

Building Activity (ABS Cat No 8752.0)

Latest quarter: March quarter 2017

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The data for the March quarter 2017 are preliminary and subject to revisions.

Recent performance

The real trend value of building work done in Tasmania decreased by 0.2 per cent in the March quarter 2017 compared to the previous quarter. Nationally, a 1.0 per cent decrease was estimated in the same period.

In the year to the March quarter 2017, the estimated real value of building work done in Tasmania decreased by 3.8 per cent in original terms, which reflected an increase in non-residential building activity that was more than offset by a decrease in residential building activity.

The trend number of total building work commencements in Tasmania in the March quarter 2017 was estimated to have increased by 1.6 per cent to 521, compared to the previous quarter (Table 4).

The estimated real value of total building work commenced in Tasmania in the year to the March quarter 2017 was around \$1.11 billion, down 32.9 per cent from the previous year. In this period, the real value of residential building work commenced decreased by 20.1 per cent to \$630 million and the real value of non-residential building work commenced decreased by 44.6 per cent to \$476 million.

The estimated nominal value of building work yet to be done decreased by 15.1 per cent in the March quarter 2017 compared to one year earlier (Table 3). This was driven by decreases in the value of both residential work yet to be done (down 11.8 per cent) and non-residential work yet to be done (down 16.4 per cent) in the same period.

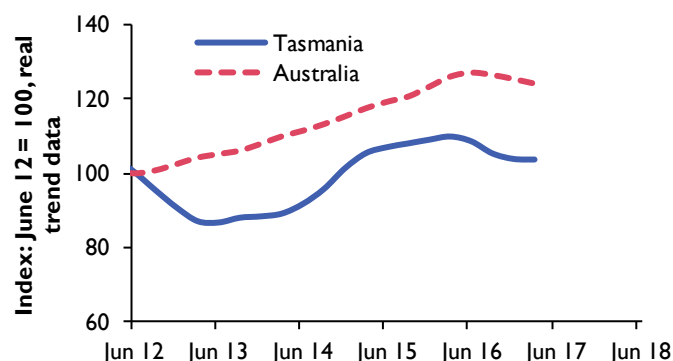
Work yet to be done statistics should be interpreted with caution. As the statistics relate to work yet to be done of all projects that happen to be sampled by the ABS within the life of each project (rather than a specific time period), they can be highly influenced by large commenced projects that are expected to be completed over a longer period of time.

Table 1: Building work done by jurisdiction, March quarter 2017, real trend data

Real data, 2014-15 prices	Value (\$m)	Change cf prev qtr (%)
NSW	8 468	-0.9
Vic	8 106	2.5
Qld	4 865	-3.5
SA	1 174	-0.6
WA	2 655	-6.8
Tas	306	-0.2
NT	287	-4.3
ACT	637	0.2
Aus	26 491	-1.0

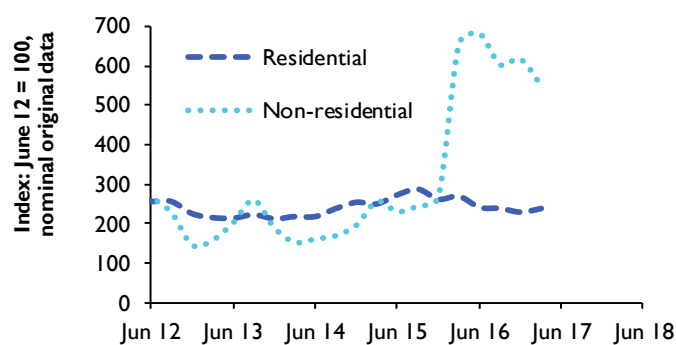
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Chart 1: Building work done, Tasmania and Australia, real trend data



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Chart 2: Building work yet to be done, Tasmania, nominal original data



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Table 2: Building work done and building work commenced, Tasmania and Australia, real data

