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This document provides labour market intelligence for the East of England and also includes national UK data. Similar reports have been produced for the other English regions and for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. These reports are all available upon request from ConstructionSkills.

The document replaces the Skills Foresight Report that was previously published annually for the East of England. This new Labour Market Intelligence Report links into the work of the Construction Skills Network.

For information on the numbers of people currently entering construction training, as well as workload and recruitment difficulties being experienced by the industry, this report should be read in conjunction with the CITB-ConstructionSkills Trainee Numbers Survey and Employers' Skills Needs Survey Reports.

Future papers and briefings that reconcile the employment forecasts with the results from these other ConstructionSkills surveys will be published through the Network. Similarly, the Network will produce discussion papers that compare the differences between the Construction Skills Network forecasts with those published from other sources.

A glossary of terms used in this document is provided in Appendix I. Supplementary information, including the CITB-ConstructionSkills Employers' Skills Needs Survey and Trainee Numbers Survey, is available on the ConstructionSkills website at:

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Extra resources for members of the Construction Skills Network are available at:

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1 The headlines

- Across the UK, total employment in the construction industry is expected to rise by approximately 250,000 to 2.8 million during the forecast period (2006–2010).
- Total employment in the East of England construction industry is expected to increase by approximately 16% during the forecast period.
- In the East of England, the average annual employment requirement for SIC 45¹ (Construction) is 13,880. An Average Annual Requirement in Architects and Technical Engineers (SIC 74.2¹) of 710 means that the annual requirement for both SIC 45 and 74.2 combined is 14,590.
- The greatest Average Annual Requirement in the East of England will come from Electricians², with 2,080 employees needed annually between 2006 and 2010. Nationally, the greatest requirement will come from Wood Trades (11,090), which in the East of England has the fourth largest requirement at 1,610.
- In annual terms, construction output in the East of England has been rising continually since 1999, a trend that is likely to have continued in 2005. All work output over the first three quarters of 2005 was up by 14% on the same period of 2004.
- In the region, construction output is expected to grow year-on-year to 2010, although the rate of increase will slow towards the end of the forecast period. Output is forecast to increase by an annual average rate of 4.5%. Robust 7.4% growth is forecast for 2007, mainly due to strong performances in the commercial, infrastructure and repair and maintenance (R&M) sub-sectors.
- The infrastructure sub-sector in the East of England is expected to expand strongly over the forecast period, rising by 12.7% on average each year. The outlook for both the industrial and commercial sub-sectors is less encouraging, with both expected to have only moderate growth towards the end of the forecast period.
- Growth in economic activity in the East of England eased in 2005, although it is projected to be above the UK average for the coming years. Growth prospects for the region remain high, with Gross Value Added (GVA) forecasted to rise by 3% in 2006, well above the national average.

¹ For definitions and a list of SIC Codes covered by ConstructionSkills see Appendices I and IV

² For the ConstructionSkills and SummitSkills sector footprints see Appendix IV

2 Introduction

Background

CITB-ConstructionSkills, CIC and CITB(NI) are working in partnership as the Sector Skills Council (SSC) for Construction. The **Construction Skills Network**, launched in 2005, represents a radical change in the way that ConstructionSkills will collect and produce information on the future employment and training needs of the industry. The model generates forecasts of recruitment and training requirements within the industry for a range of trades and will provide a crucial foundation on which to plan for future skills needs and target investment.

The Construction Skills Network functions at both national and regional levels, comprising a National Group, 12 Observatory groups, a redesigned model and a Technical Reference Group. The Observatories consist of key stakeholders invited from industry, government, education and other SSCs who can contribute local knowledge of the industry and views on training, skills, recruitment, qualifications and policy. An Observatory group currently operates in each of the nine English regions and also in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland (note that in the context of the model, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are hereafter referred to as "regions"). The input of the members of the Construction Skills Network is fundamental to the forecasting process and the contributions made to date have been invaluable.

The model approach

The new model approach relies on a combination of primary research and views from the Construction Skills Network to facilitate it. National data were used as the basis for the assumptions that augment the model, which was then adjusted with the assistance of the Observatories and National Group.

Each "region" has a separate model (although all models are inter-related due to labour movements) and, in addition, there is one national UK model that acts as a constraint to the "regional" models and enables best use to be made of the most robust data (which is available at the national level). Each model considers the skilled trades within the industry as well as the professionals.

The models work by forecasting demand and supply of skilled workers separately. The difference between demand and supply forms the employment requirement.

The forecast **total employment** levels are derived from expectations about construction output and productivity. Essentially this is based on the question "How many people will be needed to produce forecast output, given the assumptions made about productivity?"

The **Average Annual Requirement** is a gross requirement which takes into account the dynamic factors that influence all of the flows into and out of construction employment, such as movement to and from other industries, migration, sickness, and retirement. Young trainees are not included in the flows. Therefore, the Average Annual Requirement provides an indication of the number of new employees that would need to be recruited into construction each year in order to realise forecast output. How the Average Annual Requirement is fulfilled can range from training the indigenous population to recruiting already skilled labour from overseas and will vary across the UK. At present the model does not separately forecast the numbers requiring "top-up" training although data are being collected and these figures should be included in future publications.

