

Building activity

December quarter 2022 | Economic brief

The Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) building activity statistics includes residential and non-residential building work done and commenced, which is more updated information to that reported in the construction work done economic brief.

Value of total building work done	NT	Aust
Change in quarter (trend)	↑1.2%	↓0.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑2.8%	↓1.0%

Quarterly results

In the December quarter 2022, the trend value of total building work done in the Territory increased by 1.2% to \$224 million. Nationally, the trend value of total building work done decreased by 0.1% to \$30.7 billion in the quarter.

Year on year results

In 2022, the total value of building work done in the Territory increased by 2.8% to \$882 million (Chart 1).

The Territory recorded the second largest increase in the value of building work done of all the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decrease of 9.1% in Tasmania to an increase of 3.1% in Victoria. Nationally, the value of building work done decreased by 1.0% to \$123.1 billion over the same period.

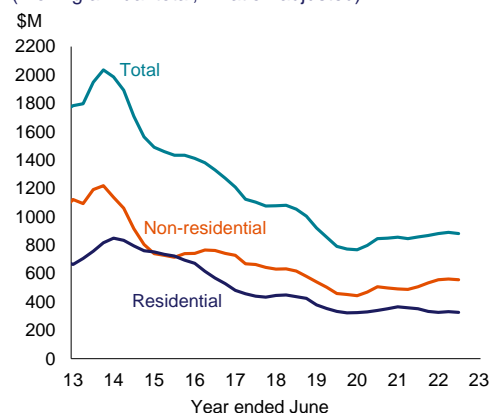
Non-residential building work done in the Territory increased by 9.7% to \$555 million, reflecting an increase of 16.2% in public sector work done, partially offset by a decrease of 0.5% in private sector work done (Chart 2). Residential building work done decreased by 7.0% to \$327 million, reflecting a decrease of 12.7% in public sector activity and a decrease of 5.1% in private sector activity work done (Chart 3).

Residential building work done comprised an increase of 3.1% in alterations, additions and conversions to \$118 million, a decrease of 11% in new houses to \$178 million and a decrease of 17.1% in new units to \$30 million.

Building work yet to be done

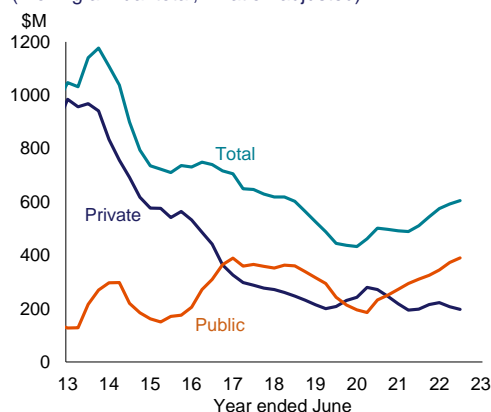
In the December quarter 2022, the value of building work yet to be done in the Territory increased by 2.2% to \$1.0 billion. This reflects an increase of 3.7% in non-residential work yet to be done to \$811 million, which is partly offset by a decrease of 3.7% in residential work yet to be done to \$202 million. Nationally, the value of building work yet to be done decreased by 1.4% to \$100.3 billion over the same period.

Chart 1: Territory building work done (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



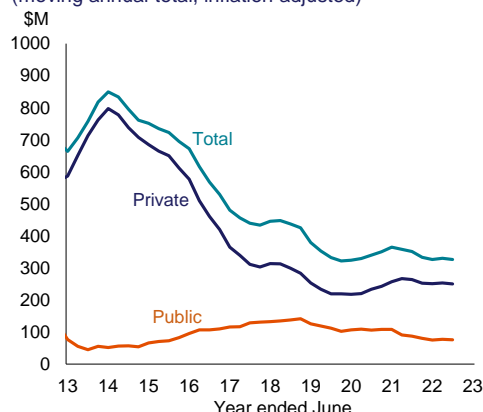
Source: DTF, ABS Cat. No. 8752.0

Chart 2: Territory non-residential work done (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



Source: DTF, ABS Cat. No. 8752.0, 8782.065.001

Chart 3: Territory residential work done (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



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

	Period				Change		
	Dec qtr 21	Sep qtr 22	Dec qtr 22	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory							
Total building	257	224	248	882	10.7%	-3.5%	2.8%
– private	132	120	119	448	-0.3%	-9.5%	-3.1%
– public	126	105	129	434	23.2%	2.9%	9.8%
Seasonally adjusted	233	222	224	883	1.1%	-3.7%	
Trend	222	222	224	889	1.2%	1.1%	
Non-residential building							
Total building	172	131	167	555	27.3%	-3.0%	9.7%
– private	67	43	57	198	30.9%	-15.0%	-0.5%
– public	105	88	110	358	25.5%	4.5%	16.2%
Residential building							
Total building	86	94	82	327	-12.5%	-4.3%	-7.0%
– private	65	76	63	251	-18.1%	-3.9%	-5.1%
– public	21	17	19	76	11.8%	-5.7%	-12.7%
by type							
– new houses	41	48	45	178	-6.5%	9.9%	-11.0%
– new units	11	10	9	30	-13.3%	-19.2%	-17.1%
– alterations & additions	34	36	28	118	-20.4%	-16.8%	3.1%
Australia							
Total building	31 562	31 996	31 219	123 148	-2.4%	-1.1%	-1.0%
– private	27 481	27 722	26 941	106 510	-2.8%	-2.0%	-1.5%
– public	4 080	4 274	4 278	16 638	0.1%	4.8%	2.3%
Seasonally adjusted	30 996	31 027	30 678	123 203	-1.1%	-1.0%	
Trend	31 127	30 702	30 686	123 042	-0.1%	-1.4%	

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

	Period			Change	
	Dec qtr 21	Sep qtr 22	Dec qtr 22	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Total building	1 014	991	1 013	2.2%	-0.2%
– non-residential	763	782	811	3.7%	6.3%
– residential	251	209	202	-3.7%	-19.7%
Dwellings under construction (number)	858	740	753	1.8%	-12.2%
Australia					
Total building	97 399	101 727	100 287	-1.4%	3.0%
– non-residential	42 381	42 420	42 176	-0.6%	-0.5%
– residential	50 135	53 626	52 833	-1.5%	5.4%

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.

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