Building approvals, May 2019

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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend):
Queensland .................................................... 0.4%
Australia ........................................................ 0.5%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend):
Queensland ................................................... 29.4%
Australia ........................................................ 20.9%

Main findings

Dwelling approvals

• The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in May 2019 was 2,523, 0.4% higher than the April 2019 figure. The national trend estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 0.5% during the month.

• The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland decreased 0.1% in May 2019, with a total of 1,682 houses approved. Australia’s trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 8,480, a decrease of 1.3% from the April 2019 figure.

• In May 2019, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 17.1% of Australia’s total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 19.8% of Australia’s private sector house approvals.

• The trend nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland increased 0.1% in May 2019 to a total of $879.1 million. Australia’s trend value of residential building work approved decreased 0.6% during the month to $5,512.4 million.

• In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in May 2019 was 29.4% lower than the May 2018 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia decreased 20.9% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

• The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in May 2019 was $718.7 million, an increase of 3.5% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in May 2019 was $3,783.2 million, an increase of 0.3% over the month.