Demand is based upon the results of discussion groups comprising industry experts, an econometric model of construction output and a set of integrated models relating to wider "regional" economic performance. The model is dynamic and reflects the general UK economic climate at any point in time. To generate the labour demand, the model makes use of a set of specific statistics for each major type of work (labour coefficients) that determine the employment, by trade, needed to produce the predicted levels of construction output.

The labour supply for each type of trade or profession is based upon the previous years' supply (the total stock of employment) combined with flows into and out of the labour market.

The key leakages (outflows) that need to be considered are:

- transfers to other industries
- international/domestic OUT migration
- permanent retirements (including permanently sick)
- outflow to temporarily sick and home duties.

The main reason for outflow is likely to be transfer to other industries.

Flows into the labour market include:

- transfers in from other industries
- international/domestic IN migration
- inflow from temporarily sick and home duties.

New entrants (e.g. young trainees attached to formal training programmes) are not included in the flows of the labour market but are derived from the forecasted Average Annual Requirement for employment. The most significant inflow is likely to be from other industries. A summary of the model components is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 Model flowchart



The flows into the market are not merely the counterbalancing figures for the flows out of the market, because those people flowing into the market are likely to require some form of training. It is likely that this training will merely be to top-up their skills, rather than full training. The model recognises two distinct types of training as an input: Top-up training and Full training.

3 The current situation

Economic overview

In 2005, Gross Value Added (GVA) in the East of England is estimated at £84.8bn (in 2002 prices), accounting for 8.5% of total UK GVA. On a structural basis, the East of England economy is highly geared towards financial and business services. Over the forecast period, transport & communications is expected to be the fastest growing sector with an annual average growth rate of 6.5%.

With 5.5^{m^{*}} inhabitants, over 9% of the total UK population live in the East of England. GVA per capita, providing an indication of the region's standard of living, is almost 6% higher in the East of England than in the UK, at £18,267 compared to £17,258 nationally. Average gross weekly earnings in Autumn 2005 were estimated at £514 in the East of England compared to £466 nationally.

Economic performance and expectations

Table 1 shows macroeconomic forecasts for the years 2006 to 2010 in the East of England.

- Steady economic expansion seen in the early part of the century continued in 2004 and is likely to continue over the forecast period. GVA rose by 3% in 2004 in line with 3% national growth. Between 2005 and 2010 the East of England economy is expected to increase by 16.4%, above an estimated national increase of 14%. Year-on-year growth is forecast to accelerate marginally. Strong growth in financial and business services plus a more optimistic outlook for manufacturing and expansion in transport and communications will all have an affect.
- Total employment is estimated to have declined marginally in the East of England in 2005, by 0.5%. This is set to be a temporary blip and a return to growth is forecast from 2006. Total employment is expected to grow at an annual average rate of 0.5% for the remainder of the forecast period.
- Real household disposable income increased by an estimated 2% in 2005. Over the forecast period steady year-on-year increases are expected, averaging 2.8% a year. The growth in household real income in the East of England will be fairly strong compared to the rest of the UK.

Table 1Macroeconomic forecasts for the East of England

EXPERIAN BUSINESS STRATEGIES FORECASTS FOR THE EAST OF ENGLAND								
% change (except unemployment)								
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Gross Value Added	2.2	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2		
Total employment	-0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		
Unemployment rate (ILO)	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0		
Real household disposable income	2.0	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.0		

Source: Experian.

Population figures, in millions, rounded to the nearest one hundred thousand. Taken from the Office for National Statistics. Mid-2004 figures.

Construction output in the East of England - Historical overview

- The annual percentage change in construction output in the East of England compared to the UK as a whole is shown in Figure 2.
- Construction output in the East of England has fared reasonably well since the turn of the century, increasing year-on-year but trailing growth in the strongest regions of the UK by a wide margin.
- Between 2000 and 2004, output rose by 51% to £9.7bn (in current prices). Annual growth
 over this period was fairly consistent, reaching a high of 15% in 2001 and a low of 8% in
 2004.
- Expansion in 2004 was predominantly private housing and public non-housing driven. Private housing, the region's largest new work sub-sector, recorded the strongest growth at 24%. This was closely followed by a 21% increase in public non-housing output. More modest growth was achieved in all other sub-sectors except for infrastructure and commercial which declined by 12% and 10%, respectively.
- A four-year decline in infrastructure is likely to have come to an end in 2005. Infrastructure output in the first three quarters of 2005 was 23% higher than during the corresponding period of 2004. Except for a marginal 1% decline in public non-housing, heightened output over the first three quarters of 2005 was recorded across the board. The commercial sub-sector performed strongly, matching infrastructure's 23% rise. Private housing output continued to increase the rate of growth slowed to 8%.



