Building approvals, December 2019

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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend):
Queensland .......................................................
                                    1.3%
Australia ..........................................................
                                    2.1%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend):
Queensland .......................................................
                                    7.7%
Australia ..........................................................
                                    5.9%

Main findings

Dwelling approvals
• The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in December 2019 was 2,392, 1.3% lower than the November 2019 figure. The national trend estimate for total dwelling approvals increased 2.1% during the month.

• The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 1.1% in December 2019, with a total of 1,735 houses approved. Australia’s trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 8,368, an increase of 0.3% from the November 2019 figure.

• In December 2019, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 16.6% of Australia’s total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 20.7% of Australia’s private sector house approvals.

• The trend nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland decreased 0.2% in December 2019 to a total of $912.0 million. Australia’s trend value of residential building work approved increased 1.1% during the month to $5,354.9 million.

• In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in December 2019 was 7.7% lower than the December 2018 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia decreased 5.9% over the same period.

Non–residential building approvals
• The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in December 2019 was $733.7 million, an increase of 1.7% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in December 2019 was $3,925.0 million, a decrease of 2.7% over the month.