

# Construction work done

## June quarter 2023 | Economic brief

The ABS advises lower survey response rates due to COVID-19 has not significantly impacted the quality of the estimates in the publication. More detailed construction information will be available in the building activity and engineering construction activity, June quarter 2023 releases.

Construction work done	NT	Aust
Change in the quarter (trend)	↑0.8%	↑1.6%
Annual change (trend)	↑4.7%	↑8.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑2.1%	↑5.7%

In the June quarter 2023, trend construction work done in the Territory increased by 0.8% to \$746 million. This was due to an increase of 6.7% in building work done to \$260 million, partly offset by a decrease of 2.1% in engineering work done to \$486 million. Nationally, the value of construction work done increased by 1.6%.

In 2022-23, the value of construction work done in the Territory was \$2.9 billion (Chart 1), an increase of 2.1% compared with the previous year, and the fourth weakest result of the jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions ranged from a decrease of 0.2% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 9.1% in Western Australia (Chart 2). Nationally, the value of total construction work done increased by 5.7% in the year.

## Engineering work done

In 2022-23, the value of engineering work done in the Territory decreased by 0.5% to \$2.0 billion. The Territory experienced a period of very significant engineering construction activity from 2013 to 2018 associated with the globally significant Ichthys LNG project. Given that the Territory is a small open economy, major projects have a very large impact on headline construction indicators.

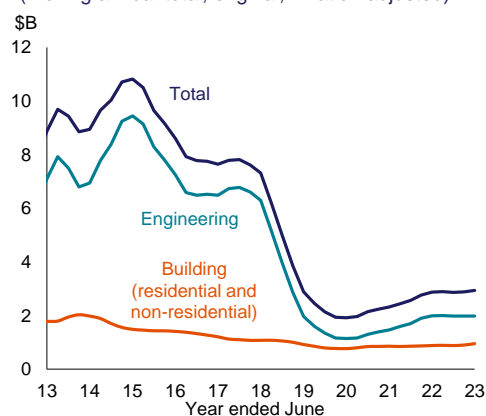
## Residential building work done

In 2022-23, the value of residential building work done in the Territory increased by 3.9% to \$339 million. This reflects an increase of 9.5% in new units and townhouses (new other residential), an increase of 7.3% in new houses, partly offset by a decrease of 3.2% in alterations and additions.

## Non-residential building work done

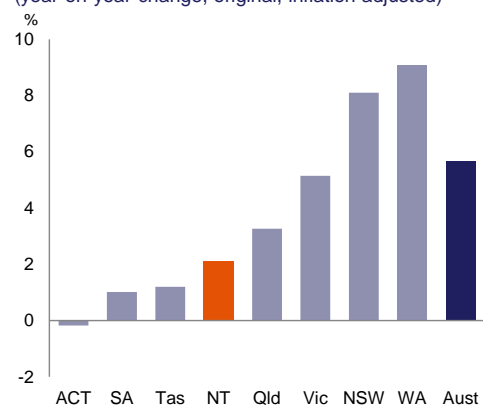
In 2022-23, the value of non-residential building work done in the Territory increased by 10.3% to \$614 million (Chart 3). This reflects an increase of 27.5% in public sector work done to \$425 million, partly offset by a decrease of 15.4% in private sector work done to \$189 million.

Chart 1: Territory construction (moving annual total, original, inflation adjusted)



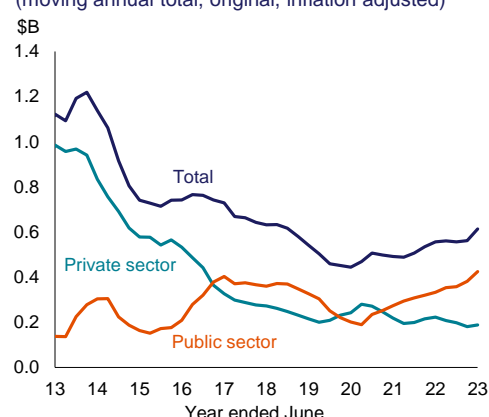
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Chart 2: Construction work done (year-on-year change, original, inflation adjusted)



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Chart 3: Territory non-residential building (moving annual total, original, inflation adjusted)



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

	Period				Change		
	Jun qtr 22	Mar qtr 23	Jun qtr 23	Year to date	Quarterly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>							
<b>Total construction</b>							
Original	708	689	755	2 935	9.6%	6.7%	2.1%
Seasonally adjusted	708	719	755	2 938	5.0%	6.6%	
Trend	712	740	746	2 932	0.8%	4.7%	
<b>Building</b>							
Original	221	208	271	953	30.1%	22.7%	7.9%
Residential	86	79	84	339	6.5%	-2.0%	3.9%
– new houses	48	51	52	199	1.9%	7.5%	7.3%
– new other residential	4	7	8	31	2.8%	74.9%	9.5%
– alterations and additions	33	21	25	109	19.4%	-26.0%	-3.2%
Non-residential	135	129	187	614	44.5%	38.6%	10.3%
– public sector	89	94	133	425	41.6%	49.4%	27.5%
– private sector	45	35	53	189	52.3%	17.3%	-15.4%
Seasonally adjusted	221	239	271	956	13.5%	22.6%	
Trend	220	244	260	952	6.7%	18.2%	
<b>Engineering</b>							
Original	487	481	484	1 982	0.8%	-0.6%	-0.5%
Seasonally adjusted	487	481	484	1 982	0.8%	-0.6%	
Trend	492	496	486	1 980	-2.1%	-1.4%	
<b>Australia</b>							
<b>Total construction</b>							
Original	56 265	54 770	61 559	230 478	12.4%	9.4%	5.7%
Seasonally adjusted	54 001	58 757	59 011	230 531	0.4%	9.3%	
Trend	54 787	58 254	59 214	230 090	1.6%	8.1%	

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.

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