

State final demand

December quarter 2021 | Economic brief

| State final demand | NT | Aust |
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| Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted) | ↓1.7% | ↑2.9% |
| Annual change (seasonally adjusted) | ↑4.7% | ↑4.6% |
| Year-on-year change (original) | ↑8.2% | ↑5.9% |

Quarterly results

Territory state final demand (SFD) decreased by 1.7% to \$6.6 billion in the December quarter 2021, following an increase of 4.0% in the previous quarter.

Investment in the Territory decreased by 1.8% to \$1.5 billion with private investment decreasing 0.7% to \$1.2 billion, largely attributed to machinery and equipment (down by 14.8%). There was an increase reported in non-dwelling investment (up by 7.1%) and cultivated biological resources (up by 9.5%). Dwelling investment increased by 0.6% to \$156 million and public investment decreased by 5.7% to \$333 million (mainly due to state and local government investment).

Consumption decreased by 1.7% to \$5.1 billion, with a 3.5% decrease in public consumption. Household consumption also decreased, down by 0.2% reflecting decreased spending for hotels, cafes and restaurants, transport, and alcohol and tobacco.

The Territory reported the weakest result in SFD of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 1.5% in Tasmania to an increase of 6.7% in New South Wales. National domestic final demand increased by 2.9% (Chart 1).

Year-on-year results

The Territory recorded the second best SFD result of the jurisdictions. In 2021, Territory SFD increased by 8.2% (Chart 2) to \$25.8 billion. The SFD increase in other jurisdictions ranged from 2.4% in the Australian Capital Territory to 8.4% in Tasmania.

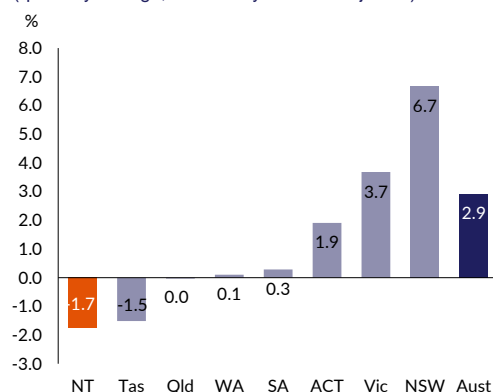
Private investment increased by 25.4% to \$4.3 billion, supported by government assistance packages and incentives (Chart 3). Non-dwelling investment grew strongly (up by 44.2%).

Public investment increased by 4.2% to \$1.3 billion, with a 4.1% increase in general government and 5.1% increase in public corporations investment.

Household consumption increased by 7.2% to \$11.2 billion, with expenditure on hotels, cafes and restaurants up by 29.0%, miscellaneous goods and services up 7.8%, transport up by 17.0%, recreation and culture up by 5.6% and health up by 12.8%.

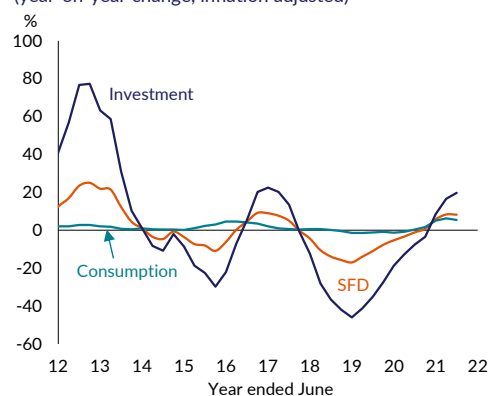
Public consumption increased by 3.2% to \$9 billion, with an increase in national government consumption in the Territory, and state and local government consumption, up by 2.6% and 3.7% respectively.

Chart 1: State final demand (quarterly change, seasonally inflation adjusted)



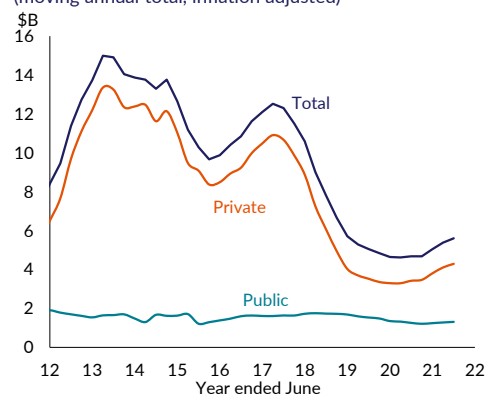
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 5206.0

Chart 2: Territory state final demand (year-on-year change, inflation adjusted)



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Chart 3: Territory investment (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



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Table 1: State final demand (\$M, original, inflation adjusted)

| | Period | | | | Change (%) | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| | Dec qtr 20 | Sep qtr 21 | Dec qtr 21 | Year to date | Quarterly ¹ | Annual ² | Year-on-year ³ |
| Northern Territory (original) | | | | | | | |
| State final demand | 6 370 | 6 727 | 6 658 | 25 824 | -1.0 | 4.5 | 8.2 |
| Consumption | 5 010 | 5 230 | 5 081 | 20 222 | -2.8 | 1.4 | 5.4 |
| – household | 2 823 | 2 922 | 2 860 | 11 185 | -2.1 | 1.3 | 7.2 |
| – public | 2 187 | 2 308 | 2 221 | 9 037 | -3.8 | 1.6 | 3.2 |
| Investment | 1 360 | 1 497 | 1 576 | 5 602 | 5.3 | 15.9 | 19.7 |
| – private | 1 033 | 1 192 | 1 218 | 4 294 | 2.2 | 17.9 | 25.4 |
| – business investment | 783 | 941 | 977 | 3 370 | 3.8 | 24.8 | 31.2 |
| – dwellings investment | 189 | 176 | 165 | 657 | -6.3 | -12.7 | -4.4 |
| – ownership transfer costs | 61 | 74 | 76 | 265 | 2.7 | 24.6 | 56.8 |
| – public | 327 | 305 | 358 | 1 308 | 17.4 | 9.5 | 4.2 |

Table 2: State final demand (\$M, seasonally adjusted and trend, inflation adjusted)

| | Period | | | | Change (%) | | Contribution (ppt.) |
|--|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Dec qtr 20 | Sep qtr 21 | Dec qtr 21 | Year to date | Quarterly ¹ | Annual ² | Annual ⁴ |
| Northern Territory (seasonally adjusted) | | | | | | | |
| State final demand | 6 290 | 6 700 | 6 583 | 25 845 | -1.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Consumption | 5 002 | 5 168 | 5 080 | 20 220 | -1.7 | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| – household | 2 772 | 2 817 | 2 812 | 11 173 | -0.2 | 1.4 | 0.6 |
| – public | 2 230 | 2 351 | 2 268 | 9 047 | -3.5 | 1.7 | 0.6 |
| Investment | 1 287 | 1 531 | 1 503 | 5 623 | -1.8 | 16.8 | 3.4 |
| – private | 984 | 1 178 | 1 170 | 4 307 | -0.7 | 18.9 | 3.0 |
| – business investment | 753 | 946 | 946 | 3 371 | 0.0 | 25.6 | 3.1 |
| – dwellings investment | 177 | 155 | 156 | 671 | 0.6 | -11.9 | -0.3 |
| – ownership transfer costs | 55 | 76 | 68 | 264 | -10.5 | 23.6 | 0.2 |
| – public | 303 | 353 | 333 | 1 316 | -5.7 | 9.9 | 0.5 |
| Northern Territory (trend) | | | | | | | |
| – trend series suspended from the March 2020 release | | | | | | | |

ppt: percentage points;

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.

4 Annual percentage point contribution.

Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat. No. 5206.0

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