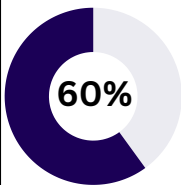


ConstrucTrend 2025 was a survey about skill gaps and training interests for carpenters, electricians, plumbers and people who employ them.

**Rates of skill match were generally better for more experienced carpenters.**

Skill match was better in apps and software for recent graduates.



60% of responding carpenters who started a business did so within 5 years of completing their apprenticeship.

See the full ConstrucTrend report for detailed findings and information.

Survey respondents

116 carpenters.

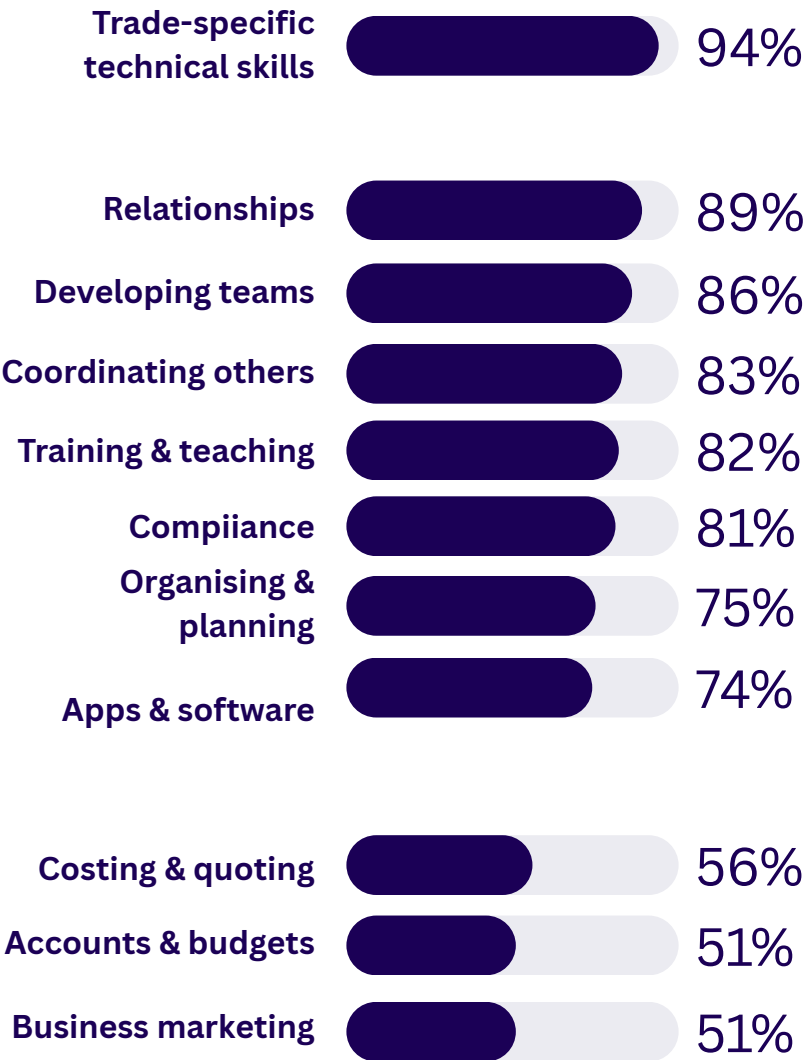
83 employers of carpenters

Senior carpenters were more likely to complete the survey than junior carpenters.

Results represent the carpenters who completed the survey but may not represent the carpentry workforce as a whole.

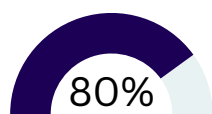
**Skill gaps were greater for some general technical areas than trade-specific skills**

% of employees rating carpenters they employed as sufficiently skilled\*



\*Ratings were combined for recently qualified and experienced carpentry employees.

## Upskilling interest



of carpentry employers wanted to see their staff upskill in at least one of these in the next five years.

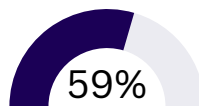
**1 in 2 or 1 in 3** employers wanted to see their carpentry employees upskill in:

- AI
- reading BIMs
- passive house methods
- modular assembly.

