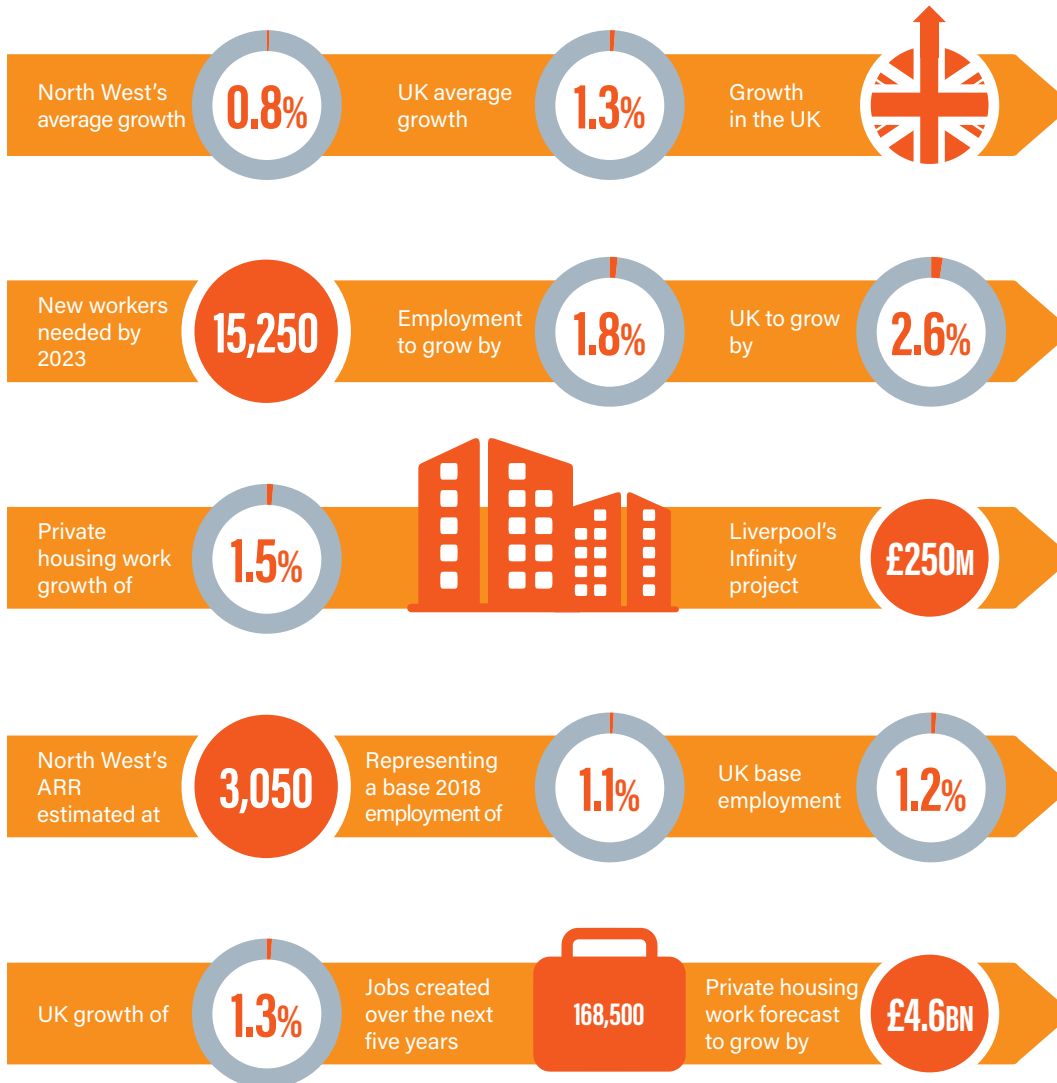


# CONSTRUCTION SKILLS NETWORK NORTH WEST 2019-23

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Private housing work will be the main contributor to the North West's 0.8% annual average growth in construction output. 15,250 new workers will be needed from 2019-23.

## GROWTH RATE

Having shown strong growth in recent forecasts, output growth in the North West is estimated at an average of 0.8% per year from 2019 to 2023, mainly driven by private housing (1.5%), infrastructure (1.7%), and public housing (2.7%) work.

## MAIN GROWTH DRIVERS/CONTRACTS

As the third largest of the regions and devolved nations, the North West's private housing market is likely to remain the biggest driver of overall construction output in the North West. Work commenced, in September 2018, on the first of three towers at Vermont Construction's £250m Infinity development, which will be Liverpool's largest single housing project. It has recently been announced that around 2,000 residential units are to be built in Liverpool by 2020. Liverpool Council set up a new housing company, Foundations, at the beginning of 2018, which has a target of building 10,000 homes in the city. There are also a number of decent-sized infrastructure projects underway and starting soon, including the five-year £300m Thirlmere Transfer West Cumbria Water Supplies Project, which is due to be in operation by March 2022.

## JOB CREATION

Construction employment in the North West is forecast to increase between 2019 and 2023, with an average annual increase of 0.4% per year. This means that construction employment will increase from 279,000 in 2019 to over 284,000 by 2023, with growth covering the range of occupations.

## ANNUAL RECRUITMENT REQUIREMENT (ARR)

The region is forecast to have an average ARR for 3,050 new workers each year, which is equivalent to 1.1% of the 2018 workforce in the North West. This is a similar level of recruitment requirement for the UK, which is 1.2% of the 2018 workforce.