

**Main Features**

**Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend)**

Queensland	↓	1.5%
Australia	↓	0.6%

**Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend)**

Queensland	↑	6.4%
Australia	↑	6.9%

**Commentary**

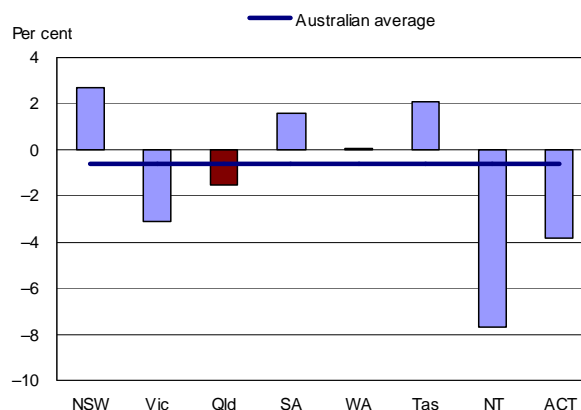
**Dwelling approvals**

- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in December 2007 was 3,705 dwelling units, a decrease of 1.5% from 3,761 in November 2007. The trend estimate has decreased each month since October 2007. National trend estimates for total dwelling approvals decreased 0.6% in December 2007 to 13,410.
- The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland decreased 1.2% in December 2007, with a total of 2,579 houses approved. Australia's trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals decreased in December 2007 by 0.9% to 8,908 approvals.
- In December 2007, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 27.6% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 29.0% of Australia's private sector house approvals.
- The trend value of new residential buildings approved in Queensland in December 2007 increased by 0.8% to \$1,064.2 million. The same percentage increase was recorded for Australia (\$3,766.0 million) for the same period.
- In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in December 2007 was 6.4% higher than the December 2006 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling approvals in Australia increased 6.9% over the same period.

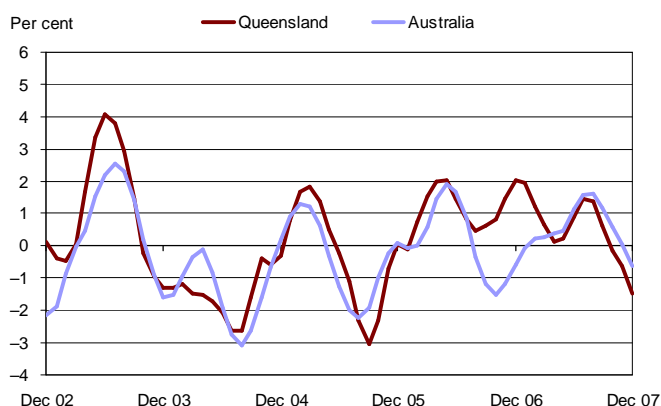
**Non-residential building approvals**

- The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in December 2007 was \$519.4 million, a decrease of 2.3% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved for Australia in December 2007 was \$2,344.7 million, down 1.1%.

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



**Figure 2: Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend), December 2002 to December 2007**



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

