

Building approvals, August 2020

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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ↑ 8.1%
Australia ↓ 1.6%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ↑ 12.0%
Australia ↑ 0.6%

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 August 2020 was 2,487, 8.1% higher than the July 2020 figure. The national seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 1.6% during the month.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 13.9% in August 2020, with a total of 1,776 houses approved. Australia's seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 9,312, an increase of 4.8% from the July 2020 figure.
- In August 2020, seasonally adjusted total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 18.2% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 19.1% of Australia's private sector house approvals.
- The seasonally adjusted nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland increased 11.7% in August 2020 to a total of \$942.5 million. Australia's seasonally adjusted value of residential building work approved increased 4.4% during the month to \$5,687.9 million.
- In annual terms, the seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in August 2020 was 12.0% higher than the August 2019 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia increased 0.6% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The seasonally adjusted value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in August 2020 was \$1,114.4 million, an increase of 132.8% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in August 2020 was \$4,666.6 million, an increase of 40.7% over the month.

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

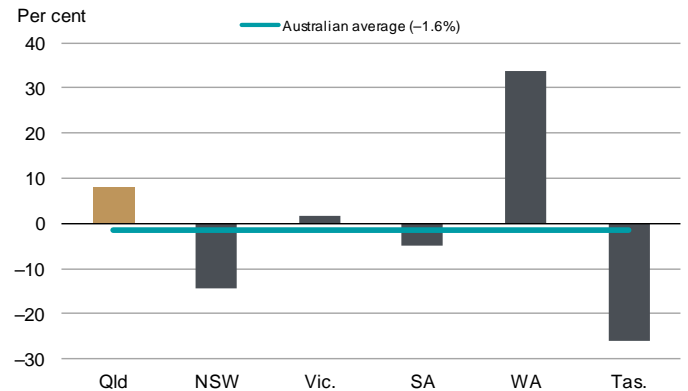


Figure 2 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted)

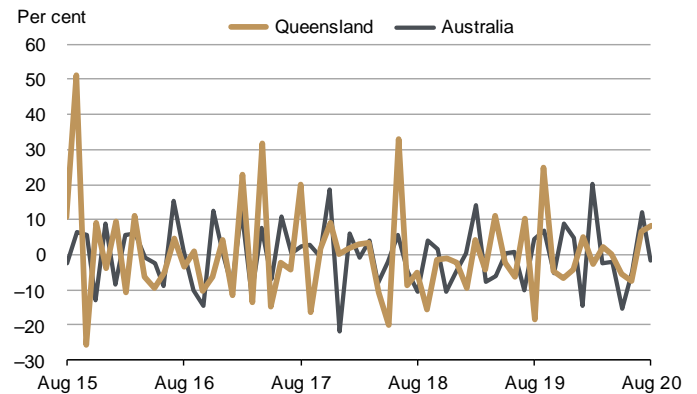


Figure 3 Dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted), Queensland

