

Building activity

September quarter 2025 | 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 (trend)	↑6.0%	↑2.0%
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑6.6%	↑3.8%
Year-ended change (trend)	↑20.6%	↑5.2%
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	↑23.6%	↑6.5%

Quarterly results

The trend value of total building work done in the Territory rose by 6.0% to \$397 million in the September quarter 2025. Nationally, the trend value of total building work done rose by 2.0% to \$42.8 billion in the quarter.

Year ended results

The total trend value of building work done in the Territory increased by 20.6% over the year to the September quarter 2025.

The Territory recorded the largest increase in the value of building work done of all the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decline of 4.9% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 14.7% in Western Australia. Nationally, the value of building work done rose by 5.2% over the same period.

Non-residential building work done in the Territory rose by 20.8% to \$285 million (Chart 1), reflecting an increase of 21.1% in public sector work done and an increase of 20% in private sector work done (Chart 2). Residential building work done rose by 30% to \$117 million, reflecting an increase of 47.7% in private sector activity, partially offset by a decrease of 1% in public sector activity work done (Chart 3).

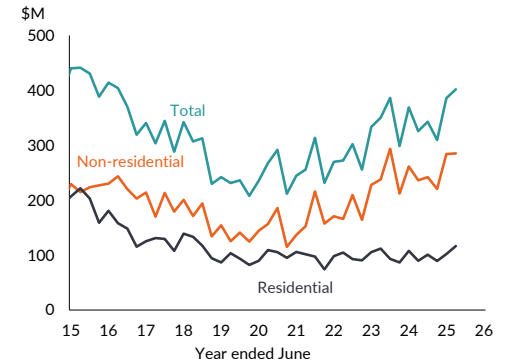
Residential building work done comprised an increase of 52.8% in new houses to \$74 million, an increase of 7.9% in alterations, additions and conversions to \$35 million and a decline of 12.1% in new units to \$8 million.

The total value of building activity in the Territory was \$1.4 billion in the year to the September quarter 2025.

Building work yet to be done

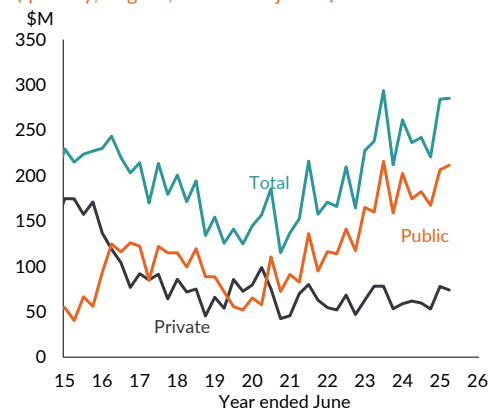
The value of building work yet to be done in the Territory rose by 17.6% to \$1.5 billion over the year to September quarter 2025. This reflects an increase of 18.9% in non-residential work yet to be done to \$1.4 billion and an increase of 7.8% in residential work yet to be done to \$168 million. Nationally, the value of building work yet to be done rose by 15.2% to \$132.6 billion over the same period.

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



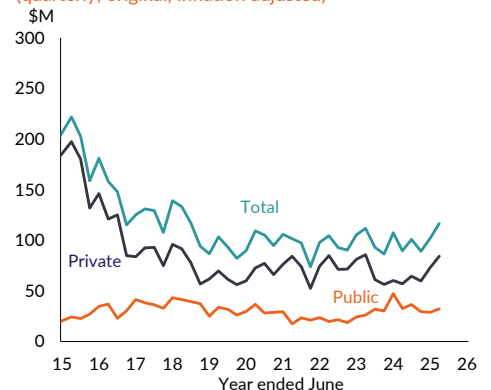
Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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

	Period				Change		
	Sep qtr 24	Jun qtr 25	Sep qtr 25	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Total building	326	386	402	1 441	n.p	23.3%	4.4%
- private	119	151	158	546	n.p	33.3%	12.1%
- public	207	235	244	895	n.p	17.6%	0.1%
Seasonally adjusted	323	375	400	1 441	6.6%	23.6%	
Trend	329	375	397	1 446	6.0%	20.6%	
Non-residential building							
Total building	236	284	285	1 032	n.p	20.8%	2.8%
- private	62	78	74	265	n.p	20.0%	5.0%
- public	175	206	211	768	n.p	21.1%	2.1%
Residential building							
Total building	90	102	117	409	n.p	30.0%	8.4%
- private	57	73	84	281	n.p	47.7%	19.8%
- public	33	29	32	127	n.p	-1.0%	-10.5%
by type							
- new houses	48	58	74	241	n.p	52.8%	16.3%
- new units	9	9	8	31	n.p	-12.1%	14.0%
- alterations & additions	32	35	35	137	n.p	7.9%	-4.1%
Australia							
Total building	42 357	42 372	45 146	167 214	n.p	6.6%	2.8%
- private	36 901	36 608	39 517	145 257	n.p	7.1%	2.9%
- public	5 456	5 764	5 630	21 957	n.p	3.2%	2.3%
Seasonally adjusted	40 619	41 650	43 241	167 075	3.8%	6.5%	
Trend	40 690	41 997	42 822	166 974	2.0%	5.2%	

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

	Period			Change	
	Sep qtr 24	Jun qtr 25	Sep qtr 25	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²
Northern Territory					
Total building	1 294	1 543	1 521	n.p	17.6%
- non-residential	1 138	1 388	1 353	n.p	18.9%
- residential	156	155	168	n.p	7.8%
Dwellings under construction (number)	433	537	563	n.p	30.0%
Australia					
Total building	115 033	128 843	132 562	n.p	15.2%
- non-residential	52 979	60 791	63 209	n.p	19.3%
- residential	56 313	61 507	62 773	n.p	11.5%

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.
Building	A rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof.

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