

State final demand

March quarter 2023 | Economic brief

State final demand	NT	Aust
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	↓0.4%	↑0.6%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑1.3%	↑2.2%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑2.7%	↑4.1%

Quarterly results

In the March quarter 2023, the Territory state final demand (SFD) decreased by 0.4% to \$7.1 billion, following an increase of 0.4% in the previous quarter. Note that the previous quarter has been revised up from a decrease of 0.5% that was previously reported in the December quarter 2022 release.

Consumption increased by 0.2% to \$5.3 billion, with a 0.7% decrease in household consumption. Public consumption increased by 1.2% in the quarter due to a 1.8% increase in state and local government expenditure, reflecting strength in non-employee related expenses, including flooding support.

Investment decreased by 2.3% to \$1.7 billion with a 4.7% decrease in private investment reflecting a 5.8% decrease in business investment. The fall in business investment was driven by a decrease in new engineering construction due to reduced mining investment. Public investment increased by 4.9%.

The Territory reported the weakest result in SFD of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decrease of 0.2% in Tasmania to an increase of 0.8% in Western Australia. National domestic final demand increased by 0.6%.

Year-on-year results

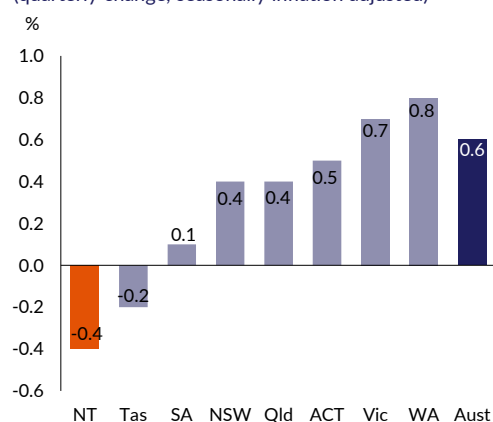
In the year to March 2023, the Territory SFD increased by 2.7% (Chart 2) to \$28.2 billion, the second weakest result of the jurisdictions. The SFD result in other jurisdictions ranged from an increase of 1.1% in Tasmania to an increase of 5.0% in Victoria.

Private investment increased by 7.9% to \$5.1 billion, reflecting a 9.6% increase in business investment (Chart 3) and a 2.6% increase in dwelling investment.

Public investment increased by 14.3% to \$1.8 billion, reflecting an increase in general government investment by 12.1% and an increase in public corporations investment by 27.5%.

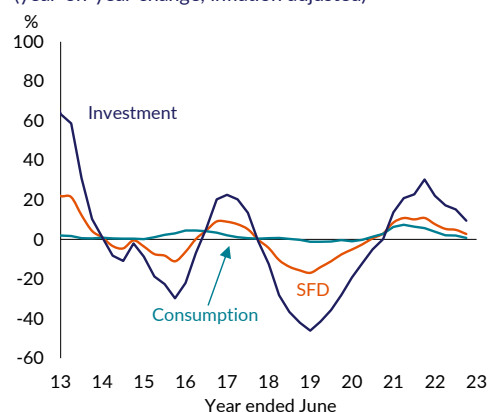
Public consumption increased by 2.3% to \$10.1 billion, reflecting an increase in national government consumption by 4.5% and an increase in state and local government consumption by 0.6%.

Chart 1: State final demand (quarterly change, seasonally inflation adjusted)



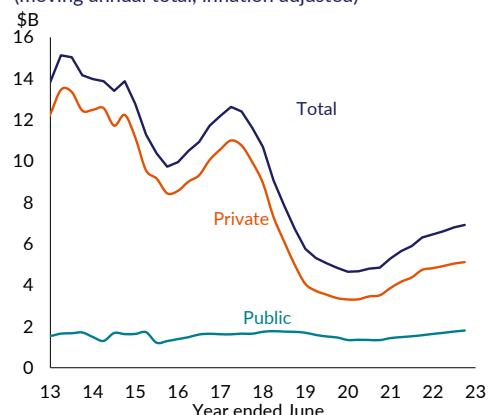
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 5206.0

Chart 2: Territory state final demand (year-on-year change, inflation adjusted)



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Chart 3: Territory investment (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



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Table 1: State final demand (\$M, original, inflation adjusted)

	Period				Change (%)		
	Mar qtr 22	Dec qtr 22	Mar qtr 23	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory (original)							
State final demand	6 629	7 189	6 708	28 186	-6.7	1.2	2.7
Consumption	5 165	5 334	5 125	21 269	-3.9	-0.8	0.8
– household	2 618	2 845	2 607	11 130	-8.4	-0.4	-0.6
– public	2 547	2 489	2 518	10 139	1.2	-1.1	2.3
Investment	1 464	1 854	1 583	6 917	-14.6	8.1	9.5
– private	1 124	1 376	1 195	5 114	-13.2	6.3	7.9
– business investment	941	1 156	1 014	4 215	-12.3	7.8	9.6
– dwellings investment	125	162	133	665	-17.9	6.4	2.6
– ownership transfer costs	58	59	48	234	-18.6	-17.2	-5.3
– public	340	478	388	1 803	-18.8	14.1	14.3

Table 2: State final demand (\$M, seasonally adjusted and trend, inflation adjusted)

	Period				Change (%)		Contribution (ppt.)
	Mar qtr 22	Dec qtr 22	Mar qtr 23	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Annual ⁴
Northern Territory (seasonally adjusted)							
State final demand	6 994	7 112	7 084	28 193	-0.4	1.3	1.3
Consumption	5 382	5 336	5 348	21 266	0.2	-0.6	-0.5
– household	2 774	2 795	2 776	11 140	-0.7	0.1	0.0
– public	2 608	2 541	2 572	10 126	1.2	-1.4	-0.5
Investment	1 611	1 777	1 736	6 928	-2.3	7.8	1.8
– private	1 198	1 330	1 267	5 113	-4.7	5.8	1.0
– business investment	987	1 122	1 057	4 218	-5.8	7.1	1.0
– dwellings investment	150	156	159	660	1.9	6.0	0.1
– ownership transfer costs	61	51	51	235	0.0	-16.4	-0.1
– public	413	447	469	1 815	4.9	13.6	0.8
Northern Territory (trend)							
– trend series suspended from the March 2020 release							

ppt: percentage points;

1 Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.

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

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

4 Annual percentage point contribution.

Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

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