Figure 2 Construction output percentage change: UK vs. East of England

Notes: Except for Northern Ireland, output data for the English regions, Wales, and Scotland are supplied by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on a current price basis. Thus national deflators produced by the DTI have been used to deflate to a 2000 constant price basis, i.e. the effects of inflation have been stripped out.

Source: DTI, Department of Finance and Personnel Northern Ireland (DFPNI), Experian.

Structure of the construction industry

As illustrated by Figure 3, R&M output accounts for a largest sectoral share of the total in the East of England. While this is also the case for the UK as a whole, the East of England has a proportionally greater reliance because this sub-sector accounts for 50% of total work against 43% nationally. To accommodate this, the shares taken by all other sub-sectors, apart from industrial, are proportionally smaller. Commercial's share of output in the East of England is 14%, which is 3% less than in the UK as a whole. The proportion of total output taken by the industrial sub-sector in the region is comparable to the national level.



Figure 3 Construction output by main sub-sector: UK vs. East of England, 2004

Source: DTI, DFPNI, Experian.

Figure 4 demonstrates that construction companies in the East of England are predominantly small. Over 94% of firms employ less than 13 people, while less than 1% employ more than 80 people. Firms employing more than 300 people are very scarce.

Figure 4 Percentage of construction companies by size, 2004



* Note: One employee indicates one person working for the company

Source: DTI.

Construction employment

Figure 5 shows that employment is particularly concentrated within a few occupations in the East of England. Electricians, Clerical and Engineering, IT & Other Professionals are the three main occupations that are over-represented. Architects & Technical Engineers (which includes all SIC 74.2 occupations) account for the greatest share of employment both nationally and in the East of England. However, this group accounts for a marginally smaller share of employment in the East of England compared with the UK as a whole.

Figure 5 Employment by occupation, UK vs. East of England: 2005



Source: Construction Skills Network Model, 2006.

4 The outlook for construction

New construction orders - Historical overview

In this section, comparison is made with GB rather than the UK, owing to the fact that official orders data for Northern Ireland are not available.

Table 2 shows new work orders figures for the main construction sub-sectors in the East of England, in current prices. With the exception of 2003, orders have been rising year-on-year since the turn of the century. A robust 44% rise in 2004 helped raise orders to £4.2bn in 2005, 55% higher than in 2000. The rate of increase in new orders slowed to just 3% in 2005, due mainly to declines in both commercial and public non-housing orders.

The change in new work orders in commercial, the largest sub-sector in value terms in the East of England, has been volatile in recent years. A 109% rise in 2004 was immediately followed by a 28% fall in 2005. However, individual projects in this sub-sector can be sizeable, particularly PFI schemes in the health and education sub-sectors, making orders prone to large fluctuations at a regional level. The resulting output streams can span several years and thus tend to appear somewhat smoother.

Industrial orders were particularly robust in 2005, being up by 121% from 2004. Indicators suggest that manufacturing is subdued in the region and warehousing takes the lion's share of this market. A number of warehouse and industrial schemes are being developed around the Peterborough area.

Growth in private housing orders slowed considerably in 2005 to 9%, after rising by a robust 32% in 2004. Strong orders growth in infrastructure in 2005 suggests that the sub-sector may have turned a corner. After declining in both 2003 and 2004 orders rose by 59% in 2005.

Nationally, new work orders rose strongly in 2004, increasing by 15%. With the exception of infrastructure and public non-housing, all sub-sectors saw their orders rise over the year. The rate of increase slowed slightly in 2005 to 11%, due mainly to a sharp slowdown in the growth of the private housing sub-sector. In contrast to 2004, orders in the public non-housing sub-sector increased robustly by 48% in 2005. Commercial orders were similarly buoyant over the year, also rising by 48%. Infrastructure orders failed to recover in 2005 and declined by a further 9%.

£ million/annual % chan							al % change
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Public housing	72	78	97	76	145	142	258
	7	8	24	-22	91	-2	82
Private housing	602	645	679	865	857	1128	1231
	-12	7	5	27	-1	32	9
Infrastructure	335	605	560	679	325	313	499
	-2	81	-7	21	-52	-4	59
Public non-housing	274	312	360	520	579	736	555
	5	14	15	44	11	27	-25
Industrial	236	347	342	247	201	244	540
	41	47	-1	-28	-19	21	121
Commercial	514	687	818	1068	709	1480	1072
	-29	34	19	31	-34	109	-28
All new work	2034	2674	2856	3456	2816	4044	4155
	-8	31	7	21	-19	44	3

Table 2

New work orders for the East of England, 1999-2005

Source: DTI.

Figure 6 shows that new orders growth in the East of England generally follows the national trend, although any swings tend to be more pronounced. The exception to this is 2003 when orders in the East of England suffered a sharp decline while marginal increases were seen across GB as a whole.

Figure 6 New orders: GB vs. East of England, 1998–2004

Annual % change



Source: DTI.

Construction output - forecasts

Table 3 indicates that real construction output is forecast to grow consistently over the coming years at a relatively strong rate.

