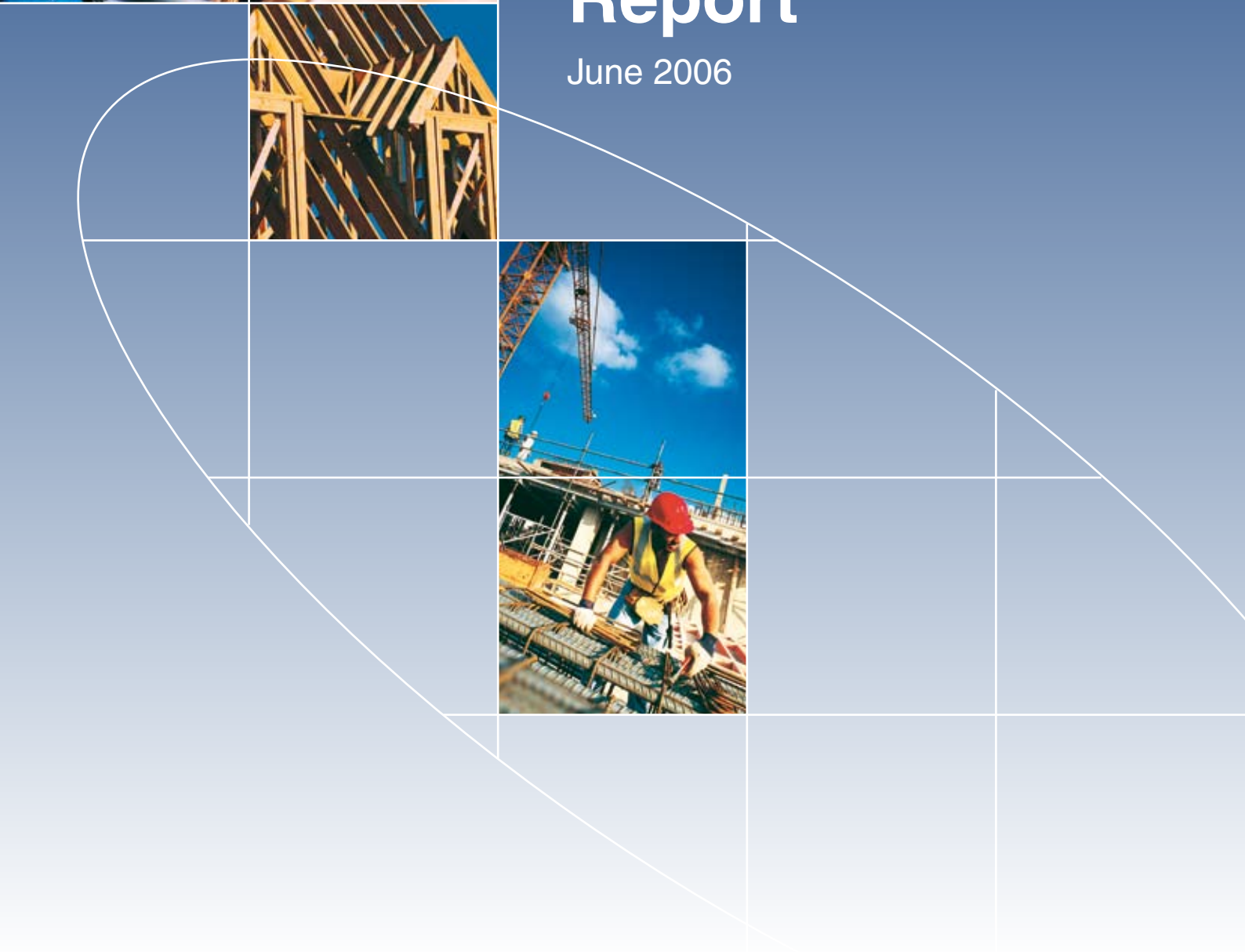




Cordell® Subcontract Report

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Introduction to the Cordell Subcontract Report

The March to June 2006 Subcontract Rate Survey was conducted to monitor price movements within the current construction industry subcontractor labour market. This second quarter of 2006 has shown steady movements in most states, with the exception of South Australia which has shown larger increases than the average.

Methodology

The survey is distributed via email by Reed Construction Data. This enables a comprehensive study area to be covered in a timely and cost effective manner. There is typically a high response rate to the survey, with an average of 100 to 150 replies from builders covering all regions of Australia each quarter. The results are automatically tabulated for analysis.

The results of the survey were analysed and divided into State based groups. Queensland was divided into two main regions, Northern and Southern Queensland, with the boundary established around the Rockhampton area (Tropic of Capricorn). Due to a current shortage of results from other regional areas across the other states we cannot accurately provide statistics on these regions.

