

Building activity

March quarter 2025 | Economic brief

The Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) building activity statistics includes residential and non-residential building work done and commenced, this brief updates preliminary data in the construction work done release.

Value of total building work done	NT	Aust
Quarterly change (trend)	↑1.2%	↑0.3%
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑13.6%	↑0.5%
Year-ended change (trend)	↓5.4%	↑1.4%
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	↑3.1%	↑2.1%

Quarterly results

The trend value of total building work done in the Territory rose by 1.2% to \$318 million in the March quarter 2025. Nationally, the trend value of total building work done rose by 0.3% to \$38.9 billion in the quarter.

Year-ended results

The total trend value of building work done in the Territory declined by 5.4% over the year to the March quarter 2025.

The Territory recorded the third largest decrease in the value of building work done of all the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decline of 20.3% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 10.6% in Western Australia. Nationally, the value of building work done rose by 1.4% over the same period.

Non-residential building work done in the Territory rose by 1.7% to \$203 million (Chart 1), reflecting an increase of 5.0% in public sector work done, partially offset by a decline of 8.2% in private sector work done (Chart 2). Residential building work done rose by 7.5% to \$91 million, reflecting an increase of 10.5% in private sector activity and an increase of 2.0% in public sector activity work done (Chart 3).

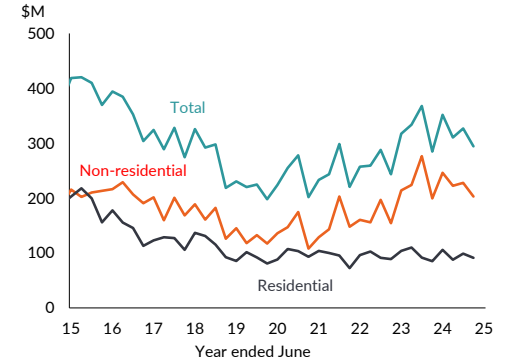
Residential building work done comprised an increase of 22.1% in new houses to \$60 million, an increase of 10.2% in new units to \$5 million and a decline of 15.2% in alterations, additions and conversions to \$27 million.

The total value of building activity in the Territory was \$1.3 billion in the year to the March quarter 2025.

Building work yet to be done

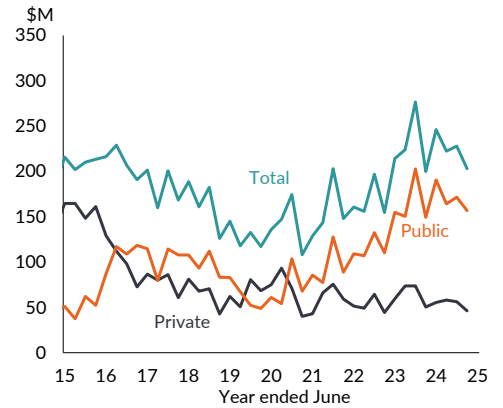
The value of building work yet to be done in the Territory rose by 21.1% to \$1.3 billion over the year to March quarter 2025. This reflects an increase of 25.3% in non-residential work yet to be done to \$1.1 billion, which is partly offset by a decline of 0.7% in residential work yet to be done to \$171 million. Nationally, the value of building work yet to be done rose by 11.2% to \$121.2 billion over the same period.

Chart 1: Territory building work done (quarterly, original, inflation adjusted)



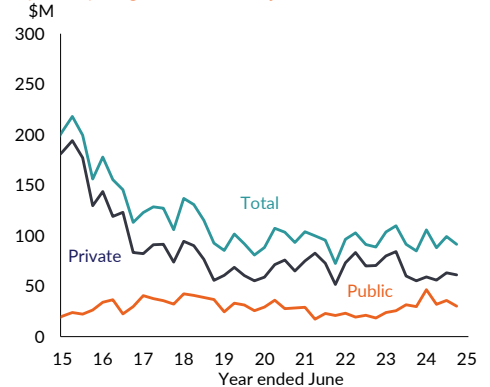
Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

Chart 2: Territory non-residential work done (quarterly, original, inflation adjusted)



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

Chart 3: Territory residential work done (quarterly, original, inflation adjusted)



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Activity, Australia

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

	Period				Change		
	Mar qtr 24	Dec qtr 24	Mar qtr 25	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Total building	285	327	294	1 284	n.p	3.4%	-1.6%
- private	106	120	107	456	n.p	1.6%	-15.0%
- public	179	207	187	828	n.p	4.5%	7.8%
Seasonally adjusted	328	298	338	1 291	13.6%	3.1%	
Trend	337	314	318	1 278	1.2%	-5.4%	
Non-residential building							
Total building	200	228	203	899	n.p	1.7%	-1.6%
- private	50	56	46	216	n.p	-8.2%	-15.9%
- public	149	172	157	683	n.p	5.0%	4.0%
Residential building							
Total building	85	99	91	384	n.p	7.5%	-1.5%
- private	55	63	61	240	n.p	10.5%	-14.3%
- public	30	36	30	145	n.p	2.0%	30.6%
by type							
- new houses	49	52	60	212	n.p	22.1%	-11.6%
- new units	4	9	5	30	n.p	10.2%	14.2%
- alterations & additions	32	38	27	142	n.p	-15.2%	14.7%
Australia							
Total building	35 466	38 990	36 225	154 556	n.p	2.1%	0.7%
- private	30 820	33 602	31 719	134 389	n.p	2.9%	0.9%
- public	4 646	5 387	4 506	20 167	n.p	-3.0%	-0.7%
Seasonally adjusted	38 095	38 691	38 877	154 608	0.5%	2.1%	
Trend	38 342	38 742	38 866	154 549	0.3%	1.4%	

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

	Period			Change	
	Mar qtr 24	Dec qtr 24	Mar qtr 25	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²
Northern Territory					
Total building	1 062	1 297	1 285	n.p	21.1%
- non-residential	889	1 143	1 114	n.p	25.3%
- residential	172	154	171	n.p	-0.7%
Dwellings under construction (number)	420	466	507	n.p	20.7%
Australia					
Total building	109 054	119 094	121 243	n.p	11.2%
- non-residential	48 743	55 545	55 621	n.p	14.1%
- residential	55 147	57 488	59 509	n.p	7.9%

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.

n.p: not published

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

Term	Definition
Building	A rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof.
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.
Building	A rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof.

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