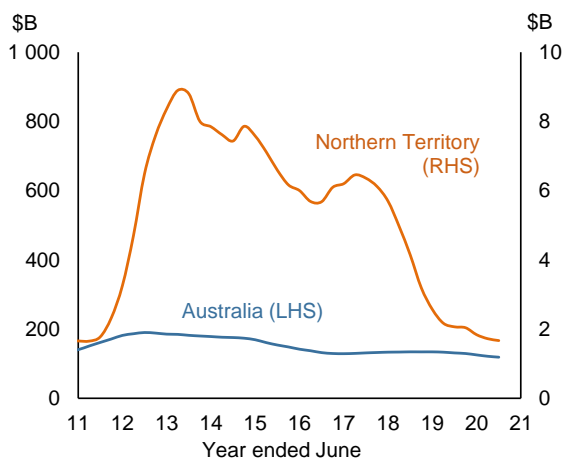


Private new capital expenditure

December quarter 2020

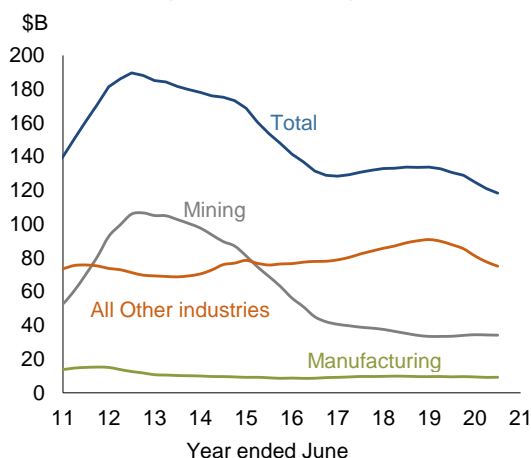
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Chart 1: Private new capital expenditure (moving annual total, original, inflation adjusted)



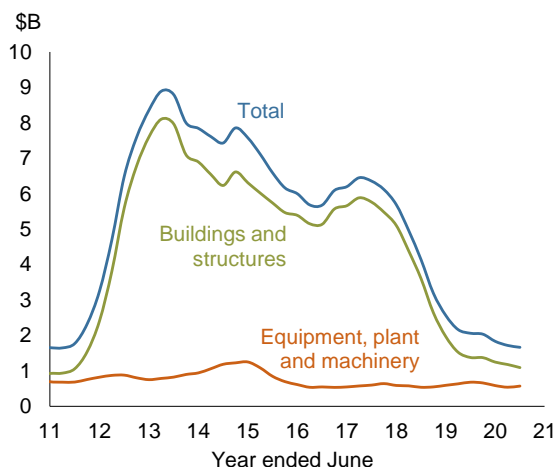
Source: ABS Cat. No.5625.0

Chart 2: New capital expenditure by industry, Australia (moving annual total, original)



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Chart 3: Territory new capital expenditure (moving annual total, original, inflation adjusted)



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Private new capital expenditure

Private new capital expenditure	NT	Aust
Change in quarter (seasonally adjusted)	▲32.2%	▲3.0%
Year-on-year change (original)	▼19.3%	▼9.4%

Private new capital expenditure in the Territory increased by 32.2 per cent to \$476 million in the December quarter 2020 in seasonally adjusted terms. The increase reflects a 20.1 per cent increase in expenditure on buildings and structures and a 53.8 per cent increase in expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery.

The Territory reported the largest increase in private new capital expenditure of the jurisdictions in the quarter. Other jurisdictions reported changes ranging from a 10.4 per cent decline in the Australian Capital Territory to a 17.2 per cent increase in Tasmania. Nationally, seasonally adjusted private new capital expenditure increased by 3.0 per cent.

In 2020, private new capital expenditure in the Territory decreased by 19.3 per cent to \$1.7 billion (Chart 1). The Territory recorded the largest decline of the jurisdictions, with Western Australia experiencing the only increase (up by 7.5 per cent).

Nationally, private new capital expenditure decreased by 9.4 per cent to \$118 billion in year-on-year terms. On an industry basis, other industries was the main contributor to the decrease in national private new capital expenditure, down by 14.5 per cent to \$75.0 billion (Chart 2).

Buildings and structures

In the December quarter 2020, the seasonally adjusted value of private new capital expenditure on buildings and structures in the Territory increased by 20.1 per cent to \$275 million.

In 2020, private new capital expenditure on buildings and structures in the Territory decreased by 20.6 per cent to \$1.1 billion (Chart 3).

Equipment, plant and machinery

In the December quarter 2020, the seasonally adjusted value of private new capital expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery in the Territory increased by 53.8 per cent to \$200 million.

In 2020, private new capital expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery in the Territory decreased by 16.2 per cent to \$569 million, below the 10-year annual average level of \$734 million.

Private new capital expenditure December quarter 2020

Table 1: Private new capital expenditure (inflation adjusted)

	Period				Change		
	Dec qtr 19	Sep qtr 20	Dec qtr 20	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory							
Value (\$M)							
Original	538	356	484	1 664	36.0%	-10.0%	-19.3%
– buildings and structures	362	229	275	1 096	20.1%	-24.0%	-20.6%
– equipment, plant and machinery	177	127	209	569	64.6%	18.1%	-16.2%
Seasonally adjusted	531	360	476	1 662	32.2%	-10.4%	
– buildings and structures	362	229	275	1 096	20.1%	-24.0%	
– equipment, plant and machinery	169	130	200	565	53.8%	18.3%	
Trend							
– trend series suspended from the March 2020 release							
Australia							
Value (\$M)							
Original	34 443	27 548	31 787	118 302	15.4%	-7.7%	-9.4%
– buildings and structures	18 484	15 036	16 699	63 418	11.1%	-9.7%	-10.1%
– equipment, plant and machinery	15 959	12 512	15 088	54 883	20.6%	-5.5%	-8.6%
Seasonally adjusted	31 751	28 522	29 385	118 480	3.0%	-7.5%	
– buildings and structures	17 063	15 351	15 461	63 543	0.7%	-9.4%	
– equipment, plant and machinery	14 687	13 171	13 924	54 937	5.7%	-5.2%	
Trend							
– trend series suspended from the March 2020 release							

1 Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.

2 Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter in the previous year.

3 Compares the year up to and including the latest quarter with the previous year.

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

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The private new capital expenditure release is a measure of estimated capital expenditure by private businesses in selected industries. Due to the relatively small size of the Northern Territory economy, large investment projects can have a substantial impact on private new capital expenditure levels. Data is available for the Territory by asset type ('buildings and structures', and 'machinery, plant and equipment'). The ABS only reports data by industry at the national level and jurisdictional level except for the Territory and the Australian Capital Territory

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