- Annual growth^{*} is forecast to average 4.5% between 2006 and 2010. New work is likely to be the main driver of overall growth with an annual rate of around 5.3% expected. Activity in the R&M sub-sector will be a little more subdued, averaging 3.6% annually.
- In contrast with the recent past, the infrastructure sub-sector is forecast to be a key driver of
 growth going forward. Double-digit output growth is forecast in all but one year. Several road
 schemes and expansions at Felixstowe and Harwich ports should help to boost output over
 the forecast period.
- Strong demand and a shortage of supply suggest that the outlook for both housing subsectors is positive. The government's commitment to increase the supply of affordable housing in the south and east of the country should ensure public housing output continues to increase over the coming years. On the private side, a temporary slowdown is forecast before the sub-sector once again picks up to record double-digit growth from 2008.

The annual average growth in construction output is not simply an average of the percentages shown in Tables 3 or 4. It is a Compound Average Growth Rate, i.e. it is the rate at which output would grow each year if it increased steadily year-on-year over the forecast period. It is calculated by taking the nth root of the total percentage growth rate, where n is the number of years in the period being considered.

• The outlook for the remaining new work sub-sectors, namely public non-housing, industrial and commercial is much more subdued with expected annual average growth of 3.5%, 1.9% and 1.5% respectively.

Annual % change							
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Public housing	7%	5%	13%	12%	13%	10%	8%
Private housing	12%	5%	2%	3%	15%	11%	11%
Infrastructure	-12%	15%	10%	9%	15%	15%	13%
Public non-housing	15%	-7%	-1%	4%	1%	4%	4%
Industrial	13%	19%	7%	1%	0%	1%	2%
Commercial	-14%	18%	4%	6%	2%	-1%	-1%
All new work	1%	8%	4%	5%	8%	6%	6%
R&M	4%	12%	10%	10%	3%	2%	2%
Total Work	3%	10%	7%	7%	5%	4%	4%

Table 3East of England construction output by sub-sector, 2004–2010

Source: Experian.

Table 4 shows the total construction output and employment over the 1998–2010 period. Real construction output in the East of England is set to be 28.5% higher in 2010 than in 2004, with moderate year-on-year increases forecast. This is significantly stronger than a 14% increase forecast for the UK as a whole over the same period. Total employment is forecast to rise by 38.5% over the same period.

Table 4Total construction output and employment, East of England: 1998–2010

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	Year	Total Output Growth Rate %	Total Output £m 2001 prices	Total Employment (direct and indirect) 000s
	1998	-0.9	6273	177
	1999	2.8	6446	195
	2000	4.6	6745	206
Actual	2001	9.4	7379	219
	2002	4.0	7676	220
	2003	2.0	7826	233
	2004	2.6	8027	242
	2005	10	8846	249
	2006	7	9447	265
Forecast	2007	7	10148	283
FUIECasi	2008	5	10679	295
	2009	4	11116	305
	2010	4	11598	315

Source: Experian, Construction Skills Network Model, 2006.

5 Construction industry employment requirements

Table 5 and Figure 7 show total employment levels and Average Annual Requirements for the UK, region, and Learning and Skills Council (LSC) areas in order to highlight where the greatest requirements are, and also for the purpose of comparison.

The tables include data relating to Plumbers^{*} and Electricians. As part of SIC 45, Plumbers and Electricians working in contracting are an integral part of the construction process. However, it is recognised by ConstructionSkills that SummitSkills has responsibility for these occupations across a range of SIC Codes (SIC 45.31 and 45.33). Thus, outputs from the Construction Skills Network Model relating to these two occupations have been passed to SummitSkills for their analysis but have been included here for completeness.

The figures for the Average Annual Requirement are based upon the net balance of inflows and outflows, and cover replacement and expansion of the industry.

The national UK forecasts

The average annual gross employment requirement across the UK over the period 2006 to 2010 is estimated at 87,000, including all occupations in SIC 74.2 and in SIC 45 with the exception of Nonconstruction Operatives (Table 5). Non-construction Operatives captures all of the other elements involved in construction as defined by SIC 74.2 and SIC 45, outside of the main occupations listed in the following charts and tables. The Average Annual Requirement for Non-construction Operatives is not shown because the activities covered by this group are too diverse.

Total employment is forecast to rise by 246,760 to 2.8 million between 2006 and 2010.

