

Construction work done

December 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, December quarter 2023 releases.

Construction work done	NT	Aust
Change in the quarter (trend)	↑4.0%	↑1.0%
Annual change (trend)	↑11.4%	↑8.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑7.6%	↑9.0%

In the December quarter 2023, trend construction work done in the Territory increased by 4.0% to \$856 million. This was due to an increase of 5.5% in engineering work done to \$560 million, and an increase of 1.1% in building work done to \$296 million. Nationally, the value of construction work done increased by 1.0%.

In 2023, the value of construction work done in the Territory was \$3.2 billion (Chart 1), an increase of 7.6% compared with the previous year, and the fourth strongest result of the jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions ranged from an increase of 1.5% in South Australia to an increase of 15.0% in Western Australia (Chart 2). Nationally, the value of total construction work done increased by 9.0% in the year.

Engineering work done

In 2023, the value of engineering work done in the Territory increased by 0.9% 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.

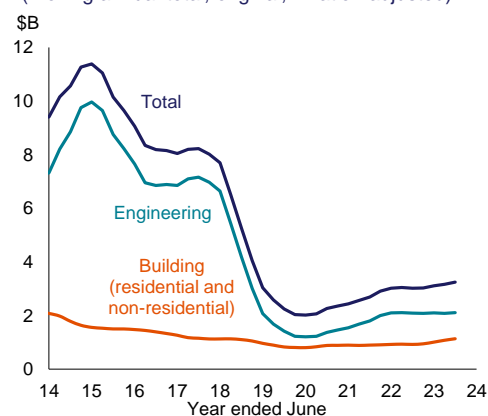
Residential building work done

In 2023, the value of residential building work done in the Territory increased by 2.0% to \$355 million. This reflects an increase of 15.5% in new houses, partly offset by a decrease of 12.4% in new units and townhouses (new other residential) and a decrease of 15.4% in alterations and additions.

Non-residential building work done

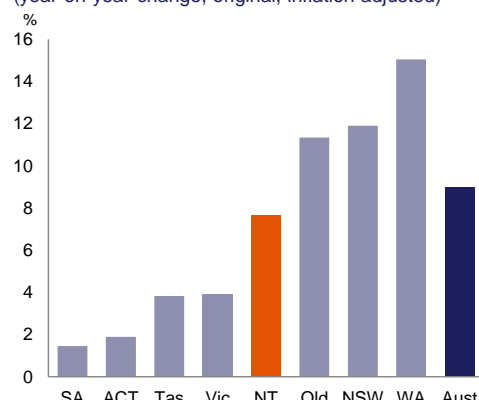
In 2023, the value of non-residential building work done in the Territory increased by 35.5% to \$780 million (Chart 3). This reflects an increase of 49.1% in public sector work done to \$553 million, and an increase of 10.9% in private sector work done to \$227 million.

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



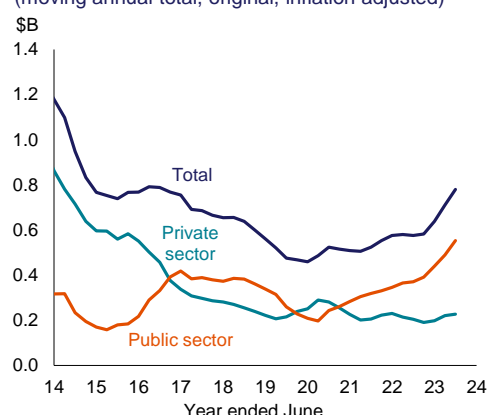
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 8755.0

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 22	Sep qtr 23	Dec qtr 23	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory							
Total construction							
Original	819	804	904	3 248	12.5%	10.4%	7.6%
Seasonally adjusted	797	799	873	3 241	9.2%	9.5%	
Trend	769	823	856	3 255	4.0%	11.4%	
Building							
Original	260	305	317	1 134	3.9%	21.9%	22.9%
Residential	87	97	74	355	-23.5%	-14.7%	2.0%
– new houses	51	63	42	223	-34.1%	-18.2%	15.5%
– new other residential	6	7	3	25	-56.5%	-50.4%	-12.4%
– alterations and additions	30	27	30	107	9.4%	-1.9%	-15.4%
Non-residential	173	208	243	780	16.7%	40.3%	35.5%
– public sector	114	140	178	553	27.3%	56.0%	49.1%
– private sector	59	68	64	227	-5.1%	9.8%	10.9%
Seasonally adjusted	238	300	285	1 126	-5.1%	19.8%	
Trend	238	293	296	1 130	1.1%	24.4%	
Engineering							
Original	559	499	588	2 114	17.8%	5.1%	0.9%
Seasonally adjusted	559	499	588	2 114	17.8%	5.1%	
Trend	530	530	560	2 126	5.5%	5.5%	
Australia							
Total construction							
Original	61 150	65 492	66 493	257 267	1.5%	8.7%	9.0%
Seasonally adjusted	60 195	65 007	65 440	257 244	0.7%	8.7%	
Trend	60 735	64 947	65 629	256 936	1.0%	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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