

Building approvals, July 2020

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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ↑ 7.7%
Australia ↑ 12.0%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ↓ 16.2%
Australia ↑ 6.3%

Main findings

Due to the impacts of COVID-19 the ABS has suspended the trend series from May 2020. All results are therefore presented in seasonally adjusted terms.

Dwelling approvals

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in July 2020 was 2,276, 7.7% higher than the June 2020 figure. The national seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling approvals increased 12.0% during the month.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 15.6% in July 2020, with a total of 1,562 houses approved. Australia's seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 8,852, an increase of 8.5% from the June 2020 figure.
- In July 2020, seasonally adjusted total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 16.4% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 17.6% of Australia's private sector house approvals.
- The seasonally adjusted nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland decreased 6.4% in July 2020 to a total of \$818.7 million. Australia's seasonally adjusted value of residential building work approved increased 9.5% during the month to \$5,397.6 million.
- In annual terms, the seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in July 2020 was 16.2% lower than the July 2019 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia increased 6.3% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The seasonally adjusted value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in July 2020 was \$464.1 million, a decrease of 36.6% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in July 2020 was \$3,303.2 million, a decrease of 19.8% over the month.

Figure 1 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted), July 2020

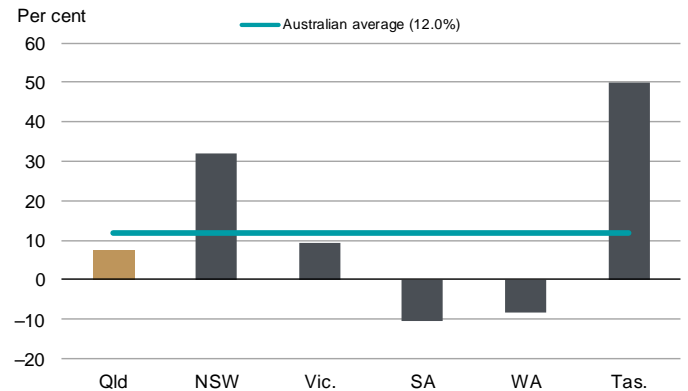


Figure 2 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted)

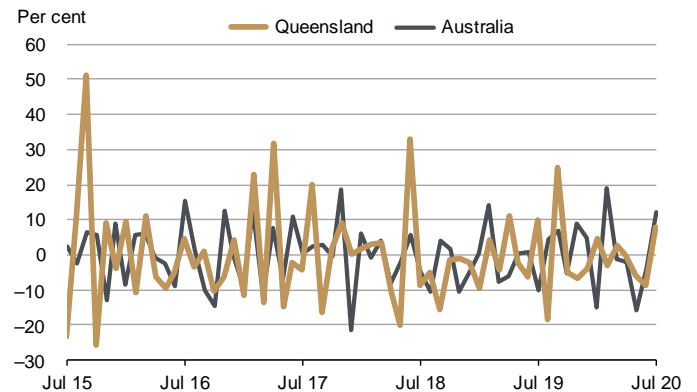


Figure 3 Dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted), Queensland

