Building approvals, January 2020

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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend):
Queensland .................................................... 0.7%
Australia .......................................................... 0.5%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend):
Queensland .................................................... 4.4%
Australia ........................................................... 6.7%

Main findings

Dwelling approvals

• The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in January 2020 was 2,419, 0.7% lower than the December 2019 figure. The national trend estimate for total dwelling approvals increased 0.5% during the month.

• The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 0.6% in January 2020, with a total of 1,740 houses approved. Australia’s trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 8,549, an increase of 0.8% from the December 2019 figure.

• In January 2020, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 17.0% of Australia’s total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 20.4% of Australia’s private sector house approvals.

• The trend nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland decreased 1.0% in January 2020 to a total of $914.0 million. Australia’s trend value of residential building work approved increased 0.1% during the month to $5,315.4 million.

• In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in January 2020 was 4.4% lower than the January 2019 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia decreased 6.7% over the same period.

Non–residential building approvals

• The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in January 2020 was $701.8 million, a decrease of 2.4% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in January 2020 was $4,203.4 million, an increase of 0.4% over the month.