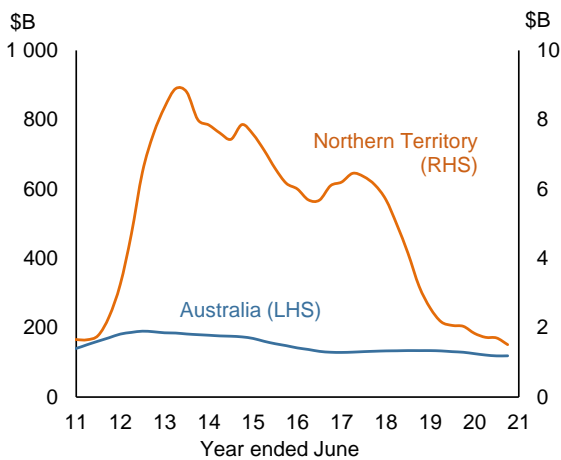


Private new capital expenditure

March quarter 2021

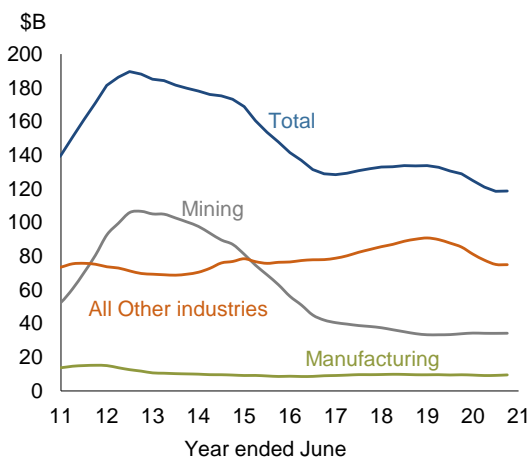
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Chart 1: Private new capital expenditure (moving annual total, original, inflation adjusted)



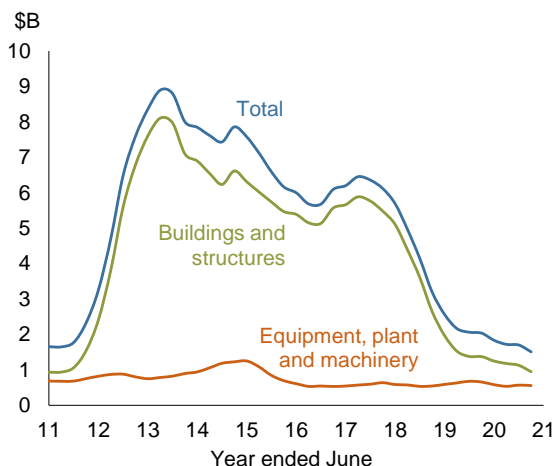
Source: ABS Cat. No.5625.0

Chart 2: New capital expenditure by industry, Australia (moving annual total, original)



Source: ABS Cat. No.5625.0

Chart 3: Territory new capital expenditure (moving annual total, original, inflation adjusted)



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Private new capital expenditure

Private new capital expenditure	NT	Aust
Change in quarter (seasonally adjusted)	↓46.9%	↑6.3%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓25.9%	↓8.0%

Private new capital expenditure in the Territory decreased by 46.9% to \$271 million in the March quarter 2021 in seasonally adjusted terms. The decrease reflects a 52.6% decrease in expenditure on buildings and structures and a 37.7% decrease in expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery.

The Territory reported the largest decrease in private new capital expenditure of the jurisdictions in the quarter. Other jurisdictions reported changes ranging from a 0.4% decrease in Queensland to an 11.0% increase in Tasmania. Nationally, seasonally adjusted private new capital expenditure increased by 6.3%.

In the year to March 2021, private new capital expenditure in the Territory decreased by 25.9% to \$1.5 billion (Chart 1). The Territory recorded the largest decline of the jurisdictions, with Western Australia (6.7%) and South Australia (2.2%) the only jurisdictions experiencing increases.

Nationally, private new capital expenditure decreased by 8.0% to \$119 billion in year-on-year terms. On an industry basis, other industries was the main contributor to the decrease in national private new capital expenditure, down by 12.3% to \$75 billion (Chart 2).

Buildings and structures

In the March quarter 2021, the seasonally adjusted value of private new capital expenditure on buildings and structures in the Territory decreased by 52.6% to \$147 million.

In the year to March 2021, private new capital expenditure on buildings and structures in the Territory decreased by 31.0% to \$950 million (Chart 3).

Equipment, plant and machinery

In the March quarter 2021, the seasonally adjusted value of private new capital expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery in the Territory decreased by 37.7% to \$124 million.

In the year to March 2021, private new capital expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery in the Territory decreased by 15.0% to \$559 million, below the 10-year annual average level of \$731 million.

Private new capital expenditure March quarter 2021

Table 1: Private new capital expenditure (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							
Value (\$M)							
Original	449	520	256	1 507	-50.8%	-43.0%	-25.9%
– buildings and structures	328	310	147	950	-52.6%	-55.2%	-31.0%
– equipment, plant and machinery	121	210	110	559	-47.6%	-9.1%	-15.0%
Seasonally adjusted	466	510	271	1 503	-46.9%	-41.8%	
– buildings and structures	328	310	147	950	-52.6%	-55.2%	
– equipment, plant and machinery	138	199	124	552	-37.7%	-10.1%	
Trend							
– trend series suspended from the March 2020 release							
Australia							
Value (\$M)							
Original	27 437	31 947	27 639	118 665	-13.5%	0.7%	-8.0%
– buildings and structures	15 056	16 796	14 570	63 030	-13.3%	-3.2%	-9.1%
– equipment, plant and machinery	12 380	15 151	13 069	55 636	-13.7%	5.6%	-6.6%
Seasonally adjusted	31 247	29 636	31 494	118 833	6.3%	0.8%	
– buildings and structures	16 762	15 607	16 193	63 081	3.8%	-3.4%	
– equipment, plant and machinery	14 485	14 028	15 301	55 751	9.1%	5.6%	
Trend							
– trend series suspended from the March 2020 release							

1 Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.

2 Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter in the previous year.

3 Compares the year up to and including the latest quarter with the previous year.

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The private new capital expenditure release is a measure of estimated capital expenditure by private businesses in selected industries. Due to the relatively small size of the Northern Territory economy, large investment projects can have a substantial impact on private new capital expenditure levels. Data is available for the Territory by asset type ('buildings and structures', and 'machinery, plant and equipment'). The ABS only reports data by industry at the national level and jurisdictional level except for the Territory and the Australian Capital Territory

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