**1 in 4** employers wanted to see carpentry employees upskill in:

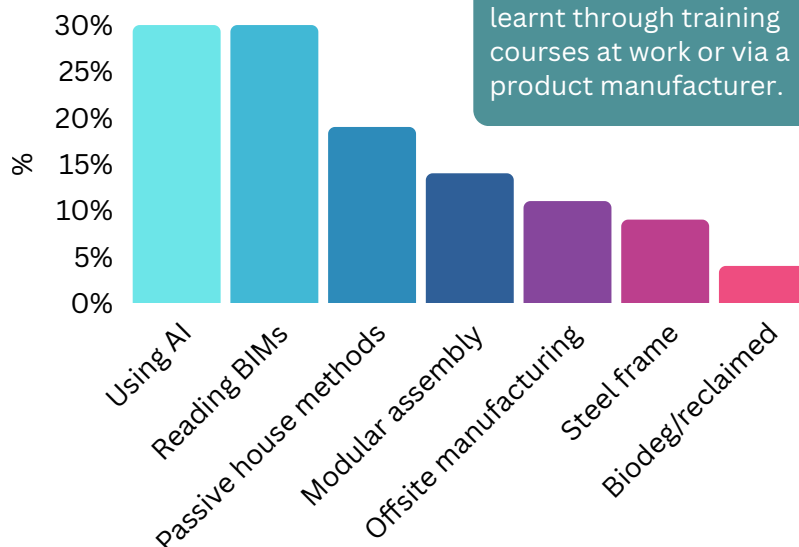
- offsite manufacturing
- steel frame installation
- biodegradable/reclaimed materials.

## Many carpenters had upskilled in recent technologies in the last year

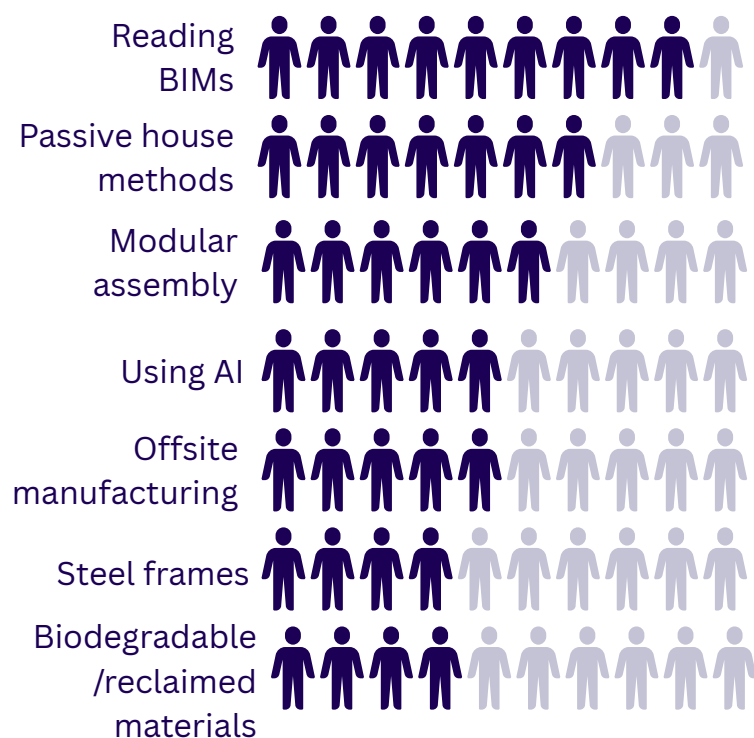


had upskilled in one or more of these technology areas in the last year.

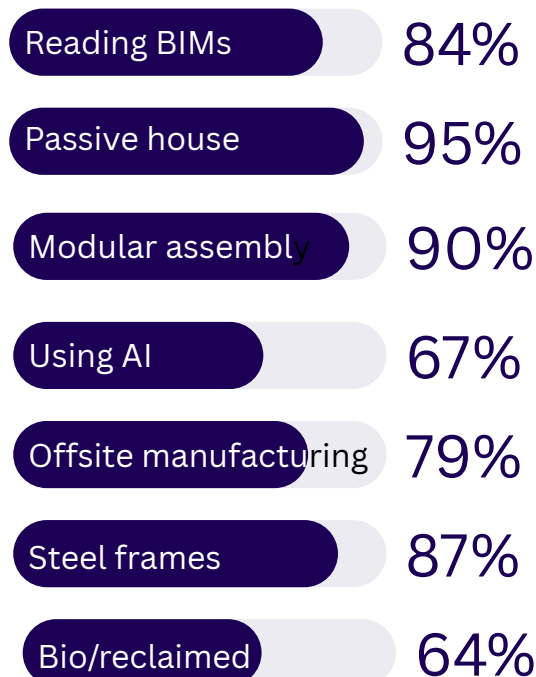
Carpenters learnt about these areas through self-directed learning, colleagues, CPD or at work. A small group had learnt through training courses at work or via a product manufacturer.



## Proportion of carpenters rating each technology as important for their role



## Proportion who have the skills for their role (of respondents who said each area was important)



Skills are likely to be lower among carpenters for whom each area isn't currently important.

