Building approvals, October 2020

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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (seasonally adjusted):
- Queensland: -0.8%
- Australia: +3.8%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (seasonally adjusted):
- Queensland: -9.3%
- Australia: +14.3%

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 October 2020 was 3,080, 0.8% lower than the September 2020 figure. The national seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling approvals increased 3.8% during the month.

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 9.4% in October 2020, with a total of 2,145 houses approved. Australia's seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 10,692, an increase of 3.1% from the September 2020 figure.

- In October 2020, seasonally adjusted total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 18.6% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 20.1% of Australia's private sector house approvals.

- The seasonally adjusted nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland decreased 2.3% in October 2020 to a total of $1,177.5 million. Australia’s seasonally adjusted value of residential building work approved increased 9.4% during the month to $6,239.7 million.

- In annual terms, the seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in October 2020 was 9.3% lower than the October 2019 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia increased 14.3% over the same period.

Non–residential building approvals

- The seasonally adjusted value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in October 2020 was $731.5 million, an increase of 53.2% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in October 2020 was $4,636.1 million, an increase of 58.6% over the month.