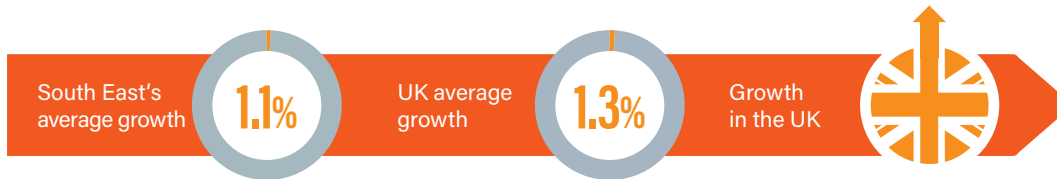


# CONSTRUCTION SKILLS NETWORK SOUTH EAST 2019-23

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## GROWTH RATE

The forecast is for construction output growth in the South East to grow at an average annual rate of 1.1% from 2019 to 2023, only slightly lower than the UK growth rate of 1.3%. Growth will be mainly driven by private housing (3.5%) with public housing (1.9%) also set to grow.

## JOB CREATION

With output growing, the construction workforce in the South East is also set to grow with an average annual increase of 0.8%. This means that the workforce – over 413,000 at the end of 2018 – is set to increase to nearly 429,500 by the end of 2023. This growth is spread across a range of managerial, professional, technical and skilled trade occupations.

## ANNUAL RECRUITMENT REQUIREMENT (ARR)

This growth means the sector will need to recruit new workers, with the South East having an estimated average ARR for 2,640 new workers each year. This is equivalent to 0.6% of the base 2018 workforce.

## MAIN GROWTH DRIVERS/CONTRACTS

The South East's private housing sector is expected to see the strongest growth each year to 2023, averaging 3.5% per annum. Clarion has started the search for three contractors to take up space on its new £1.8bn framework, of which £600m has been allocated to London and the South East. Catalyst Housing has similarly awarded slots on an imminent four-year framework, worth up to £900m for 800 homes a year across London and the South East. Early reports suggest that £7bn of government investment in five housing programmes across England over the next five years will favour the South East. Phase one of the East-West Rail project, worth £402m, has been completed, with work on phase two planned to start by September 2019. Completion is expected by 2023. Work on Woking town centre's £500m Victoria Square development, which includes apartments and a landmark retail centre, is also taking shape and on track for phased completion in 2020.