- At 11,090 Wood Trades is likely to have the highest Average Annual Requirement going forward (Table 5).
- Three out of the four occupations with the highest Average Annual Requirement from 2006 to 2010 are focused on management and organisation, namely Managers, Architects and Technical Engineers (SIC 74.2) and Clerical (Table 5).
- The Average Annual Requirement for Electricians, Plumbers, Engineering, IT & Other Professionals and Bricklayers is also expected to be high (Table 5).
- At the other end of the scale, the Average Annual Requirement for Scaffolders and Logistics is significantly lower at just 900 and 580 respectively (Table 5).
- Nationally, the professionals working within architectural and engineering activities and related technical consultancy (SIC 74.2) (Architects & Technical Engineers) take the largest share of total employment with an estimated 340,450 employed in 2006, rising to 354,270 by 2010. Second in line is Managers with 235,400 in 2006, increasing to 258,520 by 2010. Particularly strong demand for Wood Trades between 2006 and 2010 should make this the second largest occupation in employment terms by 2010 (Table 5 and Figure 7).
- Whilst the forecasts for an increase in total employment for **Maintenance Workers** are shown in Table 5, the Average Annual Requirement has been excluded. The model is currently forecasting a low requirement for this group compared to other occupations. Further research is being undertaken on the factors influencing this result and the Average Annual Requirement will be published when this work has been completed.

Please note that all of the Average Annual Requirements presented in this section are employment requirements and not necessarily training requirements. Recruiting from other industries with a similar skills base or employing skilled migrant labour could mean the actual training requirement is lower.

^{*} For ConstructionSkills and SummitSkills sector footprints see Appendix IV

Table 5 UK Total employment and Average Annual Requirement by occupation: 2006–2010

	Emplo	Employment	
	2006	2010	2006-2010
Managers	235,400	258,520	10,530
Clerical	185,270	198,600	8,610
Engineering, IT & other Professionals	129,320	140,890	4,790
Technical Staff	54,280	59,260	3,260
Wood Trades	233,790	265,290	11,090
Bricklayers	101,290	116,220	4,730
Painters & Decorators	133,640	143,430	3,620
Plasterers	41,060	44,930	1,780
Roofers	35,110	39,720	1,750
Floorers	42,670	46,840	1,510
Glaziers	36,660	38,660	990
Other Specialist Building Operatives	46,250	51,520	2,370
Scaffolders	17,700	19,870	900
Plant Operatives	48,200	52,750	1,780
Plant Mechanics/Fitters	22,200	24,060	1,920
Steel Erectors/Structural	17,570	19,760	1,150
General Operatives	130,320	139,950	1,510
Maintenance Workers	6,750	9,550	•
Electricians	196,400	216,240	8,130
Plumbers	152,450	167,810	5,330
Logistics	10,980	12,600	580
Other Civil Engineering Operatives	26,240	30,110	1,390
Non Construction Operatives	277,900	317,810	
Total (SIC 45)	2,181,450	2,414,390	77,720
Architects & Technical Engineers	340,450	354,270	9,280
Total (SIC 45 & 74.2)	2,521,900	2,768,660	87,000

Source: Construction Skills Network Model, 2006; Experian.

Note: Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten and may not sum to the total. * see text for note on Maintenance Workers

Figure 7 UK

Total employment by occupation: 2006–2010



Source: Construction Skills Network Model, 2006; Experian. Note: No bar indicates less than 1,000.

The East of England employment forecasts

Table 6 and Figure 8 outline the forecast employment and Average Annual Requirement for 24 occupations within the East of England between 2006 and 2010.

- Total construction employment in the East of England is forecast to increase by 49,460 between 2006 and 2010 (Table 6).
- The region has an Average Annual Requirement of 14,590 across both SIC 45 and SIC 74.2 (Table 6 and Figure 8).
- In the East of England, the greatest Average Annual Requirement will come from Electricians, which is estimated at 2,080. Nationally, Wood Trades is forecast to have the greatest requirement, whereas in the East of England, Wood Trades has the fourth largest requirement at 1,610 (Table 6).
- Three other occupations have an Average Annual Requirement in excess of 1,000, namely Clerical, Managers and Engineering, IT & Other Professionals. The Average Annual Requirements for these occupations are 1,850, 1,780 and 1,140 respectively (Table 6).
- At the other end of the scale the requirement in four occupations, Floorers, Steel Erectors/Structural, Maintenance Workers and Logistics, is less than or equal to 100 (Table 6).
- Non-construction Operatives is the occupational group forecast to see the greatest increase in total employment. By 2010 it is estimated that an additional 8,530 people will be working in this occupation in the East of England (Table 6 and Figure 8).

Table 6FEast of EnglandETotal employment and Average Annual Requirement by occupation: 2006–2010T

	Emplo	Employment	
	2006	2010	2006-2010
Managers	23,450	27,870	1,780
Clerical	25,610	29,700	1,850
Engineering, IT & other Professionals	17,170	20,360	1,140
Technical Staff	6,220	7,330	580
Wood Trades	19,790	24,430	1,610
Bricklayers	9,640	12,130	930
Painters & Decorators	14,030	16,320	530
Plasterers	4,960	5,830	270
Roofers	4,280	5,230	330
Floorers	3,000	3,590	<10
Glaziers	3,460	3,870	140
Other Specialist Building Operatives	5,480	6,590	330
Scaffolders	2,650	3,220	230
Plant Operatives	5,620	6,700	330
Plant Mechanics/Fitters	1,420	1,630	150
Steel Erectors/Structural	1,000	1,220	100
General Operatives	10,810	12,740	550
Maintenance Workers	770	1,170	30
Electricians	27,360	32,700	2,080
Plumbers	12,530	15,060	610
Logistics	1,580	1,940	90
Other Civil Engineering Operatives	3,770	4,630	220
Non Construction Operatives	29,400	37,930	
Total (SIC 45)	234,000	282,190	13,880
Architects & Technical Engineers	31,420	32,690	710
Total (SIC 45 & 74.2)	265,420	314,880	14,590

Source: Construction Skills Network Model, 2006; Experian.

