556m on development projects, building 3,772 new homes in the process.