

Building Approvals

June 2025 | Economic brief

Residential Building Approvals

Number of residential approvals	NT	Aust
Monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	↑ 11.9%
Monthly change (trend)	↓ 4.3%	↑ 1.5%
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	↑ 27.4%
Year-ended change (trend)	↑ 15.8%	↑ 13.8%

The trend number of residential building approvals in the Territory declined by 4.3% to 44 in June 2025 (Chart 1), this is the weakest result of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decline of 1.9% in Victoria to an increase of 9.8% in the Australian Capital Territory. Nationally, residential building approvals increased by 1.5%.

The trend number of residential building approvals in the Territory increased by 15.8% over the year to June 2025. This was the fourth strongest result of the jurisdictions (Chart 2), which ranged from a decline of 10.9% in Tasmania to an increase of 149.4% in the Australian Capital Territory. Nationally, residential building approvals increased by 13.8%.

Value of residential approvals	NT	Aust
Year-ended change (original)	↑ 91.1%	↑ 28.5%

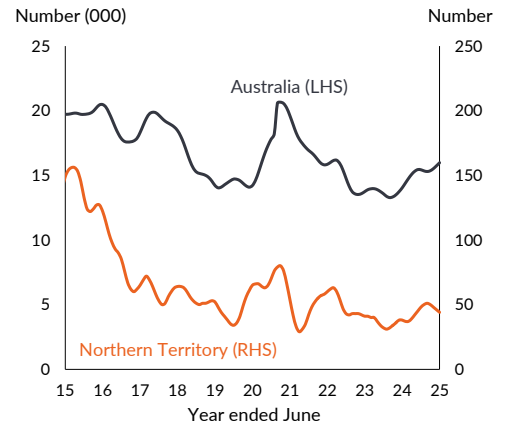
The value of residential building approvals in the Territory increased by 91.1% to \$38.4 million over the year to June 2025, compared with an increase of 28.5% to \$9.4 billion nationally.

Non-residential approvals

Value of non-residential approvals	NT	Aust
Year-ended change (original)	↓ 73.7%	↑ 57.8%

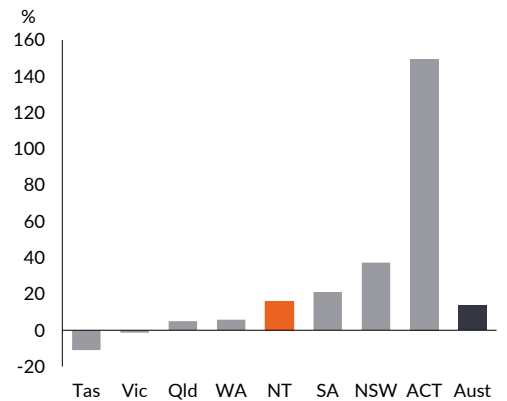
The value of non-residential building approvals in the Territory declined by 73.7% to \$61.9 million over the year to June 2025, reflecting declines of 86.5% in private non-residential building approvals and 66.5% in public non-residential building approvals. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals increased by 57.8% to \$6.7 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)



Source: DTF; ABS, Building Approvals

Table 1 - Residential building approvals

	Period				Change		
	Jun 24	May 25	Jun 25	Year to date	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Number							
Original	32	40	44	534	n.p.	37.5%	22.5%
- houses	32	40	37	426	n.p.	15.6%	19.0%
- other residential ⁴	0	0	7	100	n.p.	n/a	33.3%
- alterations, additions and conversions	0	0	0	8	n.p.	n.a.	166.7%
Seasonally adjusted	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Trend	38	46	44	537	-4.3%	15.8%	
Value (\$M)							
Original	20.1	34.5	38.4	376.9	n.p.	91.1%	1.4%
Australia							
Number							
Original	12 662	16 636	16 133	185 844	n.p.	27.4%	13.5%
Seasonally adjusted	13 407	15 255	17 076	187 333	11.9%	27.4%	
Trend	14 042	15 746	15 984	183 706	1.5%	13.8%	
Value (\$M)							
Original	7 300	9 918	9 383	106 766	n.p.	28.5%	18.4%

Table 2 - Non-residential building approvals

	Period				Change		
	Jun 24	May 25	Jun 25	Year to date	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Value (\$M)							
Original	234.9	110.6	61.9	1354.6	n.p.	-73.7%	48.4%
- private	84.3	99.6	11.4	364.4	n.p.	-86.5%	14.1%
- public	150.6	11.0	50.5	990.2	n.p.	-66.5%	66.8%
Australia							
Value (\$M)							
Original	4 273	6 976	6 741	73 813	n.p.	57.8%	10.3%

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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