

Building Activity (ABS Cat No 8752.0)

Latest quarter: December quarter 2017

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

Recent performance

The real trend value of building work done in Tasmania increased by 0.1 per cent in the December quarter 2017 compared to the previous quarter. Nationally, a 0.4 per cent increase was estimated in the same period.

In the year to the December quarter 2017, the estimated real value of building work done in Tasmania decreased by 1.9 per cent in original terms, which reflected decreases in both non-residential and residential building activity.

The trend number of total building work commencements in Tasmania in the December quarter 2017 was estimated to have increased by 4.9 per cent to 665, compared to the previous quarter (Table 4).

The estimated real value of total building work commenced in Tasmania in the year to the December quarter 2017 was around \$1.16 billion, down 27.6 per cent from the previous year. In this period, the real value of residential building work commenced increased by 10.4 per cent to \$750 million and the real value of non-residential building work commenced decreased by 55.4 per cent to \$411 million.

The estimated nominal value of building work yet to be done decreased by 7.4 per cent in the December quarter 2017 compared to one year earlier (Table 3). This was driven by a decrease in the value of non-residential work yet to be done (down 21.2 per cent), but partially offset by an increase in residential work yet to be done (up 30.0 per cent) in the same period.

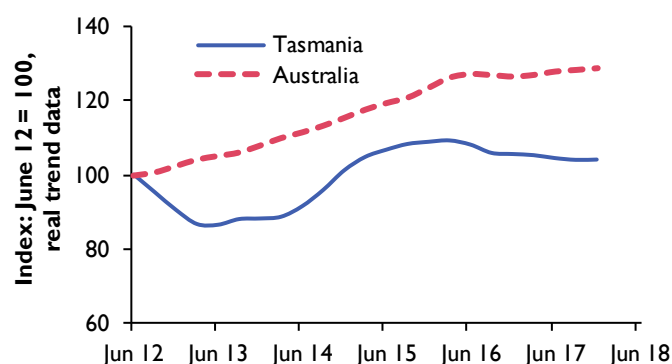
Work yet to be done statistics should be interpreted with caution. As the statistics relate to work yet to be done of all projects that happen to be sampled by the ABS within the life of each project (rather than a specific time period), they can be highly influenced by large commenced projects that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

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

Real data, 2015-16 prices	Value (\$m)	Change cf prev qtr (%)
NSW	9 297	1.6
Vic	8 345	-1.6
Qld	5 174	0.5
SA	1 384	3.1
WA	2 721	-0.1
Tas	320	0.1
NT	237	-4.2
ACT	691	7.2
Aus	28 119	0.4

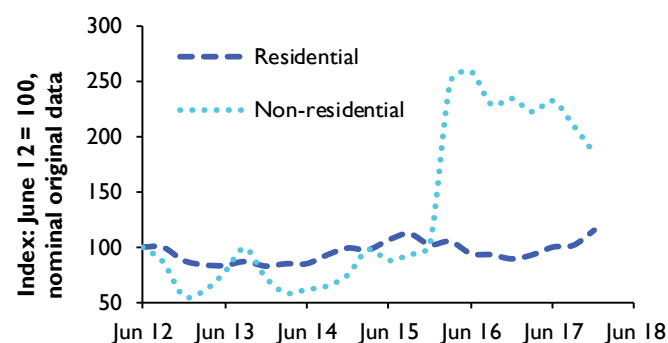
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Chart 1: Building work done, Tasmania and Australia, real trend data



