

Building activity

June quarter 2024 | Economic brief

The Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) building activity statistics includes residential and non-residential building work done and commenced, this brief updates preliminary data in the construction work done release.

Value of total building work done	NT	Aust
Change in quarter (trend)	↑3.7%	↓0.7%
Change in quarter (seasonally adjusted)	↑7.7%	↓0.2%
Year-ended change (trend)	↑13.7%	↓1.0%
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	↑13.8%	↓1.2%

Quarterly results

The trend value of total building work done in the Territory rose by 3.7% to \$321 million in the June quarter 2024. Nationally, the trend value of total building work done declined by 0.7% to \$34 billion in the quarter.

Year-ended results

The total value of building work done in the Territory increased by 13.5% over the year to the June quarter 2024 (Chart 1).

The Territory recorded the largest increase in the value of building work done of all the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decline of 9.1% in Tasmania to an increase of 6.3% in the Australian Capital Territory. Nationally, the value of building work done declined by 1.0% over the same period.

Non-residential building work done in the Territory rose by 18.4% to \$231 million, reflecting an increase of 28.4% in public sector work done, partly offset by a decline of 8.0% in private sector work done (Chart 2). Residential building work done rose by 3.8% to \$103 million, reflecting an increase of 100.5% in public sector activity, partially offset by a decline of 25.0% in private sector activity work done (Chart 3).

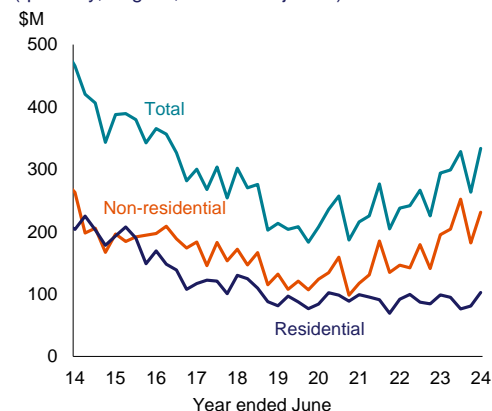
Residential building work done comprised an increase of 54.5% in alterations, additions and conversions to \$44 million, a decline of 17.3% in new houses to \$52 million and a decline of 8.8% in new units to \$7 million.

The total value of building activity in the Territory was \$1.2 billion in 2023-24.

Building work yet to be done

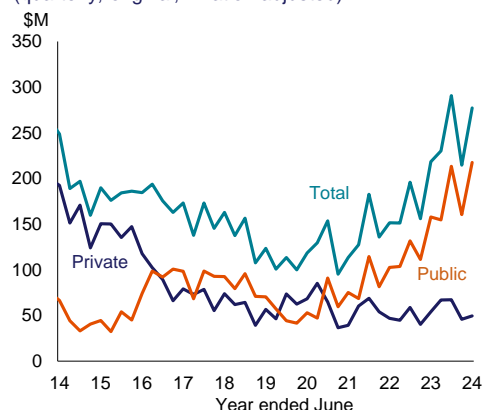
The value of building work yet to be done in the Territory declined by 15.0% to \$1.2 billion over the year to June quarter 2024. This reflects a decline of 17.5% in non-residential work yet to be done to \$1.1 billion, and increase of 2% in residential work yet to be done to \$185 million. Nationally, the value of building work yet to be done declined by 2.6% to \$106.1 billion over the same period.

Chart 1: Territory building work done (quarterly, original, inflation adjusted)



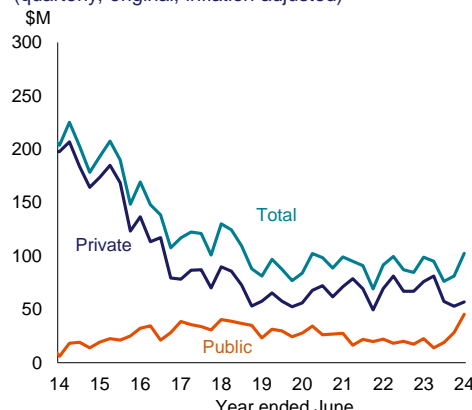
Source: DTF, ABS Cat. No. 8752.0

Chart 2: Territory non-residential work done (quarterly, original, inflation adjusted)



Source: DTF, ABS Cat. No. 8752.0, 8782.065.001

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



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

	Period				Change		
	Jun qtr 23	Mar qtr 24	Jun qtr 24	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Total building	294	263	334	1 225	n.p	13.5%	19.1%
- private	130	99	107	478	n.p	-18.0%	-2.2%
- public	164	165	227	747	n.p	38.4%	38.5%
Seasonally adjusted	289	306	329	1 227	7.7%	13.8%	
Trend	282	309	321	1 224	3.7%	13.7%	
Non-residential building							
Total building	195	182	231	870	n.p	18.4%	32.2%
- private	54	46	50	230	n.p	-8.0%	16.1%
- public	141	136	181	640	n.p	28.4%	39.0%
Residential building							
Total building	99	81	103	355	n.p	3.8%	-4.0%
- private	76	53	57	249	n.p	-25.0%	-14.7%
- public	23	28	46	107	n.p	100.5%	35.4%
by type							
- new houses	63	47	52	205	n.p	-17.3%	-6.7%
- new units	7	4	7	20	n.p	-8.8%	-34.5%
- alterations & additions	28	30	44	129	n.p	54.5%	8.9%
Australia							
Total building	35 218	31 791	34 803	137 277	n.p	-1.2%	1.6%
- private	30 422	27 548	30 126	118 830	n.p	-1.0%	1.7%
- public	4 796	4 243	4 677	18 447	n.p	-2.5%	1.4%
Seasonally adjusted	34 448	34 099	34 029	137 289	-0.2%	-1.2%	
Trend	34 364	34 247	34 017	137 300	-0.7%	-1.0%	

Table 2: Building work yet to be done (\$M, current prices)

	Period			Change	
	Jun qtr 23	Mar qtr 24	Jun qtr 24	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²
Northern Territory					
Total building	1 464	1 067	1 244	n.p	-15.0%
- non-residential	1 283	889	1 059	n.p	-17.5%
- residential	182	178	185	n.p	2.0%
Dwellings under construction (number)	610	456	536	n.p	-12.1%
Australia					
Total building	109 031	108 868	106 142	n.p	-2.6%
- non-residential	48 385	48 834	46 894	n.p	-3.1%
- residential	55 285	54 759	53 940	n.p	-2.4%

1 Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.

2 Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter last year.

3 Compares the sum of 4 quarters up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 4 quarter period.

n.p: not published

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Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 8752.0, 8782.065.001

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.

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