Real original data, 2014-15 prices \$million		Tasmania				Australia			
		Mar 16	Sep 16	Dec 16	Mar 17	Mar 16	Sep 16	Dec 16	Mar 17
Building work done									
Total									
Quarterly value, trend data*		324	310	306	306	26 897	26 990	26 754	26 491
quarterly change (%)		0.8	-3.0	-1.4	-0.2	2.2	-0.5	-0.9	-1.0
annual change (%)		4.3	-2.5	-4.8	-5.7	7.3	4.8	1.7	-1.5
Year-to value, original data		1 288	1 284	1 264	1 238	103 945	107 210	107 983	107 650
year-to change (%)		11.4	4.5	-0.2	-3.8	6.2	6.4	5.0	3.6
Residential									
Quarterly value		170	163	164	151	16 464	18 446	18 634	16 083
quarterly change (%)		-16.6	-10.1	0.7	-7.8	-5.7	0.5	1.0	-13.7
annual change (%)		-8.5	-16.6	-19.5	-11.1	8.9	7.2	6.8	-2.3
Year-to value		770	716	677	658	67 343	70 721	71 901	71 521
year-to change (%)		9.4	-7.2	-13.9	-14.6	10.6	10.2	8.9	6.2
Non-residential									
Quarterly value		144	156	150	138	8 218	9 010	9 306	8 266
quarterly change (%)		11.3	13.2	-3.8	-8.2	-15.4	-5.6	3.3	-11.2
annual change (%)		34.5	37.1	15.5	-4.8	-2.4	-4.7	-4.2	0.6
Year-to value		518	567	587	581	36 604	36 489	36 082	36 130
year-to change (%)		14.4	24.1	22.2	12.1	-1.0	-0.3	-2.0	-1.3
Building work commenced									
Total									
Quarterly value		667	233	308	230	28 200	28 241	27 671	25 206
quarterly change (%)		102.1	-30.6	32.1	-25.2	6.7	2.9	-2.0	-8.9
annual change (%)		88.0	-27.7	-6.8	-65.5	17.8	6.1	4.7	-10.6
Year-to value		1 647	1 566	1 544	1 106	105 026	110 323	111 566	108 572
year-to change (%)		29.9	17.1	15.6	-32.9	7.1	11.2	10.7	3.4
Residential									
Quarterly value		176	160	154	160	18 755	18 837	19 338	16 177
quarterly change (%)		-4.2	1.9	-4.0	4.2	1.2	3.5	2.7	-16.3
annual change (%)		-4.9	-20.9	-16.4	-9.0	14.7	1.8	4.3	-13.7
Year-to value		788	676	646	630	72 815	74 322	75 123	72 545
year-to change (%)		7.0	-17.2	-19.0	-20.1	11.1	8.2	6.7	-0.4
Non-residential									
Quarterly value		492	73	154	70	9 445	9 405	8 333	9 030
quarterly change (%)		235.2	-59.1	111.2	-54.5	19.7	1.6	-11.4	8.4
annual change (%)		189.3	-39.0	5.1	-85.7	24.7	16.1	5.6	-4.4
Year-to value		859	890	897	476	32 218	36 002	36 443	36 028
year-to change (%)		61.8	70.8	66.9	-44.6	-0.7	18.1	20.1	11.8

* TREND DATA ARE AVAILABLE FOR TOTAL BUILDING WORK DONE

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Table 3: Building work yet to be done, Tasmania and Australia, nominal original data

Nominal original data, \$million	Tasmania				Australia			
	Mar 16	Sep 16	Dec 16	Mar 17	Mar 16	Sep 16	Dec 16	Mar 17
Building work yet to be done								
Total								
Quarterly value	924	840	844	785	58 692	60 831	60 881	62 306
quarterly change (%)	74.6	-8.8	0.5	-6.9	7.7	4.0	0.1	2.3
annual change (%)	82.9	57.8	59.3	-15.1	5.9	11.1	11.7	6.2
Residential								
Quarterly value	268	237	227	236	37 951	38 951	39 804	40 283
quarterly change (%)	2.9	-1.1	-4.1	4.2	7.8	2.6	2.2	1.2
annual change (%)	7.9	-17.4	-12.9	-11.8	21.3	14.8	13.1	6.1
Non-residential								
Quarterly value	656	603	617	549	20 740	21 880	21 077	22 023
quarterly change (%)	144.0	-11.5	2.3	-11.0	7.6	6.6	-3.7	4.5
annual change (%)	155.5	145.6	129.3	-16.4	-14.1	5.0	9.3	6.2

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Table 4: Number of Dwelling Commencements, Tasmania and Australia

	Tasmania				Australia			
	Mar 16	Sep 16	Dec 16	Mar 17	Mar 16	Sep 16	Dec 16	Mar 17
Original								
Year-to number	2 758	2 269	2 135	2 081	233 616	233 303	233 351	222 015
year-to-year change (%)	7.0	-21.8	-23.7	-24.5	11.1	5.3	2.8	-5.0
Seasonally Adjusted								
Quarterly number	607	528	488	548	62 343	56 905	56 853	50 395
quarterly change (%)	-2.3	2.1	-7.6	12.3	10.0	-1.2	-0.1	-11.4
annual change (%)	-5.7	-23.9	-21.4	-9.7	11.8	-0.3	0.3	-19.2
Trend								
Quarterly number	578	515	513	521	59 272	57 322	54 824	52 487
quarterly change (%)	-10.9	-4.5	-0.4	1.6	1.2	-3.1	-4.4	-4.3
annual change (%)	-21.0	-28.1	-21.0	-9.9	6.9	-0.4	-6.4	-11.4

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