

Construction work done

June quarter 2026 | Economic brief

In seasonally adjusted terms, construction work done increased by 2.7% to \$791 million in the June quarter 2026. In trend terms, construction work done in the Territory declined by 6.2% to \$758 million. This was due to a decline of 9.6% in engineering work done to \$396 million, and a decline of 2.1% in building work done to \$362 million (Chart 1). Nationally, the value of construction work done increased by 0.7%. In year-ended terms, the value of construction work done in the Territory declined by 25.7%, the weakest result of the jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions ranged from a decline of 8.8% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 19.5% in Western Australia (Chart 2). Nationally, the value of total construction work done increased by 4.5% in year-ended terms.

Engineering work done

In seasonally adjusted terms, the value of engineering work done in the Territory increased by 8.4% to \$426 million in the June quarter 2026. In trend terms, the value of engineering work done in the Territory declined by 9.6% to \$396 million in the June quarter 2026.

The Territory experienced a period of very significant engineering construction activity from 2013 to 2018 associated with the globally significant Ichthys LNG project and more recently the Barossa project. Given that the Territory is a small open economy, major projects have a very large impact on headline construction indicators.

Building work done

The trend value of building work done in the Territory declined by 2.1% to \$362 million in the June quarter 2026 and declined by 9.8% in year-ended terms.

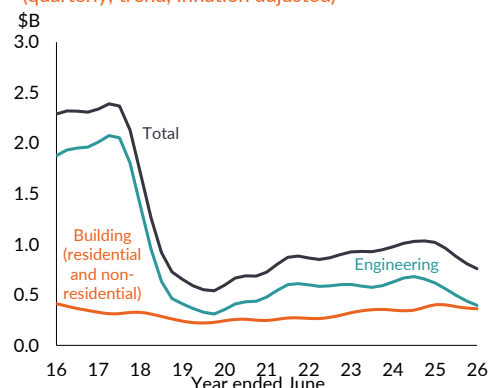
Residential building work done

In year-ended terms, the original value of residential building work done increased by 3.1% to \$133 million in the June quarter 2026 (Chart 3). This reflects an increase of 4.4% in new houses and an increase of 2.7% in alterations and additions, partly offset by a decline of 5.3% in new units and townhouses (new other residential).

Non-residential building work done

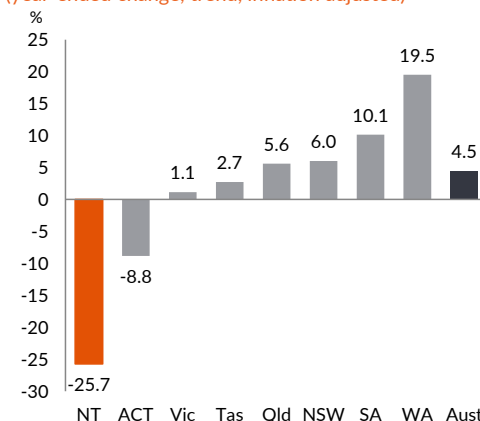
In year-ended terms, the original value of non-residential building work done in the Territory declined by 14.4% to \$243 million in the June quarter 2026. This reflects an increase of 10.9% in private sector work done to \$86 million, partly offset by a decline of 24.0% in public sector work done to \$157 million.

Chart 1: Territory construction work done (quarterly, trend, inflation adjusted)



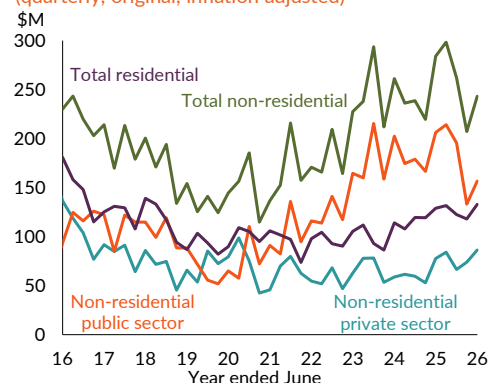
Source: ABS, Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary; DTF

Chart 2: Construction work done (year-ended change, trend, inflation adjusted)



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



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

	Period				Change		
	Jun qtr 25	Mar qtr 26	Jun qtr 26	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Total construction							
Original	4 256	669	802	3 420	n.p.	-81.2%	
Seasonally adjusted	4 240	770	791	3 426	2.7%	-81.3%	
Trend	1 021	808	758	3 405	-6.2%	-25.7%	
Building							
Original	413	325	376	1 516	n.p.	-9.0%	4.2%
Residential	129	118	133	505	n.p.	3.1%	6.2%
– new houses	84	70	87	328	n.p.	4.4%	10.2%
– new other residential	11	13	10	43	n.p.	-5.3%	-2.2%
– alterations and additions	35	35	36	134	n.p.	2.7%	0.1%
Non-residential	284	207	243	1 011	n.p.	-14.4%	3.3%
– public sector	206	133	157	700	n.p.	-24.0%	-3.7%
– private sector	78	74	86	311	n.p.	10.9%	23.4%
Seasonally adjusted	398	377	365	1 523	-3.2%	-8.3%	
Trend	401	370	362	1 516	-2.1%	-9.8%	
Engineering							
Original	3 843	344	425	1 903	n.p.	-88.9%	-67.5%
Seasonally adjusted	3 841	393	426	1 903	8.4%	-88.9%	
Trend	619	438	396	1 889	-9.6%	-36.0%	
Australia							
Total construction							
Original	83 172	78 152	85 341	327 924	n.p.	2.6%	4.2%
Seasonally adjusted	80 313	84 281	82 516	328 048	-2.1%	2.7%	
Trend	78 464	81 406	81 966	323 333	0.7%	4.5%	

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.

Caution is advised when using original quarterly data for the Territory, which is often derived from small samples and highly volatile.

n.p.: not published

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS, *Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary*

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.
Commercial building	Buildings primarily occupied with or engaged in commercial trade or work intended for commercial trade, including buildings used primarily for retail and wholesale trade, office and transport activities.
Industrial building	Buildings used for warehousing, primary production and the production and assembly activities of industrial or manufacturing processes.
Other non-residential building	Non-residential buildings for the provision of education, religious worship or other religious activities, aged and health care, recreation, entertainment, or commercial temporary accommodation.
Engineering construction	Any construction that does not have a roof.

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[Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary | Australian Bureau of Statistics \(abs.gov.au\)](#)

This release includes preliminary estimates of the value of construction work down. More detailed construction information will be available in the building activity and engineering construction activity, June quarter 2024 releases.

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