The Commercial and Domestic sectors have also been separated, to provide more accurate results. The attached tables display the High, Low and Median rates collected for each Trade group and masonry laying. This report includes a national comparison between specific trades.

Current Quarter Movement

The March to June 2006 quarter has returned a variety of results. The subcontract labour market in New South Wales has experienced a marginal decline in overall rates, with Victoria – Western Australia and Queensland all experiencing slight increases. South Australia has had the largest overall increase in rates, with reported shortages of labour flowing through to costs. The median rates for most trades remained stable with some slight increases. The major movements were in the lower range of the market, with rates increasing in most sectors.



New South Wales

TRADE	NSW			NSW		
	Commercial			Domestic		
	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER
Carpenter (per hour)	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 55.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 59.80
Electrician (per hour)	\$ 55.00	\$ 57.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 65.00
Plumber (per hour)	\$ 55.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 70.00
Painter (per hour)	\$ 35.00	\$ 43.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 57.50
Painter (per m2)	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.00
Plaster - Cement Render (per hour)	\$ 48.50	\$ 51.75	\$ 55.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.50	\$ 57.50
Plaster - Cement Render (per m2)	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 35.00
Plaster - Plasterboard (per hour)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 51.75
Plaster - Plasterboard (per m2)	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 18.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 27.00
Wall Tiler (per hour)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.75	\$ 46.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 60.00
Wall Tiler (per m2)	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 55.00
Labourer Skilled (per hour)	\$ 35.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 48.30
Labourer Unskilled (per hour)	\$ 25.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 38.00
Bricklayer (per hour)	\$ 40.00	\$ 48.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 51.75
Brick laying (Metric Standard)	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.91	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.90
Block laying (100mm thick)	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Block laying (150mm thick)	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.20	\$ 0.83	\$ 2.20	\$ 3.20
Block laying (200mm thick)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.80	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.20	\$ 3.25	\$ 4.00
Block laying (300mm thick)	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.60	\$ 5.00



Victoria

TRADE	VIC			VIC		
	Commercial			Domestic		
	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER
Carpenter (per hour)	\$ 40.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 69.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 43.25	\$ 45.00
Electrician (per hour)	\$ 55.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 78.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 55.00
Plumber (per hour)	\$ 45.00	\$ 51.50	\$ 58.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 70.00
Painter (per hour)	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00
Painter (per m2)	\$ 9.20	\$ 9.20	\$ 9.20	\$ 28.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 60.00
Plaster - Cement Render (per hour)	\$ 46.50	\$ 46.50	\$ 46.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 47.50	\$ 55.00
Plaster - Cement Render (per m2)	\$ 48.50	\$ 49.25	\$ 50.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00
Plaster - Plasterboard (per hour)	\$ 44.00	\$ 56.75	\$ 69.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 45.00
Plaster - Plasterboard (per m2)	\$ 23.50	\$ 23.50	\$ 23.50	\$ 18.00	\$ 21.50	\$ 25.00
Wall Tiler (per hour)	\$ 46.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 43.50	\$ 45.00
Wall Tiler (per m2)	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 65.00
Labourer Skilled (per hour)	\$ 32.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 66.50	\$ 22.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
Labourer Unskilled (per hour)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.50	\$ 31.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00
Bricklayer (per hour)	\$ 51.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 50.00
Brick laying (Metric Standard)	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.35	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.83	\$ 1.00
Block laying (100mm thick)	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50
Block laying (150mm thick)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Block laying (200mm thick)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.00
Block laying (300mm thick)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00



Southern Queensland

TRADE	Southern QLD			Southern QLD		
	Commercial			Domestic		
	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER
Carpenter (per hour)	\$ 33.00	\$ 42.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 40.00
Electrician (per hour)	\$ 38.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00
Plumber (per hour)	\$ 32.00	\$ 47.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 53.50	\$ 65.00
Painter (per hour)	\$ 29.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.50
Painter (per m2)	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.50	\$ 25.00
Plaster - Cement Render (per hour)	\$ 32.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 40.00
Plaster - Cement Render (per m2)	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 29.50	\$ 32.00
Plaster - Plasterboard (per hour)	\$ 31.00	\$ 42.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 37.00
Plaster - Plasterboard (per m2)	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Wall Tiler (per hour)	\$ 32.00	\$ 42.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 43.25	\$ 45.00
Wall Tiler (per m2)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00
Labourer Skilled (per hour)	\$ 36.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.50	\$ 40.00
Labourer Unskilled (per hour)	\$ 30.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 26.50	\$ 30.00
Bricklayer (per hour)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 41.00
Brick laying (Metric Standard)	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.80
Block laying (100mm thick)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.20
Block laying (150mm thick)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.80
Block laying (200mm thick)	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.60	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.00
Block laying (300mm thick)	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.55	\$ 3.60



