

Building activity

June quarter 2026 | 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
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑1.7%	↑1.1%
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	↓1.7%	↑10.0%
Quarterly change (trend)	↑0.1%	↑1.3%
Year-ended change (trend)	↓5.2%	↑8.8%

Quarterly results

The seasonally adjusted value of total building work done in the Territory increased by 1.7% to \$390 million in the June quarter 2026, and declined by 1.7% in year-ended terms. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted value of total building work done increased by 1.1% to \$45.9 billion in the quarter.

Year-ended results

The total trend value of building work done in the Territory declined by 5.2% in the year-ended June quarter 2026.

The Territory recorded the weakest result in the value of building work done of all the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from an increase of 0.5% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 16.6% in Queensland. Nationally, the value of building work done increased by 8.8% over the same period.

Residential building work done comprised of an increase of 23.2% in new houses to \$103 million, an increase of 29.8% in new units to \$14 million and an increase of 4.3% in alterations, additions and conversions to \$36 million.

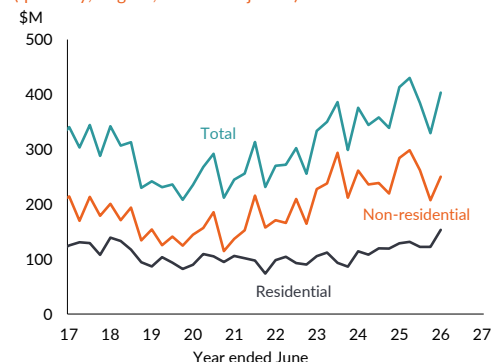
Non-residential building work done in the Territory declined by 11.9% to \$250 million (Chart 1), reflecting a decline of 20.1% in public sector work done, partially offset by an increase of 9.9% in private sector work done (Chart 2). Residential building work done increased by 18.7% to \$153 million, reflecting an increase of 24.3% in private sector activity and an increase of 11.4% in public sector activity work done.

The total value of building activity in the Territory was \$1.5 billion in the year to the June quarter 2026.

Building work yet to be done

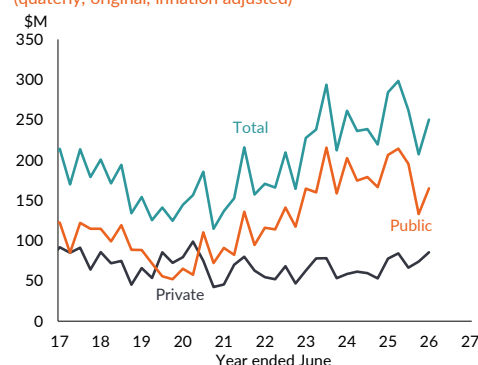
The value of building work yet to be done in the Territory declined by 26.1% to \$1.2 billion in the year-ended June quarter 2026 (Chart 3). This reflects a decline of 33.1% in non-residential work yet to be done to \$929 million, which is partly offset by an increase of 26.4% in residential work yet to be done to \$234 million. Nationally, the value of building work yet to be done increased by 28.4% to \$165.8 billion over the same period.

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



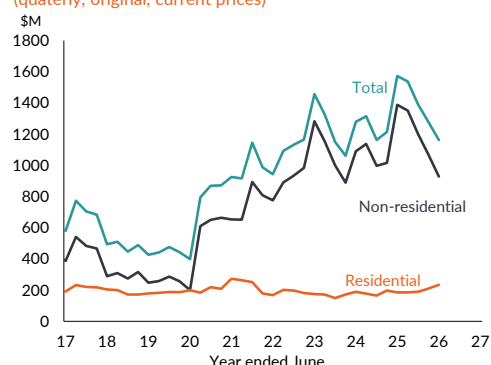
Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

Chart 3: Territory work yet to be done (quarterly, original, current prices)



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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

	Period				Change		
	Jun qtr 25	Mar qtr 26	Jun qtr 26	12 Mths to June	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Total building	413	330	404	1 548	n.p	-2.3%	6.4%
– private	151	150	176	643	n.p	16.9%	26.9%
– public	262	180	227	905	n.p	-13.4%	-4.6%
Seasonally adjusted	397	383	390	1 554	1.7%	-1.7%	
Trend	401	380	380	1 545	0.1%	-5.2%	
Non-residential building							
Total building	284	207	250	1 018	n.p	-11.9%	4.0%
– private	78	74	85	310	n.p	9.9%	23.0%
– public	206	133	165	708	n.p	-20.1%	-2.6%
Residential building							
Total building	129	122	153	530	n.p	18.7%	11.3%
– private	73	76	91	332	n.p	24.3%	30.8%
– public	56	46	62	197	n.p	11.4%	-11.1%
by type							
– new houses	84	74	103	347	n.p	23.2%	16.7%
– new units	11	14	14	47	n.p	29.8%	7.1%
– alterations & additions	35	35	36	135	n.p	4.3%	0.5%
Australia							
Total building	42 485	42 137	46 706	179 269	n.p	9.9%	8.6%
– private	36 690	36 853	40 970	156 608	n.p	11.7%	9.6%
– public	5 796	5 283	5 736	22 662	n.p	-1.0%	2.2%
Seasonally adjusted	41 665	45 320	45 835	179 399	1.1%	10.0%	
Trend	42 180	45 305	45 882	179 000	1.3%	8.8%	

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

	Period			Change	
	Jun qtr 25	Mar qtr 26	Jun qtr 26	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²
Northern Territory					
Total building	1 573	1 279	1 163	n.p	-26.1%
– non-residential	1 388	1 070	929	n.p	-33.1%
– residential	185	209	234	n.p	26.4%
Dwellings under construction (number)	614	682	704	n.p	14.7%
Australia					
Total building	129 148	160 872	165 839	n.p	28.4%
– non-residential	60 915	78 878	81 108	n.p	33.1%
– residential	61 651	74 716	77 155	n.p	25.1%

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, *Building Activity, Australia*

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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The ABS **Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary** publication provides the earliest combined estimate of building and engineering construction activity, while **Building Activity, Australia** and **Engineering Construction Activity, Australia** later provide more detailed results for their respective sectors. The preliminary estimates may be revised as more complete survey information becomes available, so the detailed releases should be used to explain the drivers behind the economy-wide headline.

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