

# Construction Work Done – December Quarter 2023

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### Construction work done<sup>1</sup> increased by 4.3 per cent in the December quarter 2023.

Construction work done in **the ACT** increased by 4.3 per cent in the December quarter 2023, to be 12.4 per cent higher through the year in seasonally adjusted chain volume terms. The quarterly growth was driven by an increase in non-residential building work done (13.5 per cent) and residential building work done (1.0 per cent). Engineering work done decreased by 2.9 per cent in the December quarter, to be 3.4 per cent lower than the same period last year.

**Nationally**, construction work done increased by 0.7 per cent in the December quarter 2023 and by 8.7 per cent through the year in seasonally adjusted chain volume terms. The quarterly growth was driven by a rise in non-residential building work done (5.0 per cent) and engineering work done (2.7 per cent). Residential building work done decreased by 5.2 per cent in the December quarter, to be 1.9 per cent lower than the same period last year.

The value of total construction work done rose in most states and territories in December quarter 2023 but fell in New South Wales (-0.7 per cent) and South Australia (-5.2 per cent) in seasonally adjusted term.

### Construction Work Done, ACT and Australia, Seasonally Adjusted, Chain Volume Measures

	Level (\$m)			Change (%)	
	Dec Qtr 2022	Sep Qtr 2023	Dec Qtr 2023	Quarter	tty <sup>2</sup>
<b>ACT</b>					
<b>Building Work</b>	720	793	841	6.1	16.9
<i>Residential</i>	487	466	471	1.0	-3.2
<i>Non-Residential</i>	233	326	370	13.5	59.0
<b>Engineering Work</b>	207	206	200	-2.9	-3.4
<b>Total Construction Work</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>12.4</b>
<b>Australia</b>					
<b>Building Work</b>	33,116	34,685	34,297	-1.1	3.6
<i>Residential</i>	20,117	20,801	19,725	-5.2	-1.9
<i>Non-Residential</i>	12,999	13,884	14,572	5.0	12.1
<b>Engineering Work</b>	27,079	30,322	31,144	2.7	15.0
<b>Total Construction Work</b>	<b>60,195</b>	<b>65,007</b>	<b>65,440</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>8.7</b>

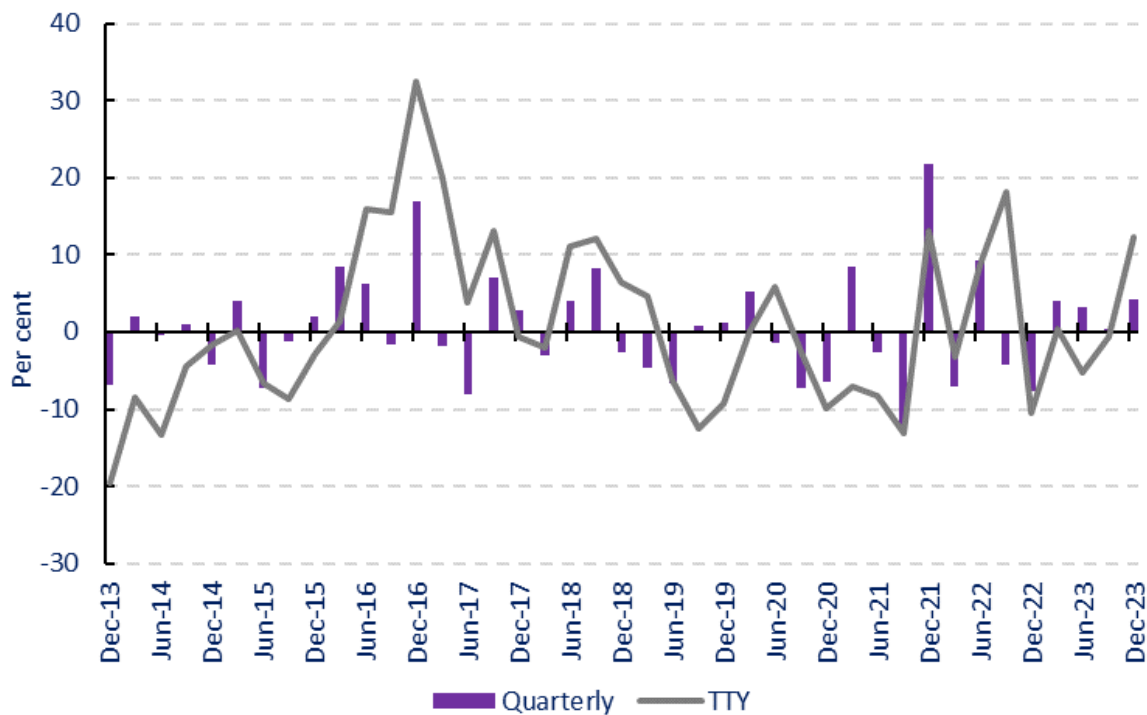
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Reference year for Chain Volume Measures is 2021-22.

<sup>1</sup>These are preliminary estimates based on a response rate of approximately 75 per cent of the value of both building and engineering work done during the quarter. More comprehensive and updated results are released in *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (previous ABS cat. no. 8762.0) and in *Building Activity, Australia* (previous ABS cat.no. 8752.0). More details can be found on the [ABS website](#).

<sup>2</sup> Through the year (tty) is the percentage change from the same period in the previous year.

## Growth in Construction Work Done in ACT, Chain Volume, Seasonally Adjusted Quarterly Data



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### Definitions

**Building work** is all approved building activity involving the construction of new buildings or structural alterations, extensions or other additions made to existing buildings. Maintenance work is excluded but major repairs involving partial demolition and reconstruction are included. It represents the sum of *Residential* and *Non-Residential*.

**Engineering Work** incorporates all construction activity except the construction of new buildings or structural alterations, extensions or other additions made to existing buildings. Maintenance work is excluded but major repairs involving partial demolition and reconstruction are included.

**Total Construction Work Done** is the sum of value of building work done (residential and non-residential) and value of engineering work done.

**Residential building** is a building consisting of one or more dwelling units. Residential buildings can be either houses or other residential buildings.

**Non-residential building** is primarily intended for purposes other than long term residential purposes. Note that, on occasions, one or more dwelling units may be created through non-residential building activity. The value of these dwelling units cannot be separated out from that of the non-residential building which they are part of, therefore the value associated with these remain in the appropriate non-residential category. Non-residential buildings are further classified by their functional use at time of approval - educational; health; aged-care; office; religious; transport; industrial; and commercial nature.