Building approvals, December 2018
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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend):
Queensland .................................................... 6.5%
Australia ........................................................ 4.1%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend):
Queensland ................................................... 29.6%
Australia ........................................................ 24.7%

Main findings

Dwelling approvals
• The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in December 2018 was 2,601, 6.5% lower than the November 2018 figure. The national trend estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 4.1% during the month.
• The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland decreased 3.6% in December 2018, with a total of 1,725 houses approved. Australia’s trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 9,261, a decrease of 1.1% from the November 2018 figure.
• In December 2018, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 17.5% of Australia’s total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 18.6% of Australia’s private sector house approvals.
• The trend nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland decreased 4.2% in December 2018 to a total of $978.2 million. Australia’s trend value of residential building work approved decreased 2.6% during the month to $5,557.0 million.
• In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in December 2018 was 29.6% lower than the December 2017 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia decreased 24.7% over the same period.

Non–residential building approvals
• The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in December 2018 was $521.5 million, a decrease of 1.7% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in December 2018 was $3,435.6 million, an increase of 0.2% over the month.