



Main Features

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend)

Queensland	↑	2.7%
Australia	↑	1.3%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend)

Queensland	↓	35.9%
Australia	↓	18.3%

Commentary

Dwelling approvals

- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in May 2009 was 2,142 dwelling units, an increase of 2.7% from 2,086 in April 2009. This was the third consecutive monthly increase in trend dwelling approvals in Queensland, following 16 consecutive monthly declines. National trend estimates for total dwelling approvals increased 1.3% in May 2009 to 10,577.
- The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 1.9% in May 2009, with a total of 1,537 houses approved. Australia's trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals increased in May 2009 by 2.4% to 7,839 approvals.
- In May 2009, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 20.3% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 19.6% of Australia's private sector house approvals.
- The trend value of residential building work approved in Queensland in May 2009 increased by 3.5% for the month to \$615.5 million. Australia's trend value of residential building work approved increased by 2.0% to \$2,912.5 million.
- In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in May 2009 was 35.9% lower than the May 2008 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia decreased 18.3% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in May 2009 was \$408.9 million, a decrease of 6.7% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved for Australia in May was \$1,753.7 million, a decrease of 4.2% from the previous month.

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

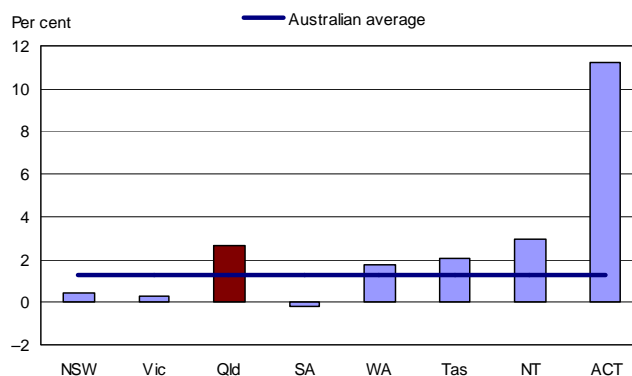


Figure 2: Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend), May 2004 to May 2009

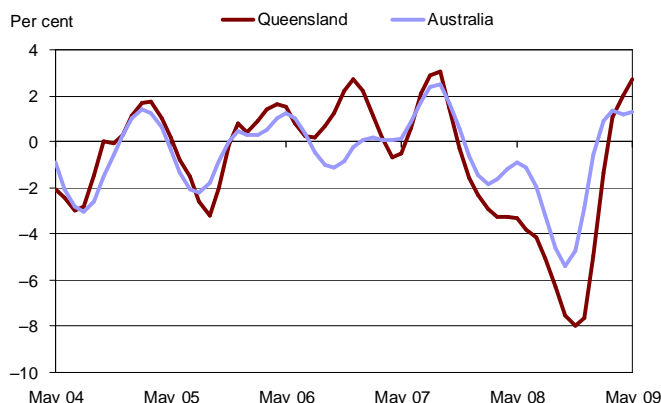


Figure 3: Total dwelling units approved (trend), Queensland, May 2004 to May 2009

