

Main Features

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend)

Queensland	↓	2.6%
Australia	↓	1.7%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend)

Queensland	↓	32.1%
Australia	↓	17.4%

Commentary

The ABS advises widespread flooding and other recent natural disasters in the eastern states, particularly Queensland, have had an impact on the number of approved dwellings and the value of approved work in January and February 2011. As revisions may occur to these data, care should be taken when interpreting month to month movements.

Dwelling approvals

- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in February 2011 was 2,127, 2.6% lower than the January 2011 figure. The national trend estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 1.7% during the month.
- The trend estimate for the number of private-sector house approvals in Queensland decreased by 3.9% in February 2011, with a total of 1,266 houses approved. Australia's trend estimate for the number of private-sector house approvals decreased in February 2011 by 0.4% to 8,016 approvals.
- In February 2011, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 16.5% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private-sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 15.8% of Australia's private-sector house approvals.
- The trend nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland in February 2011 decreased by 1.5% in the month to \$626.1 million. Australia's trend value of residential building work approved decreased by 1.5% to \$3,790.3 million.
- In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in February 2011 was 32.1% lower than the February 2010 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia decreased 17.4% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in February 2011 was \$279.9 million, a decrease of 14.6% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in February 2011 was \$1,991.8 million, a decrease of 4.1% from the previous month.

Figure 1: Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend), February 2011

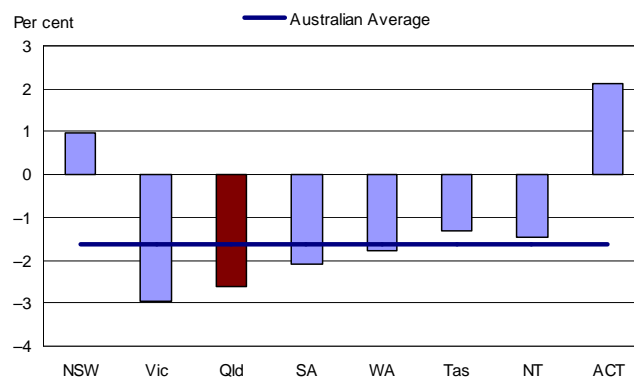


Figure 2: Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend)

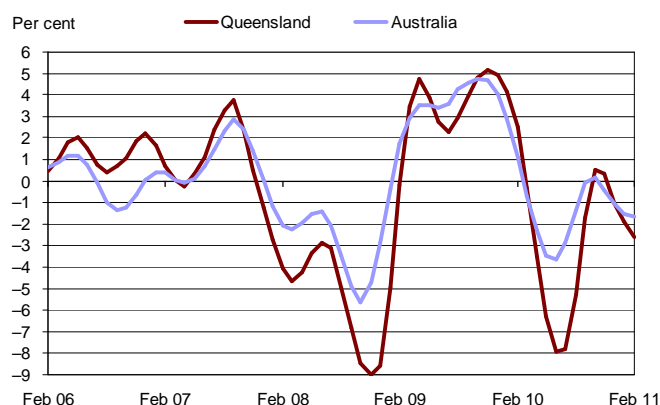


Figure 3: Total dwelling units approved (trend), Queensland

