

Construction work done

December quarter 2022 | 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, December quarter 2022 releases.

Construction work done	NT	Aust
Change in the quarter (trend)	↓2.8%	↑0.9%
Annual change (trend)	↓11.9%	↑1.5%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑5.6%	↑0.7%

In the December quarter 2022, trend construction work done in the Territory decreased by 2.8% to \$649 million. This was due to a decrease of 4.4% in engineering work done to \$429 million, partly offset by an increase of 0.3% in building work done to \$220 million. Nationally, the value of construction work done increased by 0.9%.

In 2022, the value of construction work done in the Territory was \$2.7 billion (Chart 1), an increase of 5.6% compared with the previous year, and the strongest result of the jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions ranged from a decrease of 2.2% in Western Australia to an increase of 4.6% in Victoria (Chart 2). Nationally, the value of total construction work done increased by 0.7% in the year.

Engineering work done

In 2022, the value of engineering work done in the Territory increased by 7.5% to \$1.8 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.

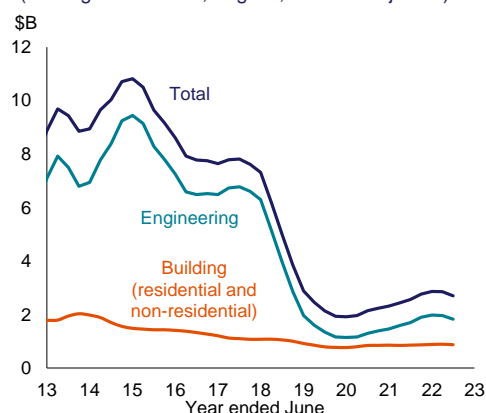
Residential building work done

In 2022, the value of residential building work done in the Territory decreased by 6.3% to \$329 million. This reflects a decrease of 26.4% in new units and townhouses (new other residential), a decrease of 9.3% in new houses, partly offset by an increase of 5.3% in alterations and additions.

Non-residential building work done

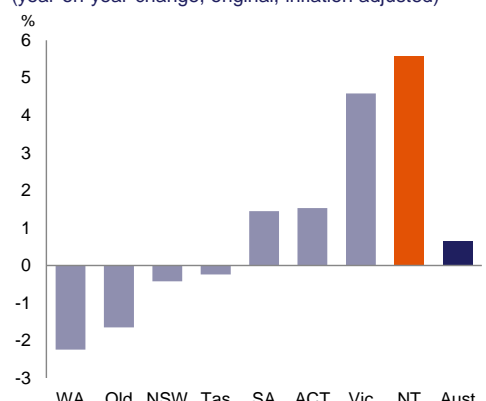
In 2022, the value of non-residential building work done in the Territory increased by 7.5% to \$545 million (Chart 3). This reflects an increase of 15.4% in public sector work done to \$355 million, partly offset by a decrease of 4.7% in private sector work done to \$189 million.

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



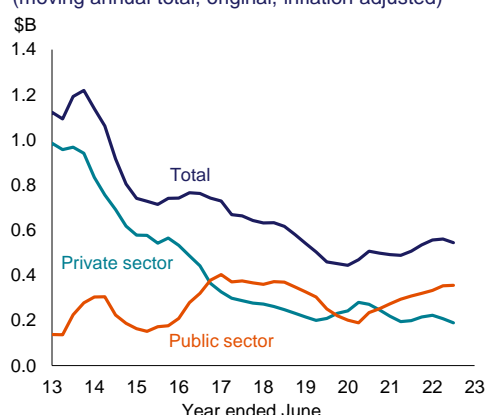
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 8755.0

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		
	Dec qtr 21	Sep qtr 22	Dec qtr 22	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory							
Total construction							
Original	807	682	657	2 705	-3.7%	-18.6%	5.6%
Seasonally adjusted	783	679	635	2 707	-6.5%	-18.9%	
Trend	737	668	649	2 745	-2.8%	-11.9%	
Building							
Original							
Residential	86	94	84	329	-9.8%	-1.3%	-6.3%
– new houses	41	48	48	182	0.3%	18.3%	-9.3%
– new other residential	11	9	6	27	-40.3%	-46.9%	-26.4%
– alterations and additions	34	36	30	121	-15.5%	-10.7%	5.3%
Non-residential	172	131	155	545	18.3%	-9.6%	7.5%
– public sector	105	88	107	355	22.2%	2.0%	15.4%
– private sector	67	44	48	189	10.3%	-27.9%	-4.7%
Seasonally adjusted	233	222	218	876	-1.6%	-6.6%	
Trend	222	220	220	884	0.3%	-0.7%	
Engineering							
Original	550	457	417	1 831	-8.8%	-24.2%	7.5%
Seasonally adjusted	550	457	417	1 831	-8.8%	-24.2%	
Trend	515	449	429	1 861	-4.4%	-16.7%	
Australia							
Total construction							
Original	55 878	56 124	56 416	218 971	0.5%	1.0%	0.7%
Seasonally adjusted	54 700	55 512	55 272	219 004	-0.4%	1.0%	
Trend	54 544	54 845	55 348	218 988	0.9%	1.5%	

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.

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