Note: Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten and may not sum to the total.

Figure 8 East of England Total employment by occupation: 2006–2010



Source: Construction Skills Network Model, 2006; Experian. Note: No bar indicates less than 1,000.

The following charts give an indication of employment and requirement by occupation for the LSC areas in the East of England. The areas and populations being looked at are considerably smaller than those on a regional level and the data available at this sub-regional level are less robust. Construction employment and future requirements on a sub-regional level are created as ratios of the regional data and as such the results that are presented should be treated with a significant degree of caution. ConstructionSkills is currently working with Observatory members and other partners and stakeholders to review regional research to improve the robustness of these data.

Table 7 Norfolk Total employment and annual requirement by occupation: 2006–2010

	Employment		Average Annual Requirement
	2006	2010	2006-2010
Managers	3,060	3,510	220
Clerical	3,350	3,750	230
Engineering, IT & other Professionals	2,240	2,570	140
Technical Staff	810	920	70
Wood Trades	2,580	3,080	200
Bricklayers	1,260	1,530	120
Painters & Decorators	1,830	2,060	70
Plasterers	650	730	30
Roofers	560	660	40
Floorers	390	450	<10
Glaziers	450	490	20
Other Specialist Building Operatives	720	830	40
Scaffolders	350	410	30
Plant Operatives	730	840	40
Plant Mechanics/Fitters	190	210	20
Steel Erectors/Structural	130	150	10
General Operatives	1,410	1,610	70
Maintenance Workers	100	150	<10
Electricians	3,570	4,120	260
Plumbers	1,640	1,900	80
Logistics	220	260	<10
Other Civil Engineering Operatives	480	570	<10
Non Construction Operatives	3,840	4,780	<10
Total (SIC 45)	30,560	35,580	1,690
Architects & Technical Engineers	4,100	4,120	90
Total (SIC 45 & 74.2)	34,660	39,700	1,780

Suffolk Total employment and annual requirement by occupation: 2006–2010

	Emplo	byment	Average Annual Requirement
	2006	2010	2006-2010
Managers	2,180	2,510	160
Clerical	2,380	2,670	170
Engineering, IT & other Professionals	1,600	1,830	100
Technical Staff	580	660	50
Wood Trades	1,840	2,200	140
Bricklayers	900	1,090	80
Painters & Decorators	1,310	1,470	50
Plasterers	460	520	20
Roofers	400	470	30
Floorers	280	320	<10
Glaziers	320	350	10
Other Specialist Building Operatives	510	590	30
Scaffolders	250	290	20
Plant Operatives	520	600	30
Plant Mechanics/Fitters	130	150	10
Steel Erectors/Structural	90	110	<10
General Operatives	1,010	1,150	50
Maintenance Workers	70	100	<10
Electricians	2,550	2,940	190
Plumbers	1,170	1,350	50
Logistics	160	180	<10
Other Civil Engineering Operatives	340	410	<10
Non Construction Operatives	2,740	3,410	<10
Total (SIC 45)	21,790	25,370	1,190
Architects & Technical Engineers	2,930	2,940	60
Total (SIC 45 & 74.2) Source: Construction Skills Network Emr	24,720	28,310	1,250

Source: Construction Skills Network Employment Model, 2006; Experian. Note: Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten and may not sum to the total.

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Table 8

Table 9CambridgeshireTotal employment and annual requirement by occupation: 2006–2010

	Employment		Average Annual Requirement
	2006	2010	2006-2010
Managers	2,520	3,020	190
Clerical	2,760	3,220	200
Engineering, IT & other Professionals	1,850	2,210	120
Technical Staff	670	790	60
Wood Trades	2,130	2,650	170
Bricklayers	1,040	1,310	100
Painters & Decorators	1,510	1,770	60
Plasterers	530	630	30
Roofers	460	570	40
Floorers	320	390	<10
Glaziers	370	420	20
Other Specialist Building Operatives	590	710	40
Scaffolders	280	350	30
Plant Operatives	600	730	40
Plant Mechanics/Fitters	150	180	20
Steel Erectors/Structural	110	130	10
General Operatives	1,160	1,380	60
Maintenance Workers	80	130	<10
Electricians	2,950	3,540	230
Plumbers	1,350	1,630	70
Logistics	180	220	<10
Other Civil Engineering Operatives	400	490	<10
Non Construction Operatives	3,160	4,110	<10
Total (SIC 45)	25,170	30,580	1,490
Architects & Technical Engineers	3,380	3,540	80
Total (SIC 45 & 74.2)	28,550	34,120	1,570

