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Main Features

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend)

Queensland	↓	1.7%
Australia	↓	1.0%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend)

Queensland	↑	8.1%
Australia	↓	2.2%

Commentary

Dwelling Approvals

- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in March 2007 was 3,350 dwelling units, a decrease of 1.7% from 3,409 in February 2007. National trend estimates for total dwelling approvals also decreased 1.0% in March 2007 to 12,162. Queensland's trend estimate has decreased for the past two months.
- The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland decreased 2.2% in March 2007, with a total of 2,278 houses approved. Australia's trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals also decreased in March 2007 by 0.8% to 8,333 approvals.
- In March 2007, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 27.5% of the Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 27.3% of Australia's private sector house approvals.
- The trend value of residential buildings approved in Queensland in March 2007 decreased 2.7% to \$836.4 million, compared with a smaller decrease of 0.1% for Australia to \$3,260.7 million.
- In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in March 2007 was 8.1% higher than the March 2006 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling approvals in Australia decreased 2.2% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in March 2007 was \$467.9 million, a decrease of 3.2% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved for Australia in March 2007 was \$2,289.4 million, up 0.4%.

Figure 1: Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend), Australia and states and territories, March 2007

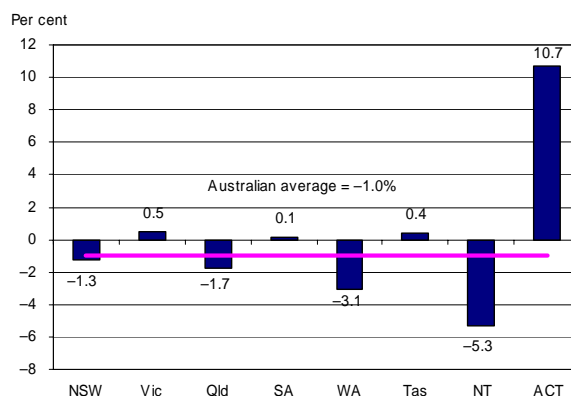


Figure 2: Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend), monthly percentage change, March 2002 to March 2007

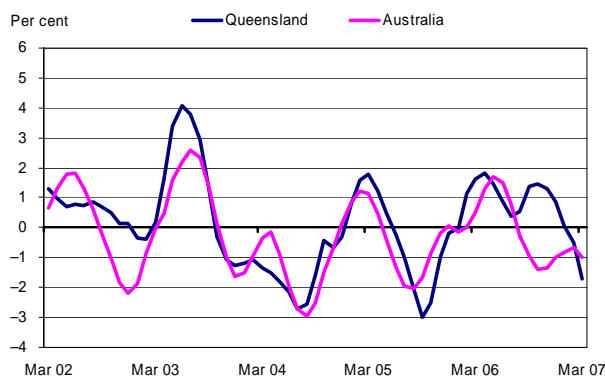


Figure 3: Total dwelling units approved (trend), Queensland, March 2002 to March 2007

