

Building approvals

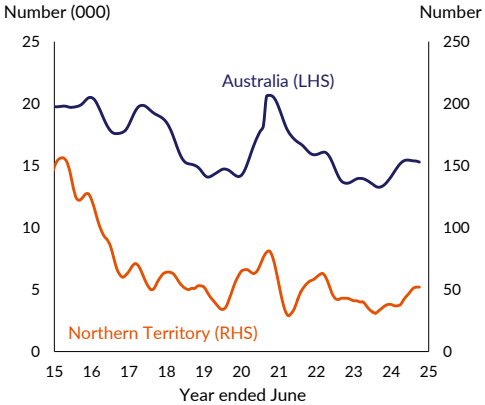
Residential building approvals

Number of residential approvals	NT	Aust
Monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	↓8.8%
Monthly change (trend)	flat	↓0.5%
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	↑13.4%
Year-ended change (trend)	↑48.6%	↑14.7%

In March 2025, the trend number of residential building approvals in the Territory was unchanged at 52 (Chart 1), the third strongest result of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decline of 3.4% in Tasmania to an increase of 23.9% in the Australian Capital Territory. Nationally, residential building approvals declined by 0.5%.

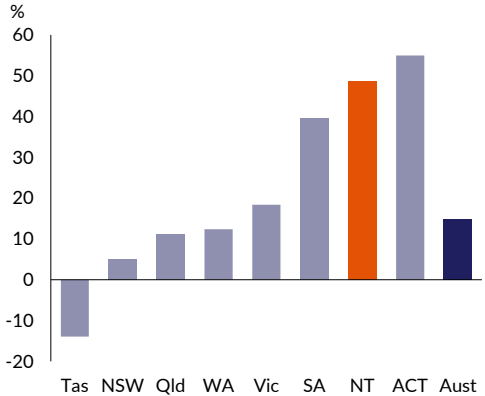
Over the year to March 2025, the number of residential building approvals in the Territory increased by 48.6% (Chart 2). This was the second strongest result of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decline of 13.9% in Tasmania to an increase of 54.9% in the Australian Capital Territory. Nationally, residential building approvals increased by 14.7%.

Chart 1: Number of residential building approvals (monthly, trend)



Source: DTF; ABS Cat. No. 8731.0

Chart 2: Number of residential building approvals (year-ended change, trend)



Source: DTF; ABS Cat. No. 8731.0

Value of residential approvals	NT	Aust
Year-ended change (original)	↓23.9%	↑24.8%

Over the year to March 2025, the value of residential building approvals in the Territory declined by 23.9% to \$26.6 million, compared with an increase of 24.8% to \$9.0 billion nationally.

Non-residential approvals

Value of non-residential approvals	NT	Aust
Year-ended change (original)	↓84.2%	↑26.9%

Over the year to March 2025, the value of non-residential building approvals in the Territory declined by 84.2% to \$40.1 million, reflecting a decline of 91.5% in public non-residential building approvals, partly offset by an increase of 107.8% in private non-residential building approvals. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals increased by 26.9% to \$7.3 billion.

Table 1 - Residential building approvals

	Period				Change		
	Mar 24	Feb 25	Mar 25	Year to date	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Number							
Original	55	49	55	515	n.p.	0.0%	17.6%
– houses	50	37	43	404	n.p.	-14.0%	10.1%
– other residential ⁴	5	12	11	108	n.p.	120.0%	61.2%
– alterations, additions and conversions	0	0	1	3	n.p.	n.a.	-25.0%
Seasonally adjusted	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Trend	35	52	52	515	0.0%	48.6%	
Value (\$M)							
Original	34.9	38.4	26.6	352.3	n.p.	-23.9%	-7.2%
Australia							
Number							
Original	12 965	16 074	15 388	180 124	n.p.	18.7%	10.2%
Seasonally adjusted	13 416	16 683	15 220	180 739	-8.8%	13.4%	
Trend	13 322	15 365	15 286	178 278	-0.5%	14.7%	
Value (\$M)							
Original	7 199	9 235	8 986	102 378	n.p.	24.8%	15.6%

Table 2 - Non-residential building approvals

	Period				Change		
	Mar 24	Feb 25	Mar 25	Year to date	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Value (\$M)							
Original	254.0	127.3	40.1	1137.1	n.p.	-84.2%	22.0%
– private	9.3	23.1	19.3	346.4	n.p.	107.8%	27.1%
– public	244.7	104.2	20.8	790.7	n.p.	-91.5%	19.9%
Australia							
Value (\$M)							
Original	5 783	4 469	7 336	67 801	n.p.	26.9%	-6.5%

n.a.: not applicable or not available; n.p.: not published

¹ Compares the latest month with the previous month.² Compares the latest month with the same month last year.³ Compares the 12 months up to and including the latest month with the previous 12-month period.⁴ Includes units and townhouses.

Caution is advised when using original monthly data, which is often derived from small samples and highly volatile.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat. No. 8731.0

Term	Definition
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.
Commercial building	Buildings primarily occupied with or engaged in commercial trade or work intended for commercial trade, including buildings used primarily for retail and wholesale trade, office and transport activities.
Industrial building	Buildings used for warehousing, primary production and the production and assembly activities of industrial or manufacturing processes.
Other non-residential building	Non-residential buildings for the provision of education, religious worship or other religious activities, aged and health care, recreation, entertainment, or commercial temporary accommodation.

Caution is advised when using data for the Territory, as it is often derived from small samples and can be highly volatile. Although all due care has been exercised in preparing this material, no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omission.

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