

# Building approvals, September 2020

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## Key data

### Total dwelling approvals monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ..... ↑ 19.3%  
Australia..... ↑ 15.4%

### Total dwelling approvals annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ..... ↑ 7.1%  
Australia..... ↑ 8.8%

## 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 September 2020 was 2,970, 19.3% higher than the August 2020 figure. The national seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling approvals increased 15.4% during the month.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 3.6% in September 2020, with a total of 1,843 houses approved. Australia's seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 10,238, an increase of 9.7% from the August 2020 figure.
- In September 2020, seasonally adjusted total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 18.8% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 18.0% of Australia's private sector house approvals.
- The seasonally adjusted nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland increased 22.3% in September 2020 to a total of \$1,151.7 million. Australia's seasonally adjusted value of residential building work approved decreased 0.7% during the month to \$5,639.6 million.
- In annual terms, the seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in September 2020 was 7.1% higher than the September 2019 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia increased 8.8% over the same period.

### Non-residential building approvals

- The seasonally adjusted value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in September 2020 was \$473.9 million, a decrease of 57.5% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in September 2020 was \$2,963.0 million, a decrease of 36.7% over the month.

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

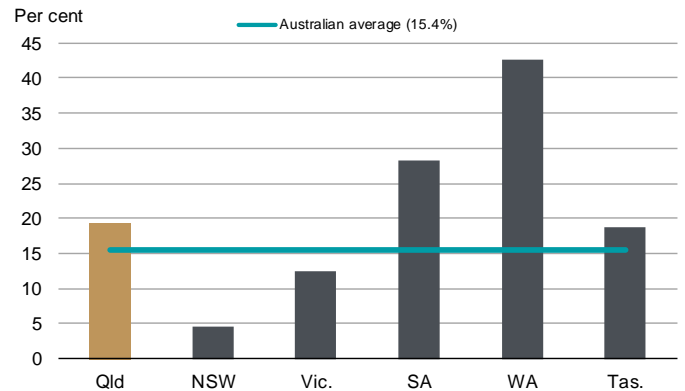


Figure 2 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted)

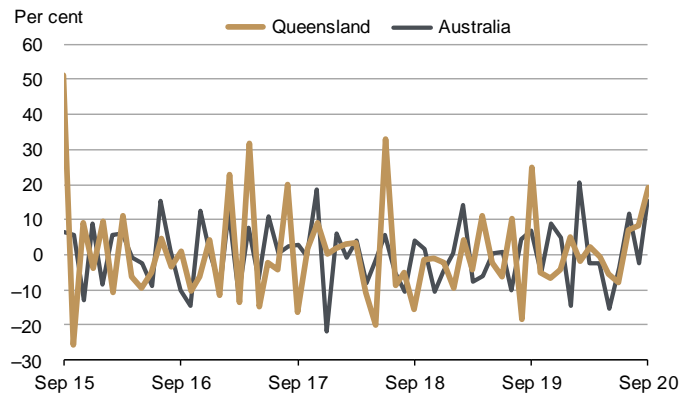


Figure 3 Dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted), Queensland

