

# Building activity

## September quarter 2024 | Economic brief

The Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) building activity statistics includes residential and non-residential building work done and commenced, this brief updates preliminary data in the construction work done release.

Value of total building work done	NT	Aust
Change in quarter (trend)	↓1.8%	↑0.3%
Change in quarter (seasonally adjusted)	↓10.6%	↑0.3%
Year-ended change (trend)	↑0.8%	flat
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	↓5.9%	↑0.3%

## Quarterly results

The trend value of total building work done in the Territory declined by 1.8% to \$322 million in the September quarter 2024. Nationally, the trend value of total building work done rose by 0.3% to \$38.4 billion in the quarter.

## Year-ended results

The total trend value of building work done in the Territory increased by 0.8% to \$322 million over the year to the September quarter 2024 (Chart 1).

The Territory recorded the fourth largest increase of 0.8% in the value of building work done of all the jurisdictions over the year, which otherwise ranged from a decline of 8.7% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 3.8% in the Queensland. Nationally, the value of building work done was unchanged over the same period.

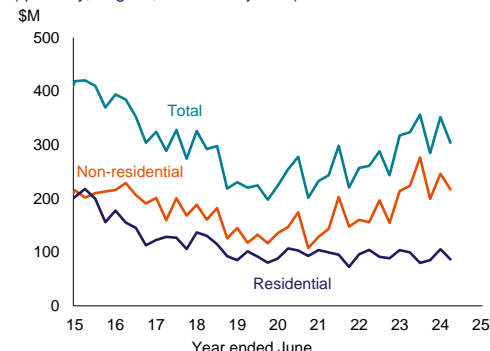
Non-residential building work done (original terms) in the Territory declined by 3.1% to \$217 million over the year, reflecting a decline of 25.2% in private sector work done, partially offset by an increase of 7.8% in public sector work done (Chart 2). Residential building work done declined by 12.9% to \$87 million over the year, reflecting a decrease of 36.6% in private sector activity, partially offset by an increase of 124.6% in public sector activity work done (Chart 3).

Residential building work done comprised an increase of 21.8% in new units to \$9 million, an increase of 14.4% in alterations, additions and conversions to \$33 million and a decline of 29.1% in new houses to \$46 million over the year.

## Building work yet to be done

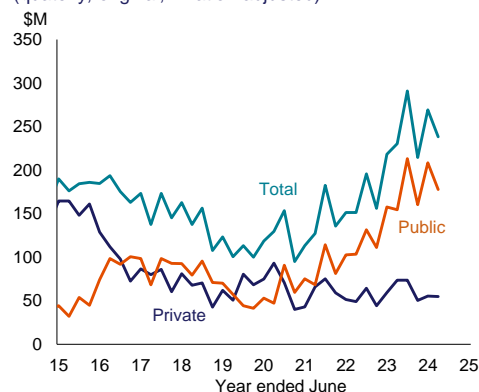
The value of building work yet to be done in the Territory declined by 11.5% to \$1.2 billion over the year to September quarter 2024. This reflects a decline of 11.9% in non-residential work yet to be done to \$1 billion and a decline of 8.2% in residential work yet to be done to \$153 million. Nationally, the value of building work yet to be done rose by 4.6% to \$112.6 billion over the same period.

Chart 1: Territory building work done (quarterly, original, inflation adjusted)



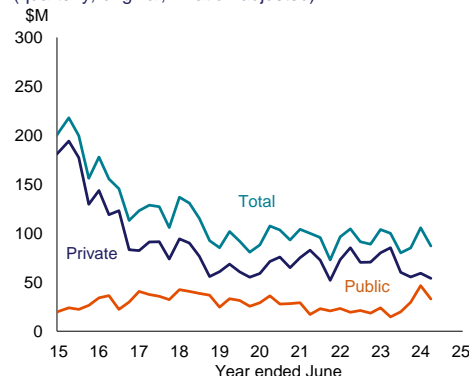
Source: DTF, ABS Cat. No. 8752.0

Chart 2: Territory non-residential work done (quarterly, original, inflation adjusted)



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

Chart 3: Territory residential work done (quarterly, original, inflation adjusted)



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

	Period				Change		
	Sep qtr 23	Jun qtr 24	Sep qtr 24	Year to date	Quarterly <sup>1</sup>	Year-ended <sup>2</sup>	Year-average <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>							
Total building	324	352	304	1 297	n.p	-6.1%	10.6%
- private	159	115	109	464	n.p	-31.3%	-15.4%
- public	165	237	195	834	n.p	18.2%	33.2%
Seasonally adjusted	326	343	307	1 298	-10.6%	-5.9%	
Trend	319	328	322	1 308	-1.8%	0.8%	
<b>Non-residential building</b>							
Total building	224	246	217	939	n.p	-3.1%	19.0%
- private	74	55	55	235	n.p	-25.2%	-2.9%
- public	150	191	162	705	n.p	7.8%	28.7%
<b>Residential building</b>							
Total building	100	106	87	358	n.p	-12.9%	-6.9%
- private	85	59	54	229	n.p	-36.6%	-25.2%
- public	15	47	33	129	n.p	124.6%	65.0%
by type							
- new houses	64	53	46	195	n.p	-29.1%	-19.1%
- new units	7	7	9	24	n.p	21.8%	-20.1%
- alterations & additions	28	45	33	139	n.p	14.4%	22.9%
<b>Australia</b>							
Total building	39 674	39 206	39 838	153 305	n.p	0.4%	1.1%
- private	34 578	34 117	34 658	133 237	n.p	0.2%	1.0%
- public	5 097	5 088	5 180	20 068	n.p	1.6%	1.4%
Seasonally adjusted	38 363	38 351	38 485	153 276	0.3%	0.3%	
Trend	38 403	38 279	38 388	153 221	0.3%	0.0%	

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

	Period			Change	
	Sep qtr 23	Jun qtr 24	Sep qtr 24	Quarterly <sup>1</sup>	Year-ended <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
Total building	1 321	1 272	1 169	n.p	-11.5%
- non-residential	1 154	1 090	1 016	n.p	-11.9%
- residential	167	182	153	n.p	-8.2%
Dwellings under construction (number)	530	515	466	n.p	-12.1%
<b>Australia</b>					
Total building	107 652	107 691	112 565	n.p	4.6%
- non-residential	49 306	47 365	51 764	n.p	5.0%
- residential	53 124	54 855	55 227	n.p	4.0%

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.

n.p: not published

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Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 8752.0, 8782.065.001

Term	Definition
Building	A rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof.
Residential building	Buildings that contain one or more dwellings, intended for the provision of long-term accommodation.
Non-residential building	Building either classified as a commercial building, industrial building and other non-residential building.

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