

# 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.

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

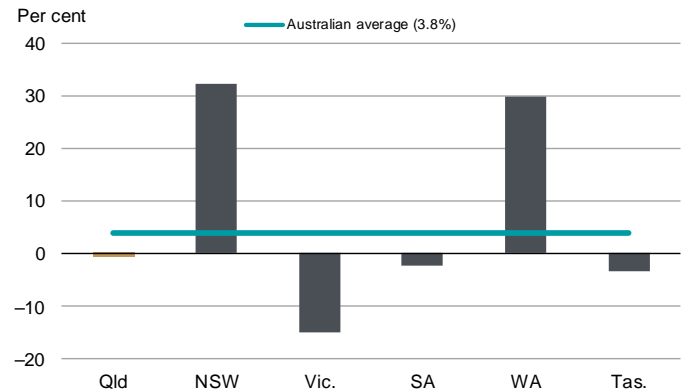


Figure 2 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted)

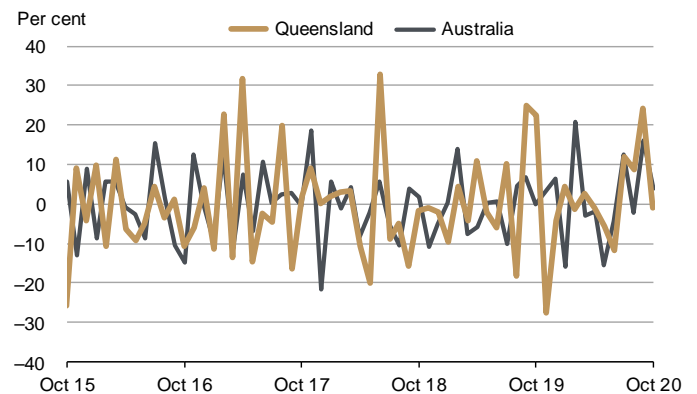


Figure 3 Dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted), Queensland

