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## Victorian construction jobs numbers outperform national trends

The number of Victorians working in the building and construction industry held steady in the three months to February, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics' latest labour force figures.

"Victoria's construction workforce is now 6 per cent higher than this time last year and are now at their highest point since November 2011," said Executive Director, Brian Welch.

"That's an additional 14,300 people employed in our industry, which is welcome news after three successive quarters of negative employment growth last year."

Construction jobs	Victoria	Australia
February 2013	254,500	1,035,300
November 2012	254,100	1,015,700
February 2012	240,200	1,021,200
Quarterly change	<b>+400 (+0.1%)</b>	<b>+19,600 (+1.9%)</b>
Annual change	<b>+14,300 (+6.0%)</b>	<b>+14,100 (+1.4%)</b>

While the number of full-time jobs fell in the industry by 1700 between November and February, there are now an additional 3250 full-time jobs compared to February 2012.

"These employment numbers are a hopeful sign that activity and investment in our industry is lifting," Mr Welch said.

"Employers are looking at a market environment with low interest rates and rising consumer confidence and are acting by putting more Victorians on their books."

Victoria outperforming the national trend on construction jobs



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The 6 per cent increase in Victorian construction jobs over the past year was significantly ahead of New South Wales (down 7 per cent), Western Australia (down 0.6 per cent) and South Australia (up 0.1 per cent). National construction employment growth was at 1.4 per cent over the same period.

The ABS figures show Victoria's quarterly construction employment growth does, however, lag behind all other Australian jurisdictions except New South Wales and South Australia.

"There is still plenty of work to be done to ensure our industry thrives in a difficult economy, but builders remain resilient and are ready to tackle the challenges that lie ahead," said Mr Welch.

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