Building approvals, April 2019

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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend):
Queensland .................................................... ↔ 0.0%
Australia ...................................................... ↓ 0.6%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend):
Queensland ................................................... ↓ 32.1%
Australia ..................................................... ↓ 21.8%

Main findings

Dwelling approvals
- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in April 2019 was 2,489, similar to the March 2019 figure. The national trend estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 0.6% during the month.
- The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland decreased 0.8% in April 2019, with a total of 1,672 houses approved. Australia’s trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 8,545, a decrease of 1.9% from the March 2019 figure.
- In April 2019, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 16.8% 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 nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland decreased 2.7% in April 2019 to a total of $833.9 million. Australia’s trend value of residential building work approved decreased 0.9% during the month to $5,498.3 million.
- In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in April 2019 was 32.1% lower than the April 2018 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia decreased 21.8% over the same period.

Non–residential building approvals
- The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in April 2019 was $652.5 million, an increase of 2.3% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in April 2019 was $3,795.3 million, an increase of 1.0% over the month.