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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, 2015-16 prices \$million	Tasmania				Australia			
	Dec 16	Jun 17	Sep 17	Dec 17	Dec 16	Jun 17	Sep 17	Dec 17
Building work done								
Total								
Quarterly value, trend data*	324	321	319	320	27 630	27 925	28 019	28 119
quarterly change (%)	-0.3	-0.7	-0.5	0.1	-0.3	0.7	0.3	0.4
annual change (%)	-3.0	-3.4	-1.8	-1.4	2.4	0.5	1.1	1.8
Year-to value, original data	1 313	1 296	1 280	1 289	110 759	110 650	111 580	111 856
year-to change (%)	-0.3	-2.1	-4.0	-1.9	5.1	1.4	1.5	1.0
Residential								
Quarterly value	171	165	179	178	19 226	18 450	18 793	18 106
quarterly change (%)	0.6	0.8	8.8	-0.5	1.1	9.2	1.9	-3.7
annual change (%)	-19.5	-13.1	5.2	4.0	6.9	-2.4	-1.2	-5.8
Year-to value	709	670	679	686	74 111	73 588	73 360	72 240
year-to change (%)	-13.9	-14.6	-9.5	-3.3	9.0	2.8	0.7	-2.5
Non-residential								
Quarterly value	154	160	135	155	9 451	9 788	10 311	10 846
quarterly change (%)	-3.8	4.5	-15.5	15.0	3.3	12.9	5.3	5.2
annual change (%)	15.5	13.0	-15.7	0.9	-4.2	0.9	12.7	14.8
Year-to value	603	626	601	603	36 653	37 062	38 221	39 616
year-to change (%)	22.2	16.1	3.2	-0.1	-2.0	-1.2	3.1	8.1
Building work commenced								
Total								
Quarterly value	320	339	245	295	28 393	28 728	30 681	27 413
quarterly change (%)	31.7	20.5	-27.6	20.3	-2.1	4.7	6.8	-10.7
annual change (%)	-6.7	-2.7	1.0	-7.7	4.7	2.0	5.8	-3.5
Year-to value	1 604	1 183	1 186	1 161	114 499	113 545	115 232	114 251
year-to change (%)	15.7	-31.1	-27.1	-27.6	10.8	1.8	1.8	-0.2
Residential								
Quarterly value	161	183	186	209	19 930	18 238	18 846	18 069
quarterly change (%)	-3.9	5.9	1.7	12.8	2.5	4.9	3.3	-4.1
annual change (%)	-16.3	10.8	10.5	29.7	4.3	-2.7	-3.1	-9.3
Year-to value	679	684	702	750	77 447	75 003	74 406	72 545
year-to change (%)	-19.0	-9.4	-1.2	10.4	6.8	-1.6	-2.9	-6.3
Non-residential								
Quarterly value	158	156	60	86	8 463	10 490	11 835	9 343
quarterly change (%)	111.4	43.5	-61.7	43.5	-11.4	4.5	12.8	-21.1
annual change (%)	5.1	-14.9	-20.2	-45.8	5.5	11.4	23.9	10.4
Year-to value	922	499	484	411	37 037	38 541	40 826	41 706
year-to change (%)	66.8	-48.2	-47.1	-55.4	20.0	9.2	11.6	12.6

* 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			
	Dec 16	Jun 17	Sep 17	Dec 17	Dec 16	Jun 17	Sep 17	Dec 17
Building work yet to be done								
Total								
Quarterly value	844	866	812	781	60 881	65 755	68 472	67 918
quarterly change (%)	0.5	5.4	-6.2	-3.8	0.1	2.8	4.1	-0.8
annual change (%)	59.3	-5.9	-3.3	-7.4	11.7	12.4	12.6	11.6
Residential								
Quarterly value	227	255	259	295	39 804	41 094	41 616	42 066
quarterly change (%)	-4.1	7.8	1.7	13.8	2.2	-0.3	1.3	1.1
annual change (%)	-12.9	6.5	9.5	30.0	13.1	8.2	6.8	5.7
Non-residential								
Quarterly value	617	611	553	486	21 077	24 661	26 856	25 852
quarterly change (%)	2.3	4.4	-9.5	-12.0	-3.7	8.4	8.9	-3.7
annual change (%)	129.3	-10.3	-8.3	-21.2	9.3	20.1	22.7	22.7

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Table 4: Number of Dwelling Commencements, Tasmania and Australia

	Tasmania				Australia			
	Dec 16	Jun 17	Sep 17	Dec 17	Dec 16	Jun 17	Sep 17	Dec 17
Original								
Year-to number	2 135	2 172	2 245	2 464	233 351	220 864	219 887	214 984
year-to-year change (%)	-23.7	-10.9	-1.1	15.4	2.8	-5.5	-5.8	-7.9
Seasonally Adjusted								
Quarterly number	484	587	614	699	57 436	54 453	55 417	52 641
quarterly change (%)	-9.9	4.4	4.6	13.8	1.7	4.0	1.8	-5.0
annual change (%)	-21.7	15.8	14.3	44.4	0.5	-5.1	-1.8	-8.3
Trend								
Quarterly number	515	586	634	665	55 311	54 181	54 054	54 035
quarterly change (%)	0.8	7.9	8.2	4.9	-3.3	-0.7	-0.2	0.0
annual change (%)	-20.8	9.1	24.1	29.1	-5.8	-8.0	-5.5	-2.3

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