

# Construction work done

## September quarter 2023 | Economic brief

This publication contains preliminary estimates of building and engineering construction work done during the current quarter and revised estimates for the previous two quarters. More detailed construction information will be available in the building activity and engineering construction activity, September quarter 2023 releases.

Construction work done	NT	Aust
Change in the quarter (trend)	↑1.4%	↑2.0%
Annual change (trend)	↑7.5%	↑9.9%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑3.8%	↑7.3%

In the September quarter 2023, trend construction work done in the Territory increased by 1.4% to \$807 million. This was due to an increase of 9.2% in building work done to \$309 million, partly offset by a decrease of 2.8% in engineering work done to \$497 million. Nationally, the value of construction work done increased by 2.0%.

In the year to September 2023, the value of construction work done in the Territory was \$3.2 billion (Chart 1), an increase of 3.8% compared with the previous year, and the fourth weakest result of the jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions ranged from a decrease of 3.5% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 13.6% in Western Australia (Chart 2). Nationally, the value of total construction work done increased by 7.3% in the year.

## Engineering work done

In the year to September 2023, the value of engineering work done in the Territory decreased by 1.8% to \$2.1 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.

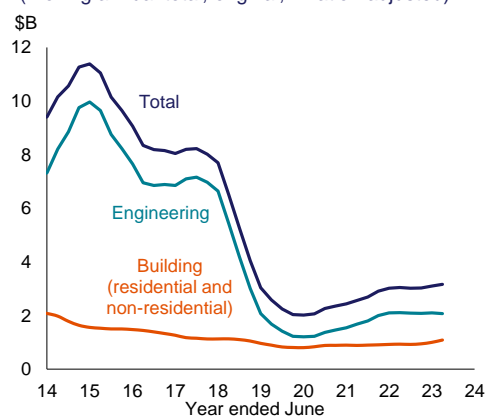
## Residential building work done

In the year to September 2023, the value of residential building work done in the Territory increased by 4.9% to \$369 million. This reflects an increase of 26.0% in new houses, partly offset by a decrease of 18.1% in alterations and additions and a decrease of 21.3% in new units and townhouses (new other residential).

## Non-residential building work done

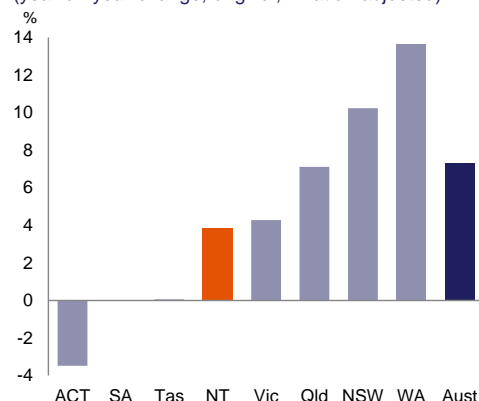
In the year to September 2023, the value of non-residential building work done in the Territory increased by 23.7% to \$718 million (Chart 3). This reflects an increase of 36.7% in public sector work done to \$500 million, and an increase of 1.4% in private sector work done to \$218 million.

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



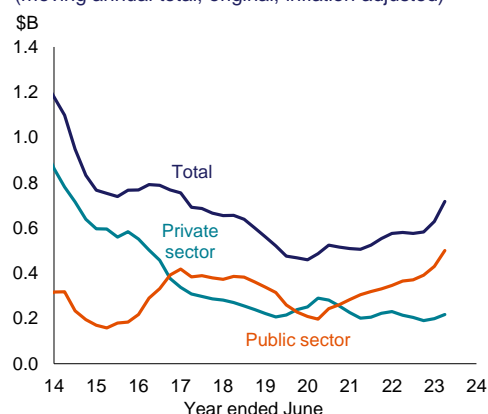
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Chart 2: Construction work done (year-on-year change, original, inflation adjusted)



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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		
	Sep qtr 22	Jun qtr 23	Sep 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	750	815	812	3 163	-0.4%	8.3%	3.8%
Seasonally adjusted	745	815	809	3 164	-0.7%	8.5%	
Trend	750	795	807	3 149	1.4%	7.5%	
<b>Building</b>							
Original	235	286	322	1 086	12.5%	36.9%	16.5%
Residential	100	99	98	369	-1.6%	-1.7%	4.9%
– new houses	51	63	66	234	3.9%	27.6%	26.0%
– new other residential	10	8	5	26	-41.9%	-54.9%	-21.3%
– alterations and additions	38	29	28	109	-2.8%	-27.1%	-18.1%
Non-residential	135	186	224	718	20.0%	65.3%	23.7%
– public sector	91	132	160	500	21.8%	76.6%	36.7%
– private sector	45	55	64	218	15.9%	42.3%	1.4%
Seasonally adjusted	230	285	318	1 087	11.5%	38.1%	
Trend	229	283	309	1 085	9.2%	35.3%	
<b>Engineering</b>							
Original	515	529	491	2 077	-7.3%	-4.7%	-1.8%
Seasonally adjusted	515	530	491	2 077	-7.3%	-4.7%	
Trend	522	512	497	2 064	-2.8%	-4.6%	
<b>Australia</b>							
<b>Total construction</b>							
Original	60 416	66 624	65 519	251 712	-1.7%	8.4%	7.3%
Seasonally adjusted	59 690	63 959	64 769	251 738	1.3%	8.5%	
Trend	59 165	63 786	65 031	251 940	2.0%	9.9%	

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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