

Building activity

June quarter 2025 | 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
Quarterly change (trend)	↑5.7%	↑0.2%
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑3.0%	↓0.3%
Year-ended change (trend)	↑6.4%	↑1.5%
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	↑2.2%	↑1.1%

Quarterly results

The trend value of total building work done in the Territory rose by 5.7% to \$348 million in the June quarter 2025. Nationally, the trend value of total building work done rose by 0.2% to \$39 billion in the quarter.

Year ended results

The total trend value of building work done in the Territory increased by 6.4% over the year to the June quarter 2025.

The Territory recorded the third largest increase in the value of building work done of all the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decline of 8.3% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 16.5% in Western Australia. Nationally, the value of building work done rose by 1.5% over the same period.

Non-residential building work done in the Territory rose by 8.0% to \$266 million (Chart 1), reflecting an increase of 29.6% in private sector work done and an increase of 1.7% in public sector work done (Chart 2). Residential building work done declined by 9.9% to \$95 million, reflecting a decline of 44.2% in public sector activity, partially offset by an increase of 17.1% in private sector activity work done (Chart 3).

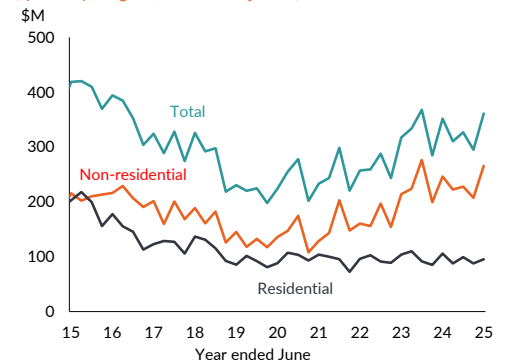
Residential building work done comprised an increase of 14.7% in new units to \$9 million, a decline of 0.1% in new houses to \$53 million and a decline of 25.6% in alterations, additions and conversions to \$33 million.

The total value of building activity in the Territory was \$1.3 billion in the year to the June quarter 2025.

Building work yet to be done

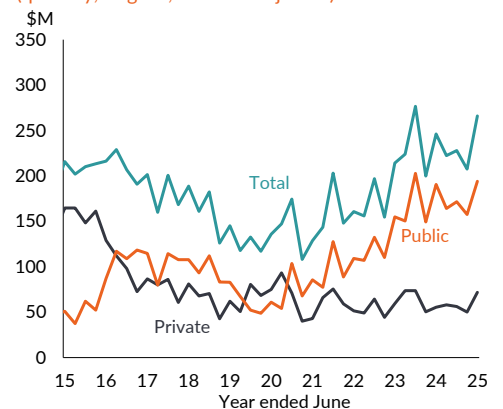
The value of building work yet to be done in the Territory rose by 31.5% to \$1.7 billion over the year to June quarter 2025. This reflects an increase of 38.8% in non-residential work yet to be done to \$1.5 billion, which is partly offset by a decline of 13.8% in residential work yet to be done to \$152 million. Nationally, the value of building work yet to be done rose by 17.8% to \$127.2 billion over the same period.

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



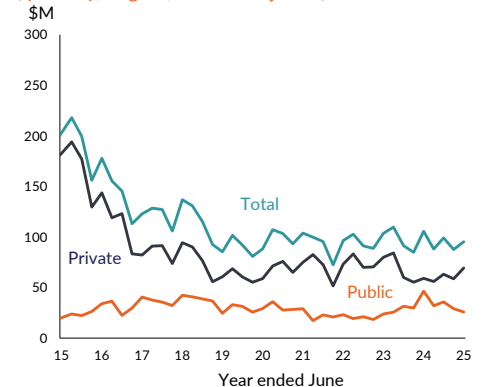
Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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

	Period				Change		
	Jun qtr 24	Mar qtr 25	Jun qtr 25	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Total building	352	295	361	1 294	n.p	2.6%	-3.3%
- private	115	109	141	484	n.p	23.2%	-5.5%
- public	237	186	220	810	n.p	-7.3%	-2.0%
Seasonally adjusted	344	341	351	1 300	3.0%	2.2%	
Trend	327	329	348	1 308	5.7%	6.4%	
Non-residential building							
Total building	246	208	266	924	n.p	8.0%	-2.4%
- private	55	50	72	236	n.p	29.6%	-6.6%
- public	191	157	194	687	n.p	1.7%	-0.9%
Residential building							
Total building	106	88	95	370	n.p	-9.9%	-5.6%
- private	59	59	69	247	n.p	17.1%	-4.5%
- public	47	29	26	123	n.p	-44.2%	-7.9%
by type							
- new houses	53	55	53	208	n.p	-0.1%	-8.3%
- new units	7	4	9	30	n.p	14.7%	17.0%
- alterations & additions	45	28	33	132	n.p	-25.6%	-5.5%
Australia							
Total building	39 263	36 429	39 734	155 232	n.p	1.2%	1.1%
- private	34 135	31 854	34 296	134 685	n.p	0.5%	1.1%
- public	5 128	4 576	5 438	20 547	n.p	6.1%	1.5%
Seasonally adjusted	38 460	39 005	38 881	155 239	-0.3%	1.1%	
Trend	38 389	38 880	38 957	155 198	0.2%	1.5%	

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

	Period			Change	
	Jun qtr 24	Mar qtr 25	Jun qtr 25	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²
Northern Territory					
Total building	1 267	1 330	1 665	n.p	31.5%
- non-residential	1 090	1 162	1 513	n.p	38.8%
- residential	177	169	152	n.p	-13.8%
Dwellings under construction (number)	485	503	532	n.p	9.7%
Australia					
Total building	107 925	124 062	127 181	n.p	17.8%
- non-residential	47 543	57 621	60 485	n.p	27.2%
- residential	54 915	60 061	60 358	n.p	9.9%

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.

n.p: not published

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Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS, *Building Activity, Australia*

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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