Table 10 Essex

Total employment and annual requirement by occupation: 2006–2010

	Emplo	pyment	Average Annual Requirement
	2006	2010	2006-2010
Managers	8,510	10,350	660
Clerical	9,290	11,030	690
Engineering, IT & other Professionals	6,230	7,560	420
Technical Staff	2,260	2,720	210
Wood Trades	7,180	9,070	600
Bricklayers	3,500	4,500	340
Painters & Decorators	5,090	6,060	200
Plasterers	1,800	2,160	100
Roofers	1,550	1,940	120
Floorers	1,090	1,330	<10
Glaziers	1,250	1,440	50
Other Specialist Building Operatives	1,990	2,450	120
Scaffolders	960	1,200	90
Plant Operatives	2,040	2,490	120
Plant Mechanics/Fitters	510	600	60
Steel Erectors/Structural	360	450	40
General Operatives	3,920	4,730	200
Maintenance Workers	280	430	<10
Electricians	9,930	12,140	770
Plumbers	4,550	5,590	220
Logistics	610	760	<10
Other Civil Engineering Operatives	1,330	1,680	<10
Non Construction Operatives	10,670	14,080	<10
Total (SIC 45)	84,900	104,760	5,010
Architects & Technical Engineers	11,400	12,140	260
Total (SIC 45 & 74.2)	96,300	116,900	5,270

Source: Construction Skills Network Employment Model, 2006; Experian. Note: Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten and may not sum to the total. Source: Construction Skills Network Employment Model, 2006; Experian. Note: Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten and may not sum to the total.

Table 11Bedfordshire & LutonTotal employment and annual requirement by occupation: 2006–2010

	Emplo	byment	Average Annual Requirement
	2006	2010	2006-2010
Managers	2,300	2,680	170
Clerical	2,510	2,850	180
Engineering, IT & other Professionals	1,680	1,960	110
Technical Staff	610	700	60
Wood Trades	1,940	2,350	150
Bricklayers	940	1,160	90
Painters & Decorators	1,370	1,570	50
Plasterers	490	560	30
Roofers	420	500	30
Floorers	290	340	<10
Glaziers	340	370	10
Other Specialist Building Operatives	540	630	30
Scaffolders	260	310	20
Plant Operatives	550	640	30
Plant Mechanics/Fitters	140	160	10
Steel Erectors/Structural	100	120	<10
General Operatives	1,060	1,220	50
Maintenance Workers	80	110	<10
Electricians	2,680	3,140	200
Plumbers	1,230	1,450	60
Logistics	160	200	<10
Other Civil Engineering Operatives	360	430	<10
Non Construction Operatives	2,880	3,640	<10
Total (SIC 45)	22,930	27,090	1,280
Architects & Technical Engineers	3,080	3,140	70
Total (SIC 45 & 74.2)	26,010	30,230	1,350

Source: Construction Skills Network Employment Model, 2006; Experian. Note: Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten and may not sum to the total.

Table 12HertfordshireTotal employment and annual requirement by occupation: 2006–2010

	Employment		Average Annual Requirement
	2006	2010	2006-2010
Managers	4,870	5,810	370
Clerical	5,320	6,190	390
Engineering, IT & other Professionals	3,570	4,240	240
Technical Staff	1,290	1,530	120
Wood Trades	4,110	5,090	340
Bricklayers	2,000	2,530	190
Painters & Decorators	2,920	3,400	110
Plasterers	1,030	1,210	60
Roofers	890	1,090	70
Floorers	620	750	<10
Glaziers	720	810	30
Other Specialist Building Operatives	1,140	1,370	70
Scaffolders	550	670	50
Plant Operatives	1,170	1,390	70
Plant Mechanics/Fitters	290	340	30
Steel Erectors/Structural	210	250	20
General Operatives	2,250	2,650	110
Maintenance Workers	160	240	<10
Electricians	5,690	6,810	430
Plumbers	2,600	3,140	130
Logistics	350	430	<10
Other Civil Engineering Operatives	760	940	<10
Non Construction Operatives	6,110	7,900	<10
Total (SIC 45)	48,620	58,780	2,830
Architects & Technical Engineers	6,530	6,810	150
Total (SIC 45 & 74.2)	55,150	65,590	2,980

Source: Construction Skills Network Employment Model, 2006; Experian. Note: Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten and may not sum to the total.

Appendix I – Glossary of terms

Demand – construction **output**, vacancies, and a set of **labour coefficients** to translate demand for workers to labour requirements by trade. Demand is calculated using DTI and DFP output data. Vacancy data are usually taken from the National Employers Skills Survey (NESS) from the Department for Education and Skills (DfES).

GDP – Gross Domestic Product – total market value of all final goods and services produced. A measure of national income. GDP = **GVA** + taxes on products – subsidies on products

GVA – Gross Value Added – total output minus the value of inputs used in the production process. GVA measures the contribution of the economy as a difference between gross output and intermediate outputs.

