

Construction work done

March 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, March quarter 2023 releases.

Construction work done	NT	Aust
Change in the quarter (trend)	↑0.8%	↑1.9%
Annual change (trend)	↑2.0%	↑5.8%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑5.0%	↑2.4%

In the March quarter 2023, trend construction work done in the Territory increased by 0.8% to \$741 million. This was due to an increase of 2.1% in building work done to \$234 million, and an increase of 0.2% in engineering work done to \$507 million. Nationally, the value of construction work done increased by 1.9%.

In the year to March 2023, the value of construction work done in the Territory was \$2.9 billion (Chart 1), an increase of 5.0% compared with the previous year, and the strongest result of the jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions ranged from a decrease of 4.8% in Tasmania to an increase of 4.6% in New South Wales (Chart 2). Nationally, the value of total construction work done increased by 2.4% in the year.

Engineering work done

In the year to March 2023, the value of engineering work done in the Territory increased by 5.2% to \$2.0 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.

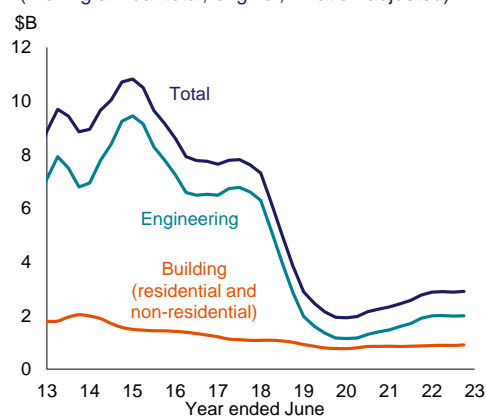
Residential building work done

In the year to March 2023, the value of residential building work done in the Territory decreased by 0.5% to \$332 million. This reflects a decrease of 27.8% in new units and townhouses (new other residential), and a decrease of 2.3% in new houses, partly offset by an increase of 12.7% in alterations and additions.

Non-residential building work done

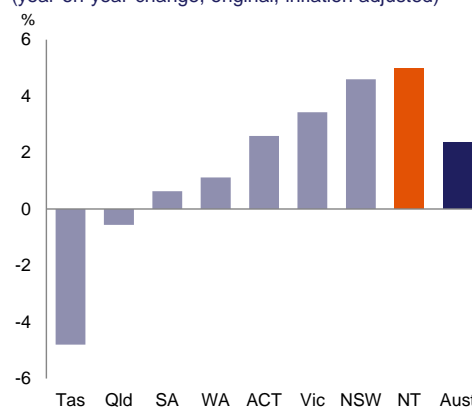
In the year to March 2023, the value of non-residential building work done in the Territory increased by 7.7% to \$576 million (Chart 3). This reflects an increase of 22.8% in public sector work done to \$392 million, partly offset by a decrease of 14.6% in private sector work done to \$184 million.

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



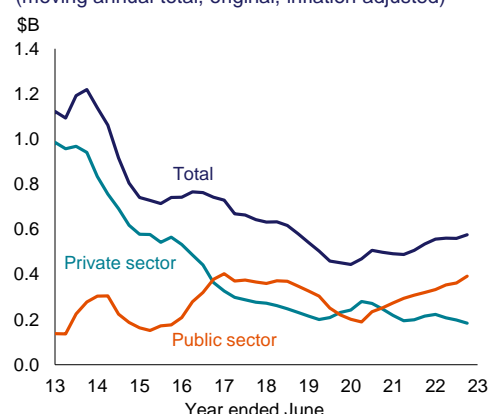
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 8755.0

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		
	Mar qtr 22	Dec qtr 22	Mar qtr 23	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory							
Total construction							
Original	668	781	700	2 902	-10.4%	4.8%	5.0%
Seasonally adjusted	692	758	727	2 905	-4.0%	5.0%	
Trend	726	735	741	2 907	0.8%	2.0%	
Building							
Original	189	252	211	908	-16.3%	11.7%	4.6%
Residential	65	81	71	332	-11.5%	9.5%	-0.5%
– new houses	37	47	43	186	-8.0%	16.9%	-2.3%
– new other residential	7	6	8	28	29.6%	1.7%	-27.8%
– alterations and additions	21	28	21	118	-25.6%	-0.7%	12.7%
Non-residential	123	171	139	576	-18.6%	12.9%	7.7%
– public sector	71	114	102	392	-10.6%	42.8%	22.8%
– private sector	52	57	38	184	-34.3%	-27.8%	-14.6%
Seasonally adjusted	213	228	238	911	4.4%	11.9%	
Trend	222	229	234	907	2.1%	5.7%	
Engineering							
Original	480	530	490	1 994	-7.6%	2.0%	5.2%
Seasonally adjusted	480	530	490	1 994	-7.6%	2.0%	
Trend	505	506	507	2 000	0.2%	0.4%	
Australia							
Total construction							
Original	51 041	57 518	53 631	224 145	-6.8%	5.1%	2.4%
Seasonally adjusted	54 875	56 657	57 687	224 488	1.8%	5.1%	
Trend	54 587	56 704	57 753	224 986	1.9%	5.8%	

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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