

Building approvals

June 2026 | Economic brief

Residential building approvals

Number of residential approvals	NT	Aust
Monthly change (trend)	↑3.6%	↑2.0%
Monthly number (trend)	86	18 449
Year-ended change (trend)	↑45.8%	↑14.1%
Year-average change (original)	↑20.5%	↑9.2%
5-year monthly average number (trend)	52	15 682

The trend number of residential building approvals in the Territory increased by 3.6% to 86 in June 2026 (Chart 1). This was the third rank of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decline of 3.6% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 4.1% in Queensland.

The number of residential building approvals in the Territory increased by 45.8% in the year-ended June 2026 (Chart 2). This was the strongest result of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decline of -37.6% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 41.0% in Tasmania. Nationally, residential building approvals increased by 14.1%.

In year-average terms, the number of residential building approvals in the Territory increased by 20.5% to 847 in June 2026 (Chart 3). Nationally, residential building approvals increased by 9.2%.

Value of residential approvals	NT	Aust
Year-ended change ¹	↓22.9%	↑23.5%
Monthly value (\$M) ¹	38.2	11 745
5-year monthly average (\$M) ¹	35.2	8 432

1 NT is in original terms. Australia is in seasonally adjusted terms.

The value of residential building approvals in the Territory declined by 22.9% to \$38.2 million in the year-ended June 2026, compared with an increase of 23.5% to \$11.7 billion nationally.

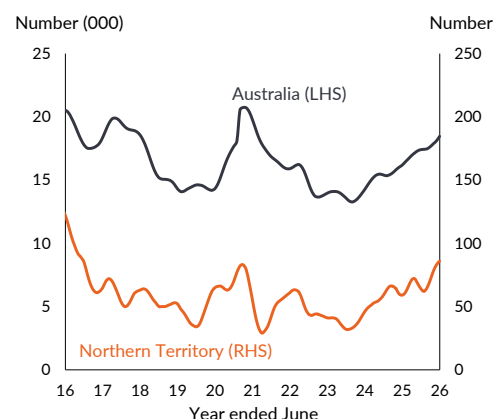
Non-residential approvals

Value of non-residential approvals	NT	Aust
Year-ended change ¹	↓37.4%	↑10.6%
Monthly value (\$M) ¹	46.4	8 255
5-year monthly average (\$M) ¹	77.9	6 105

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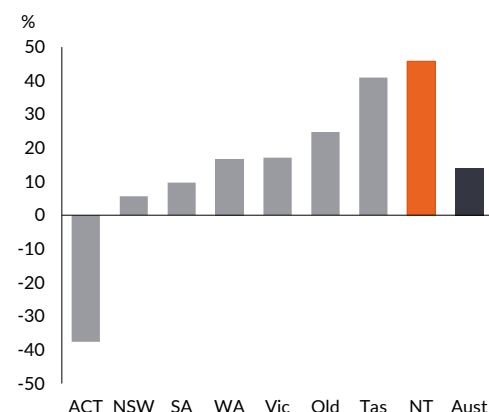
The value of non-residential building approvals in the Territory declined by 37.4% to \$46.4 million in the year-ended June 2026. This reflects a decline of 59.7% in public non-residential building approvals, and partially offset by an increase of 85.3% in private non-residential building approvals. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals increased by 10.6% to \$8.3 billion.

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



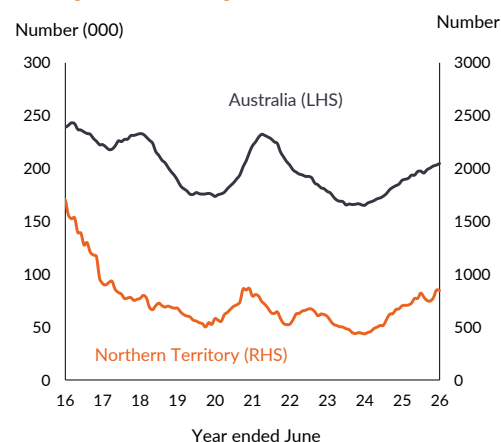
Source: DTF; ABS, Building Approvals

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



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Chart 3: Number of residential building approvals (moving annual total, original)



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Approvals

Table 1 - Residential building approvals

	Period				Change		
	Jun 25	May 26	Jun 26	Year to date	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Number							
Original	61	120	58	847	n.p.	-4.9%	20.5%
– houses	46	68	50	610	n.p.	8.7%	14.4%
– other residential ⁴	15	52	8	233	n.p.	-46.7%	43.8%
– alterations, additions and conversions	0	0	0	4	n.p.	n.p.	-50.0%
Seasonally adjusted	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Trend	59	83	86	847	3.6%	45.8%	
Value (\$M)							
Original	49.5	68.8	38.2	540.0	n.p.	-22.9%	5.3%
Australia							
Number							
Original	16 550	17 046	18 963	205 249	n.p.	14.6%	9.2%
Seasonally adjusted	16 827	17 090	18 328	204 649	7.2%	8.9%	8.4%
Trend	16 176	18 096	18 449	208 818	2.0%	14.1%	
Value (\$M)							
Original	9 658	10 171	12 457	127 585	n.p.	29.0%	18.0%
Seasonally adjusted	9 513	10 208	11 745	127 238	15.1%	23.5%	17.0%
Trend	9 410	10 984	11 224	124 601	2.2%	19.3%	

Table 2 - Non-residential building approvals

	Period				Change		
	Jun 25	May 26	Jun 26	Year to date	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Value (\$M)							
Original	74.1	39.5	46.4	546.3	n.p.	-37.4%	-59.5%
– private	11.4	31.8	21.1	332.0	n.p.	85.3%	-21.0%
– public	62.7	7.7	25.3	214.4	n.p.	-59.7%	-76.9%
Australia							
Value (\$M)							
Original	7 089	12 628	7 970	93 796	n.p.	12.4%	23.1%
Seasonally adjusted	7 465	10 967	8 255	93 781	-24.7%	10.6%	22.8%
Trend	7 418	7 694	7 770	90 562	1.0%	4.8%	

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.

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Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS, *Building Approvals, Australia*

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.

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