

Building activity

June quarter 2023 | Economic brief

The Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) building activity statistics includes residential and non-residential building work done and commenced, which is more updated information to that reported in the construction work done economic brief.

Value of total building work done	NT	Aust
Change in quarter (trend)	↑3.3%	↑0.6%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑5.0%	↑1.0%

Quarterly results

In the June quarter 2023, the trend value of total building work done in the Territory increased by 3.3% to \$244 million. Nationally, the trend value of total building work done increased by 0.6% to \$31.5 billion in the quarter.

Year on year results

In 2022-23, the total value of building work done in the Territory increased by 5.0% to \$926 million (Chart 1).

The Territory recorded the largest increase in the value of building work done of all the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decrease of 4.3% in Tasmania to an increase of 4.2% in Western Australia. Nationally, the value of building work done increased by 1.0% to \$124.8 billion over the same period.

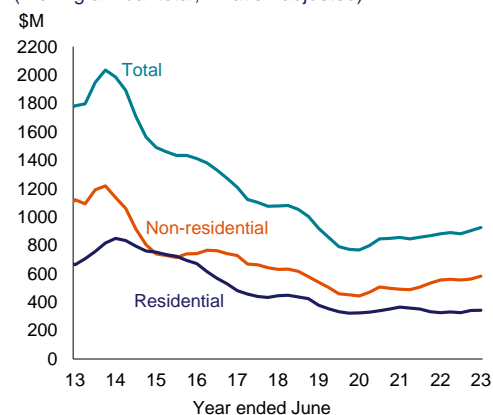
Non-residential building work done in the Territory increased by 4.9% to \$583 million, reflecting an increase of 19.4% in public sector work done, partially offset by a decrease of 16.8% in private sector work done (Chart 2). Residential building work done increased by 5.1% to \$343 million, reflecting an increase of 7.9% in private sector activity, partially offset by a decrease of 4.3% in public sector activity for work done (Chart 3).

Residential building work done comprised an increase of 9.4% in new units to \$31 million, an increase of 8.7% in new houses to \$202 million and a decrease of 2% in alterations, additions and conversions to \$111 million.

Building work yet to be done

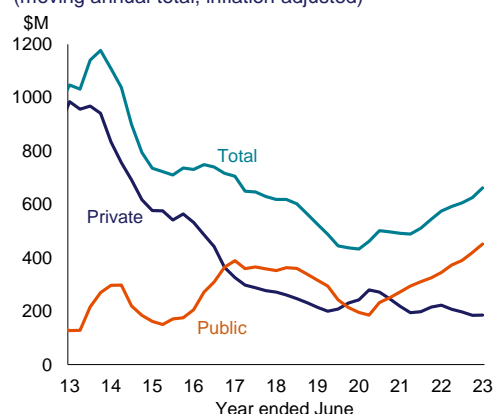
In the June quarter 2023, the value of building work yet to be done in the Territory increased by 51.1% to \$1.6 billion. This reflects an increase of 62.3% in non-residential work yet to be done to \$1.4 billion, which is partly offset by a decrease of 1.6% in residential work yet to be done to \$186 million. Nationally, the value of building work yet to be done decreased by 2.1% to \$106.8 billion over the same period.

Chart 1: Territory building work done (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



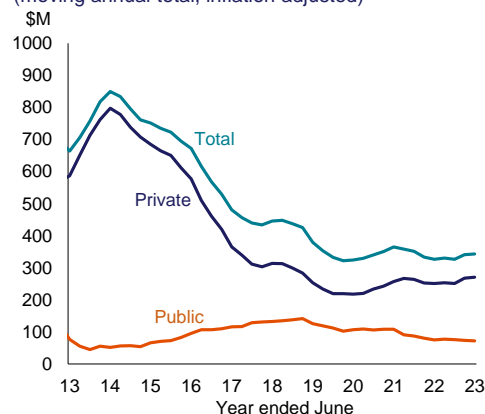
Source: DTF, ABS Cat. No. 8752.0

Chart 2: Territory non-residential work done (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



Source: DTF, ABS Cat. No. 8752.0, 8782.065.001

Chart 3: Territory residential work done (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



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Table 1: Building work done (\$M, chain volume)

	Period				Change		
	Jun qtr 22	Mar qtr 23	Jun qtr 23	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory							
Total building	221	209	244	926	16.5%	10.4%	5.0%
– private	111	102	115	456	12.5%	3.6%	-3.7%
– public	110	107	129	470	20.3%	17.4%	15.0%
Seasonally adjusted	222	237	246	930	3.7%	10.6%	
Trend	220	236	244	929	3.3%	10.7%	
Non-residential building							
Total building	135	130	156	583	20.1%	15.7%	4.9%
– private	45	39	46	185	18.6%	1.7%	-16.8%
– public	89	91	110	398	20.7%	22.9%	19.4%
Residential building							
Total building	86	80	88	343	10.6%	2.2%	5.1%
– private	65	63	69	271	8.7%	4.9%	7.9%
– public	21	16	19	72	18.2%	-6.3%	-4.3%
by type							
– new houses	48	51	54	202	5.8%	12.3%	8.7%
– new units	4	7	8	31	2.4%	74.1%	9.4%
– alterations & additions	33	21	26	111	25.5%	-22.0%	-2.0%
Australia							
Total building	30 738	29 318	32 161	124 831	9.7%	4.6%	1.0%
– private	26 438	25 419	27 849	108 084	9.6%	5.3%	0.6%
– public	4 300	3 899	4 312	16 747	10.6%	0.3%	3.6%
Seasonally adjusted	30 147	31 445	31 529	124 884	0.3%	4.6%	
Trend	30 697	31 342	31 537	124 635	0.6%	2.7%	

Table 2: Building work yet to be done (\$M, current prices)

	Period			Change	
	Jun qtr 22	Mar qtr 23	Jun qtr 23	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Total building	835	1 078	1 629	51.1%	94.9%
– non-residential	659	889	1 443	62.3%	118.8%
– residential	176	189	186	-1.6%	5.7%
Dwellings under construction (number)	688	746	629	-15.7%	-8.6%
Australia					
Total building	101 200	109 086	106 758	-2.1%	5.5%
– non-residential	43 543	47 945	47 132	-1.7%	8.2%
– residential	52 284	55 903	54 341	-2.8%	3.9%

1 Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.

2 Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter last year.

3 Compares the sum of 4 quarters up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 4 quarter period.

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