

Cabinetmaker

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Current labour market rating: Shortage

Employers generally filled few vacancies and attracted a small pool of qualified and suitable cabinetmakers. There is strong demand for cabinetmakers in Tasmania, with a number of employers indicating they will need to recruit from outside of Tasmania to fill vacancies.

Key research findings

- Surveyed employers attracted few suitable applicants in 2018 with only a small number of vacancies filled.
- Surveyed employers included a range of small to large businesses focused on construction, cabinetry and furniture making.
- All surveyed employers sought qualified cabinetmakers.
 - A small number of employers indicated they would have hired an experienced unqualified tradesperson if they were the right fit for the business.
- The main reason employers considered applicants unsuitable was due to a lack of qualifications and experience.

Demand and supply

- Demand for cabinetmakers is influenced by the level of activity in the building and construction industry.
 - The value of building work approved (chain volume measures) in Tasmania increased by 29.1 per cent for the year to June 2018.
 - Surveyed employers noted the demand for cabinetmakers is strong due to a number of major commercial construction projects and flood damage repairs, particularly in southern Tasmania.
 - Demand for cabinetmakers is expected to increase due to projections for the construction industry employment in Tasmania to grow by 6.0 per cent over the four years to May 2022 compared with 5.6 per cent for all industries.

2018 Survey Results¹

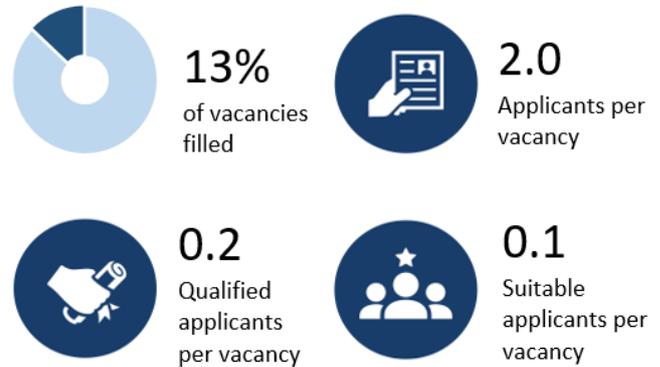
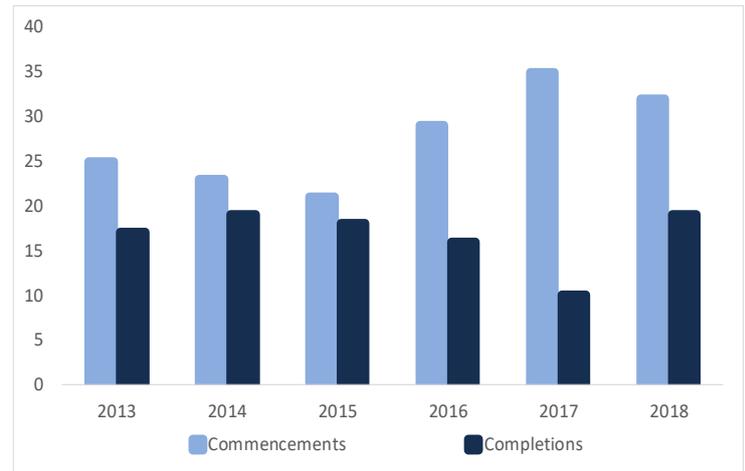


Figure 1: Apprentices and trainees commencements and completions, Cabinetmaker, March 2013 to 2018, estimates



- Formal training is through the apprenticeship system via a Certificate III in Cabinet Making. An increase in commencements in recent years suggests there may be additional supply in the future.
- According to the 2016 Census data, 210 people identified as cabinetmakers in Tasmania, 26.2 per cent were owner managers and 68.8 per cent were employees.
 - The majority of cabinetmakers reported being male (98.5 per cent) with a median age of 30-34 years.
 - Most cabinetmakers hold a qualification, with 72.7 per cent holding either a certificate III or higher.

¹ The methodology underpinning this research is outlined at [Skill Shortage Research Methodology | Department of Jobs and Small Business](#). Additional Data Sources: ABS, Building Approvals, Aug 2018; ABS, 2016 Census of Housing and Population; Department of Jobs and Small Business Employment Projections, Regional projections – five years to May 2022; National Centre for Vocational Education Research, National Apprentice and Trainee Collection, March 2018 estimates.