

# Construction Work Done (Preliminary) (ABS Cat No 8755.0)

Latest quarter: **March quarter 2018**

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These data provide an early indication of trends in building and engineering construction activities. More comprehensive estimates will be released in Engineering Construction Activity (ABS Cat No 8762.0, due for release on 27 June 2018) and in Building Activity (ABS Cat No 8752.0, due for release on 11 July 2018).

## Recent performance

The estimated real value of total construction work done in Tasmania increased by 1.0 per cent in the March quarter 2018 in trend terms, but was 3.8 per cent below the estimated level in the March quarter 2017 (Table 2).

Nationally, the real trend value of total construction work done in the March quarter 2018 increased by an estimated 1.4 per cent and was 6.1 per cent above the estimated level in the March quarter 2017.

The increase in Tasmania's total construction work done in the March quarter 2018 was due to an increase in the real value of engineering work done (up 2.4 per cent), which was only partly offset by a decrease in building construction work done (down 0.3 per cent) (Table 1).

The estimated real value of building work done in Tasmania improved from mid 2013 to early 2016, but has eased marginally over recent periods. The real value of engineering construction work done increased in the March quarter 2018 following a decline over recent quarters, but remains below 2013 activity levels (Chart 2).

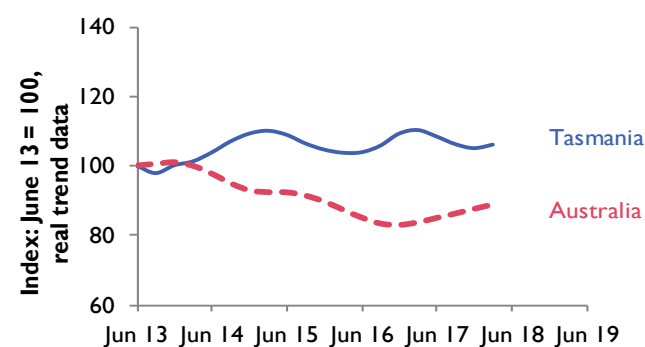
In the year to the March quarter 2018, the estimated nominal value of residential building work done in Tasmania increased by 4.3 per cent, while non-residential building work done decreased by 2.6 per cent in the same period (Table 2).

**Table 1: Work done by jurisdiction, March quarter 2018, real trend data**

Real trend	Building		Engineering		Total	
	value \$m	qtrly % chg	value \$m	qtrly % chg	value \$m	qtrly % chg
NSW	9 325	0.1	5 896	2.2	15 221	0.9
Vic	8 518	0.4	4 026	7.5	12 566	2.7
Qld	5 120	-0.9	5 018	0.5	10 137	-0.2
SA	1 417	1.7	1 460	2.4	2 874	2.0
WA	2 744	0.1	4 583	1.9	7 328	1.2
<b>Tas</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>1.0</b>
NT	231	-2.7	1 503	-1.7	1 735	-1.8
ACT	635	-0.8	259	2.4	894	0.0
<b>Aus</b>	<b>28 321</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>23 059</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>51 424</b>	<b>1.4</b>

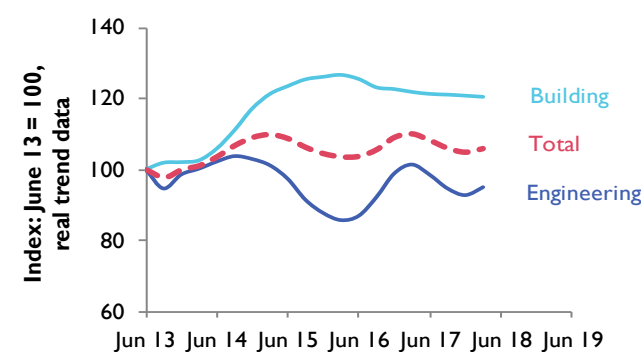
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**Chart 1: Value of total construction work done, real trend data**



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**Chart 2: Value of work done for Tasmania, real trend data**



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**Table 2: Construction work done, Tasmania and Australia**

	Tasmania				Australia			
	Mar 2017	Sep 2017	Dec 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Sep 2017	Dec 2017	Mar 2018
<b>Total Construction Work Done</b> (Engineering + Building)								
Quarterly value (\$million, real trend*)	653	629	622	628	48 484	49 937	50 713	51 424
quarterly change (%)	0.9	-2.0	-1.1	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.4
annual change (%)	6.3	0.4	-3.8	-3.8	-4.1	3.5	5.6	6.1
Year-to total value (\$million, nominal original)	2 549	2 590	2 640	2 625	195 822	218 391	222 919	226 604
year-to change (%)	2.3	3.5	6.1	3.0	-6.1	9.3	13.2	15.7
<b>Engineering Construction Work Done</b>								
Quarterly value (\$million, real trend*)	330	308	302	309	20 633	21 761	22 439	23 059
quarterly change (%)	2.5	-3.9	-2.0	2.4	1.6	3.0	3.1	2.8
annual change (%)	18.3	2.6	-6.2	-6.3	-10.1	6.2	10.5	11.8
Year-to total value (\$million, nominal original)	1 207	1 253	1 274	1 269	82 748	103 001	106 167	108 931
year-to change (%)	3.3	8.9	11.0	5.2	-19.3	15.3	25.1	31.6
<b>Building Work Done</b> (Residential + Non-Residential)								
Quarterly value (\$million, real trend*)	323	321	321	320	27 850	28 179	28 276	28 321
quarterly change (%)	-0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
annual change (%)	-3.8	-1.7	-1.5	-1.1	0.9	1.5	1.9	1.7
Year-to total value (\$million, nominal original)	1 342	1 337	1 366	1 356	109 102	111 854	112 636	112 863
year-to change (%)	1.5	-1.1	1.9	1.0	10.1	7.3	6.3	3.4
<b>Residential Building Work Done</b>								
Quarterly value (\$million, nominal original)	169	186	187	200	17 433	19 641	19 376	17 736
quarterly change (%)	-4.5	9.3	0.4	6.9	-11.5	2.0	-1.3	-8.5
annual change (%)	-5.8	6.4	6.0	18.6	2.6	1.8	-1.6	1.7
Year-to total value (\$million, nominal original)	714	702	713	744	75 443	76 020	75 707	76 009
year-to change (%)	-10.3	-7.7	-1.5	4.3	9.3	3.7	0.9	0.8
<b>Non-Residential Building Work Done</b>								
Quarterly value (\$million, nominal original)	160	145	177	119	8 954	10 636	11 351	9 573
quarterly change (%)	1.0	-14.9	22.2	-33.1	-7.5	5.3	6.7	-15.7
annual change (%)	7.8	-12.3	11.8	-25.9	6.7	15.5	17.3	6.9
Year-to total value (\$million, nominal original)	628	635	653	612	37 632	39 369	41 045	41 664
year-to change (%)	19.1	7.3	5.9	-2.6	1.5	5.7	10.7	10.7

\* REFERENCE YEAR FOR CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES IS 2015-16

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