Labour coefficients – the labour inputs required for various types of construction activity. The number of workers of each occupation/trade to produce £1m of output in each sub-sector.

LFS – Labour Force Survey – a UK household sample survey which collects information on employment, unemployment, flows between sectors and training, from around 53,000 households each quarter (>100,000 people).

LMI – Labour Market Information – data that are quantitative (numerical) or qualitative (insights and perceptions) on workers, employers, wages, conditions of work, etc.

LMI – Labour Market Intelligence – labour market information analysed.

Macroeconomics – the study of an economy on a national level, including total employment, investment, imports, exports, production and consumption.

ONS – Office for National Statistics – official statistics on economy, population and society at national UK and local level.

Output - total value of all goods and services produced in an economy.

Productivity - output per employee

SIC Codes – Standard Industrial Classification Codes – from the UK Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities produced by the **ONS**.

ConstructionSkills is responsible for SIC 45 Construction and SIC 74.2 Architectural and Engineering activities and related technical consultancy.

ConstructionSkills shares an interest with SummitSkills in SIC 45.31 Installation of wiring and fittings and SIC 45.33 Plumbing. AssetSkills has a peripheral interest in SIC 74.2.

SOC Codes – Standard Occupational Classification Codes

Supply – the total stock of employment in a period of time plus the flows into and out of the labour market. Supply is usually calculated from **LFS** data.

Appendix II – Note on Logistics and Other Civil Engineering Operatives

In this initial run of the Construction Skills Network Model, the categories Logistics and Other Civil Engineering Operatives are derived from the category Other Civil Engineering Operatives to take account of the different employment requirements within each category.

Logistics consists of labour within construction that deals with transportation, handling and storage.

Other Civil Engineering Operatives consists of workers within construction that deals directly with construction work itself, for instance labourers and operatives in road and rail construction. This is a part of ongoing research.

Appendix III – Data sources – Construction Skills Network Model

- Accession Monitoring Report Home Office
- Analysis of Construction Industry Employment using the British Household Panel Survey CITB-ConstructionSkills
- British Household Panel Survey Institute for Social and Economic Research (University of Essex)
- Building the Future: Skills Training in Construction and Building Services Engineering
- Construction Apprentices' Survey CITB-ConstructionSkills
- Construction Forecasts Experian
- Construction Skills Foresight Report CITB-ConstructionSkills
- Construction Skills Report Learning & Skills Councils (England)
- Construction Statistics Annual DTI
- Employer Panel Consultation CITB-ConstructionSkills
- Employers' Skills Needs Survey CITB-ConstructionSkills
- Foresight, Regional construction forecasts Experian
- Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland Strategic Investment Board
- Labour Force Survey ONS
- International Passenger Survey ONS
- Measuring the Competitiveness of UK Construction DTI
- National Employer Skills Survey LSC, SSDA, & DfES
- Northern Ireland Census of Employment
- Northern Ireland Construction Bulletin DFPNI
- Occupational Skills Survey 2003 CITB-ConstructionSkills
- Quarterly output and New orders bulletin DTI
- Skills Needs Analysis ConstructionSkills
- Trainee Numbers Survey 2004/05 CITB-ConstructionSkills
- Travel Trends ONS
- Workforce Mobility and Skills in the UK Construction Sector ConstructionSkills, ECITB, SEEDA, DTI

Appendix IV – Footprints for Built Environment SSCs

	SIC Code	Description
ConstructionSkills	45.1	Site preparation
	45.2	Building of complete construction or parts; civil engineering
	45.3	Building installations (except 45.31 and 45.33 which are covered
		by SummitSkills)
	45.4	Building completion
	45.5	Renting of construction or demolition equipment with operator
	74.2*	Architectural and engineering activities and related technical
		consultancy

The table summarises the SIC codes covered by ConstructionSkills.

* AssetSkills has a peripheral interest in SIC 74.2

The sector footprints for the other SSCs covering the Built Environment:

SummitSkills

Footprint – Plumbing, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Electrotechnical. Coverage – Building Services Engineering.

AssetSkills

Footprint – Property Services, Housing, Facilities Management, Cleaning Coverage – Property, Housing and Land Managers, Chartered Surveyors, Estimators, Valuers, Home Inspectors, Estate Agents and Auctioneers (property and chattels), Caretakers, Mobile and Machine Operatives, Window Cleaners, Road Sweepers, Cleaners, Domestics, Facilities Managers.

Energy & Utility Skills

Footprint – Electricity, Gas (including gas installers), Water and Waste Management Coverage – Electricity generation and distribution; Gas transmission, distribution and appliance installation and maintenance; Water collection, purification and distribution; Waste water collection and processing; Waste Management.

At national level, ConstructionSkills and SummitSkills are in discussions to determine the most appropriate way of working together on forecasting employment requirements for trades/occupations where there is overlap between the two SSCs.

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