

# Building activity

## December 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)	↓ 1.2%	↑ 2.2%
Year-ended change (trend)	↑ 16.9%	↑ 7.9%

## Quarterly results

The trend value of total building work done in the Territory declined by 1.2% to \$382 million in the December quarter 2025, but increased by 16.9% over the year. Nationally, the trend value of total building work done rose by 2.2% to \$44.1 billion in the quarter.

## Year ended results

The total trend value of building work done in the Territory increased by 16.9% over the year to the December quarter 2025 (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 4.7% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 13.7% in Queensland. Nationally, the value of building work done rose by 7.9% over the same period.

Non-residential building work done in the Territory increased by 15.5% to \$280 million, reflecting an increase of 17.6% in private sector work done and an increase of 14.8% in public sector work done (Chart 2). Residential building work done increased by 11.1% to \$112 million, reflecting a decrease of 19.4% in public sector activity, partially offset by an increase of 28.4% in private sector activity work done (Chart 3).

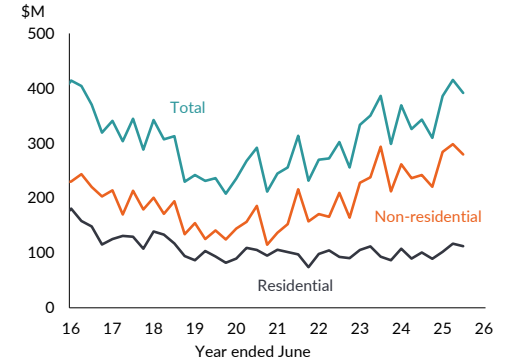
Residential building work done comprised an increase of 8.7% in new units to \$10 million, an increase of 29.6% in new houses to \$68 million and a decline of 13.2% in alterations, additions and conversions to \$34 million.

The total value of building activity in the Territory was \$1.5 billion in the year to the December quarter 2025.

## Building work yet to be done

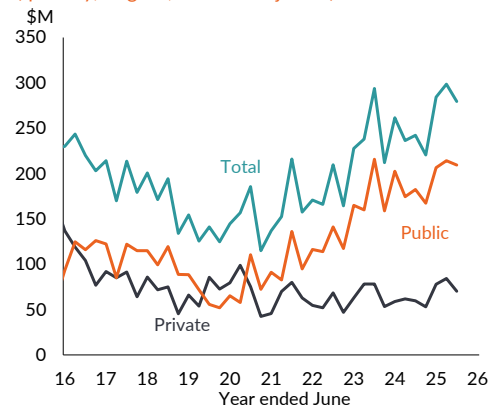
The value of building work yet to be done in the Territory remained constant at \$1.3 billion over the year to December quarter 2025. This reflects a decline of 1.8% in non-residential work yet to be done to \$1.1 billion, which is offset by an increase of 13.4% in residential work yet to be done to \$174 million. Nationally, the value of building work yet to be done increased by 21.6% to \$144.8 billion over the same period.

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



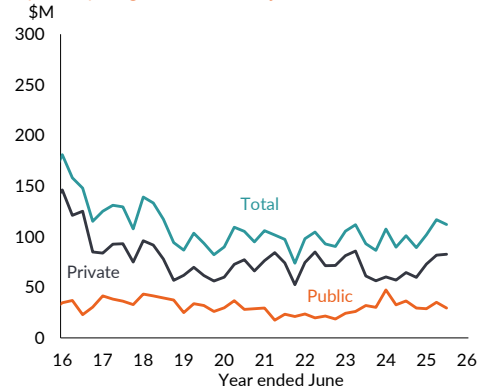
Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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

	Period				Change		
	Dec qtr 24	Sep qtr 25	Dec qtr 25	Year to date	Quarterly <sup>1</sup>	Year-ended <sup>2</sup>	Year-average <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>							
Total building	343	415	392	1 503	n.p	14.2%	12.4%
- private	124	166	153	582	n.p	23.2%	23.5%
- public	219	249	239	920	n.p	9.1%	6.4%
Seasonally adjusted	312	410	359	1 501	-12.6%	15.0%	
Trend	327	387	382	1 495	-1.2%	16.9%	
<b>Non-residential building</b>							
Total building	242	298	280	1 083	n.p	15.5%	13.8%
- private	60	84	70	285	n.p	17.6%	22.2%
- public	182	214	209	797	n.p	14.8%	11.0%
<b>Residential building</b>							
Total building	101	117	112	420	n.p	11.1%	9.2%
- private	64	82	83	297	n.p	28.4%	24.8%
- public	36	35	29	123	n.p	-19.4%	-16.0%
by type							
- new houses	53	73	68	256	n.p	29.6%	25.2%
- new units	9	10	10	33	n.p	8.7%	8.2%
- alterations & additions	39	34	34	131	n.p	-13.2%	-12.4%
<b>Australia</b>							
Total building	41 204	45 501	44 330	170 696	n.p	7.6%	5.0%
- private	35 493	39 810	38 453	148 511	n.p	8.3%	5.3%
- public	5 711	5 692	5 877	22 185	n.p	2.9%	3.1%
Seasonally adjusted	40 803	43 690	43 877	170 527	0.4%	7.5%	
Trend	40 834	43 123	44 069	170 562	2.2%	7.9%	

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

	Period			Change	
	Dec qtr 24	Sep qtr 25	Dec qtr 25	Quarterly <sup>1</sup>	Year-ended <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
Total building	1 297	1 523	1 297	n.p	0.0%
- non-residential	1 143	1 352	1 123	n.p	-1.8%
- residential	154	171	174	n.p	13.4%
Dwellings under construction (number)	466	568	606	n.p	30.0%
<b>Australia</b>					
Total building	119 094	135 760	144 789	n.p	21.6%
- non-residential	55 545	65 021	68 754	n.p	23.8%
- residential	57 488	63 904	69 197	n.p	20.4%

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, *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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