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Table

According to construction workers' registration record of CIC, the breakdown of registered construction workers by age groups over the past five years is as follows -

Age Group	Number of Registered Construction Workers (approx.)				
	As at end 2009	As at end 2010	As at end 2011	As at end 2012	As at end 2013
Under 20	3 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
20 to 29	34 000	31 000	35 000	38 000	42 000
30 to 39	54 000	51 000	54 000	57 000	58 000
40 to 49	79 000	71 000	72 000	76 000	80 000
50 to 59	81 000	87 000	95 000	99 000	101 000
60 or over	17 000	24 000	30 000	34 000	40 000
Total	268 000	265 000	287 000	305 000	322 000

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Annex

List of Trades in Manpower Shortage and their Close to Market Wage Levels

Trade	Approx. Market Wage (\$)
Bar Bender & Fixer	33,350
Carpenter (Formwork)	34,150
Concretor	39,000
Riggers / Metal Formwork Erector	27,050
General Welder	26,500
Leveler	25,500
Plasterer	28,600
Bricklayer	28,600
Metal Scaffolder	23,400
Metal Worker	23,400
Structural Steel Welder	29,100
Painter and Decorator	26,000
Curtain Wall Installer	23,650
Structural Steel Erector	26,500
Escalator Mechanic	22,900
Lift Mechanic	22,900
Plumber	26,500
Fire Service Mechanical Fitter	23,900
Fire Service Electrical Fitter	23,900
Refrigeration / Air-conditioning / Ventilation Mechanic (Air System)	24,700
Refrigeration / Air-conditioning / Ventilation Mechanic (Water System)	24,700
Tunnel Worker	25,870
Compressed Air Worker	22,000
Plant and Equipment Operator (Tunnelling) – Tunnel Boring Machine	22,000
Trackworker	25,246
Shotfirer	54,262

(Data source: CIC)