

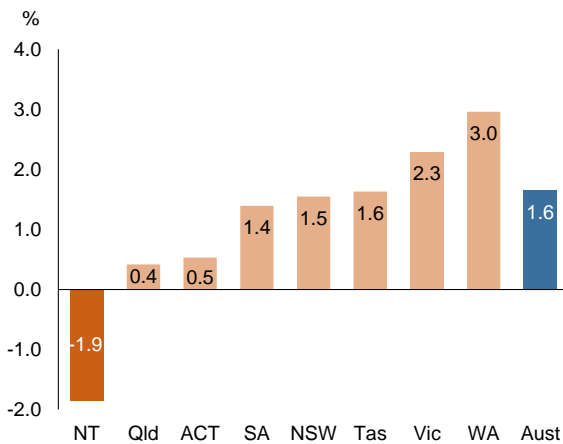
ECONOMIC BRIEF

State final demand

March quarter 2021

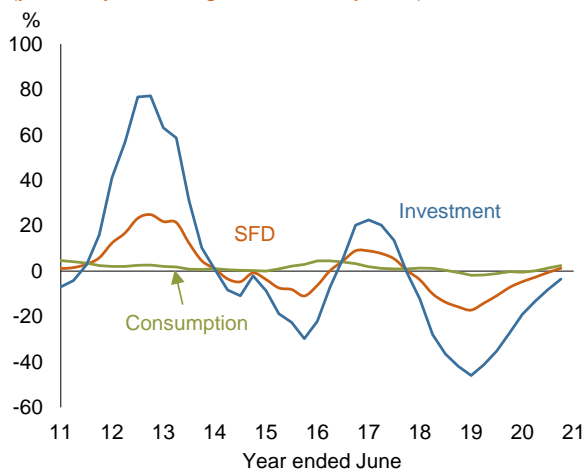
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Chart 1: State final demand
(quarterly change, seasonally inflation adjusted)



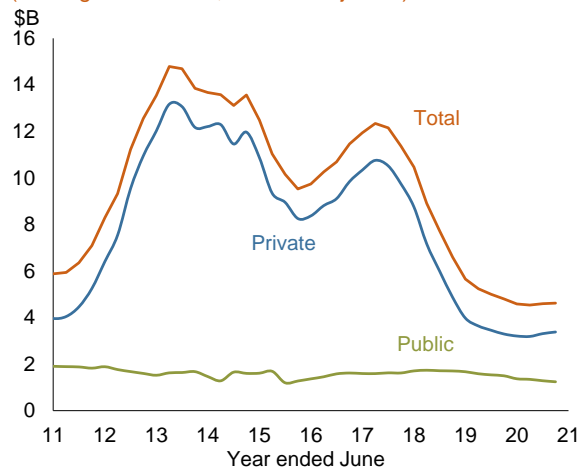
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 5206.0

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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State final demand	NT	Aust
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	↓1.9%	↑1.6%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑4.6%	↑1.9%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑1.2%	↓2.3%

Quarterly results

Territory state final demand (SFD) decreased by 1.9% to \$6.2 billion in the March quarter 2021, following strong growth of 4.2% in the previous quarter.

Investment in the Territory decreased by 10.4% to \$1.1 billion with private investment decreasing 12.6% to \$825 million, largely attributed to business investment (down by 17.8%). Strong declines were reported in non-dwelling investment (down by 16.1%) and machinery and equipment (down by 30.4%). Dwelling investment increased by 1.7% to \$178 million and public investment decreased by 3.8% to \$300 million (mainly state and local government).

Consumption increased by 0.3% to \$5.1 billion, with a 1.7% increase in public consumption. Household consumption fell by 0.8% reflecting decreased spending for recreation and culture, transport, and clothing and footwear.

The Territory reported the only decrease in SFD of the jurisdictions, which ranged from an increase of 0.4% in Queensland to an increase of 3.0% in Western Australia. National domestic final demand increased by 1.6% (Chart 1).

Year-on-year results

The Territory recorded the second best result in SFD. In the year to March 2021, Territory SFD increased by 1.2% to \$24.2 billion, with consumption up by 2.4% (Chart 2). The SFD change in other jurisdictions ranged from a 5.4% decline in Victoria to an increase of 2.7% in the Australian Capital Territory.

Private investment increased by 2.6% to \$3.4 billion (Chart 3), primarily due to strong dwelling investment (up by 37.0%).

Public investment decreased by 17.2% to \$1.2 billion, with a 14.5% decline in general government and a 31.2% decline in public corporations investment.

Household consumption increased by 1.4% to \$10.8 billion, with increased expenditure on furnishings and household equipment up 8.7%, recreation and culture up 3.7% and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels up 0.9%.

Public consumption increased by 3.7% to \$8.8 billion, with an increase in national government consumption in the Territory and state and local government consumption, up 5.4% and 2.6% respectively.

State final demand March quarter 2021

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

	Period				Change (%)		
	Mar qtr 20	Dec qtr 20	Mar qtr 21	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory (original)							
State final demand	5 548	6 396	5 828	24 208	-8.9	5.0	1.2
Consumption	4 560	5 049	4 814	19 581	-4.7	5.6	2.4
– household	2 519	2 882	2 667	10 817	-7.5	5.9	1.4
– public	2 041	2 167	2 147	8 764	-0.9	5.2	3.7
Investment	988	1 346	1 014	4 625	-24.7	2.6	-3.6
– private	686	1 006	757	3 385	-24.8	10.3	2.6
– business investment	531	753	546	2 474	-27.5	2.8	-5.9
– dwellings investment	121	191	154	718	-19.4	27.3	37.0
– ownership transfer costs	35	62	56	192	-9.7	60.0	31.5
– public	302	340	257	1 240	-24.4	-14.9	-17.2

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

	Period				Change (%)		Contribution (ppt.)
	Mar qtr 20	Dec qtr 20	Mar qtr 21	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Annual ⁴
Northern Territory (seasonally adjusted)							
State final demand	5 906	6 295	6 178	24 190	-1.9	4.6	4.6
Consumption	4 793	5 039	5 053	19 596	0.3	5.4	4.4
– household	2 660	2 834	2 810	10 828	-0.8	5.6	2.5
– public	2 133	2 205	2 243	8 768	1.7	5.2	1.9
Investment	1 114	1 256	1 125	4 593	-10.4	1.0	0.2
– private	760	944	825	3 359	-12.6	8.6	1.1
– business investment	582	714	587	2 464	-17.8	0.9	0.1
– dwellings investment	141	175	178	704	1.7	26.2	0.6
– ownership transfer costs	37	56	60	192	7.1	62.2	0.4
– public	354	312	300	1 234	-3.8	-15.3	-0.9
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

Caution is advised when using quarterly data for the Territory, which is often derived from small samples and highly volatile.

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