Northern Queensland

TRADE	Northern QLD			Northern QLD		
	Commercial			Domestic		
	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER
Carpenter (per hour)	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 38.50	\$ 38.50	\$ 38.50
Electrician (per hour)	\$ 56.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 52.50	\$ 52.50
Plumber (per hour)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00
Painter (per hour)	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 35.50	\$ 35.50	\$ 35.50
Painter (per m2)	\$ 15.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 36.50	\$ 12.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 75.00
Plaster - Cement Render (per hour)	\$ 43.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Plaster - Cement Render (per m2)	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00
Plaster - Plasterboard (per hour)	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 37.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 37.00
Plaster - Plasterboard (per m2)	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.25	\$ 16.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 17.00
Wall Tiler (per hour)	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 41.50	\$ 41.50	\$ 41.50
Wall Tiler (per m2)	\$ 32.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00
Labourer Skilled (per hour)	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00
Labourer Unskilled (per hour)	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 29.50	\$ 29.50	\$ 29.50
Bricklayer (per hour)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 41.00
Brick laying (Metric Standard)	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.88	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.00
Block laying (100mm thick)	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00
Block laying (150mm thick)	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00
Block laying (200mm thick)	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00
Block laying (300mm thick)	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.25



South Australia

TRADE	South Australia			South Australia		
	Commercial			Domestic		
	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER
Carpenter (per hour)	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00
Electrician (per hour)	\$ 48.50	\$ 48.50	\$ 48.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Plumber (per hour)	\$ 53.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00
Painter (per hour)	\$ 36.50	\$ 36.50	\$ 36.50	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00
Painter (per m2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Plaster - Cement Render (per hour)	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Plaster - Cement Render (per m2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Plaster - Plasterboard (per hour)	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00
Plaster - Plasterboard (per m2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Wall Tiler (per hour)	\$ 39.50	\$ 39.50	\$ 39.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
Wall Tiler (per m2)	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Labourer Skilled (per hour)	\$ 33.50	\$ 33.50	\$ 33.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Labourer Unskilled (per hour)	\$ 28.50	\$ 28.50	\$ 28.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Bricklayer (per hour)	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Brick laying (Metric Standard)	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.30	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.95
Block laying (100mm thick)	\$ 1.20	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.85	\$ 2.50
Block laying (150mm thick)	\$ 1.40	\$ 2.20	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.40	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
Block laying (200mm thick)	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50
Block laying (300mm thick)	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00



Western Australia

TRADE	Western Australia			Western Australia		
	Commercial			Domestic		
	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER
Carpenter (per hour)	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00
Electrician (per hour)	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 55.00
Plumber (per hour)	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Painter (per hour)	\$ 36.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00
Painter (per m2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 42.00
Plaster - Cement Render (per hour)	\$ 38.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Plaster - Cement Render (per m2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 35.00
Plaster - Plasterboard (per hour)	\$ 38.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 40.00
Plaster - Plasterboard (per m2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Wall Tiler (per hour)	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 40.00
Wall Tiler (per m2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 60.00
Labourer Skilled (per hour)	\$ 25.00	\$ 32.50	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
Labourer Unskilled (per hour)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
Bricklayer (per hour)	\$ 35.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 40.00
Brick laying (Metric Standard)	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.30
Block laying (100mm thick)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50
Block laying (150mm thick)	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Block laying (200mm thick)	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
Block laying (300mm thick)	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00



National Comparison

CARPENTER	Commercial			Domestic		
	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER
New South Wales	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 55.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 59.80
Victoria	\$ 40.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 69.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 43.25	\$ 45.00
Western Australia	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00
South Australia	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00
South Queensland	\$ 33.00	\$ 42.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 40.00
North Queensland	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 38.50	\$ 38.50	\$ 38.50

ELECTRICIAN	Commercial			Domestic		
	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER
New South Wales	\$ 55.00	\$ 57.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 65.00
Victoria	\$ 55.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 78.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 55.00
Western Australia	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 55.00
South Australia	\$ 48.50	\$ 48.50	\$ 48.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
South Queensland	\$ 38.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00
North Queensland	\$ 56.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 52.50	\$ 52.50



PLUMBER	Commercial			Domestic		
	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER
New South Wales	\$ 55.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 70.00
Victoria	\$ 45.00	\$ 51.50	\$ 58.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 70.00
Western Australia	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
South Australia	\$ 53.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00
South Queensland	\$ 32.00	\$ 47.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 53.50	\$ 65.00
North Queensland	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00

BRICKLAYER	Commercial			Domestic		
	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER	LOWER	MEDIAN	UPPER
New South Wales	\$ 40.00	\$ 48.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 51.75
Victoria	\$ 51.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 50.00
Western Australia	\$ 35.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 40.00
South Australia	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
South Queensland	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 41.00
North Queensland	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 41.00



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