

Main Features

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend)

Queensland	↓	7.8%
Australia	↓	4.3%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend)

Queensland	↓	50.5%
Australia	↓	31.7%

Commentary

Dwelling approvals

- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in January 2009 was 1,873 dwelling units, a decrease of 7.8% from 2,031 in December 2008. The trend estimate has decreased each month since November 2007. National trend estimates for total dwelling approvals decreased 4.3% in January 2009 to 9,303.
- The trend estimate for the number of private-sector house approvals in Queensland decreased 3.7% in January 2009, with a total of 1,441 houses approved. Australia's trend estimate for the number of private-sector house approvals decreased in January 2009 by 2.0% to 6,912 approvals.
- In January 2009, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 20.1% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private-sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 20.8% of Australia's private-sector house approvals.
- The trend value of residential building work approved in Queensland in January 2009 decreased by 7.5% for the month to \$576.4 million. Australia's trend value of residential building work approved decreased by 4.9% to \$2,668.2 million.
- In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in January 2009 was 50.5% lower than the January 2008 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia decreased 31.7% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in January 2009 was \$342.5 million, a decrease of 18.1% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved for Australia in January 2009 was \$1,602.0 million, a decrease of 11.8% from the previous month.

Figure 1: Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend), Australia and states and territories, January 2009

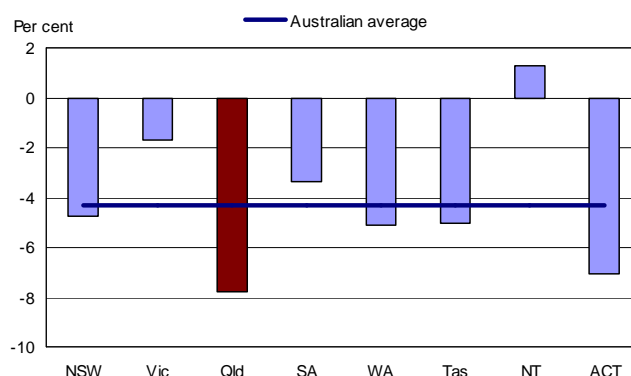


Figure 2: Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend), January 2004 to January 2009

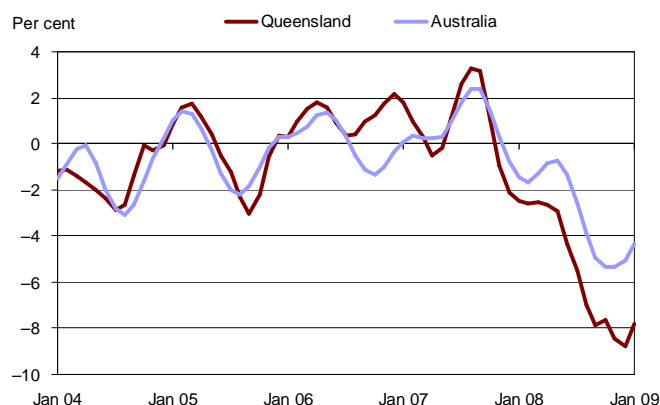


Figure 3: Total dwelling units approved (trend), Queensland, January 2004 to January 2009

