

Building approvals, December 2020

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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ↑ 24.0%
Australia..... ↑ 10.9%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ↑ 83.3%
Australia..... ↑ 22.8%

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 December 2020 was 4,325, 24.0% higher than the November 2020 figure. The national seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling approvals increased 10.9% during the month.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 7.5% in December 2020, with a total of 2,867 houses approved. Australia's seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 13,638, an increase of 15.8% from the November 2020 figure.
- In December 2020, seasonally adjusted total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 22.1% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 21.0% of Australia's private sector house approvals.
- The seasonally adjusted nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland increased 28.7% in December 2020 to a total of \$1,614.1 million. Australia's seasonally adjusted value of residential building work approved increased 2.3% during the month to \$6,981.0 million.
- In annual terms, the seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in December 2020 was 83.3% higher than the December 2019 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia increased 22.8% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The seasonally adjusted value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in December 2020 was \$816.4 million, an increase of 74.0% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in December 2020 was \$3,771.4 million, an increase of 10.1% over the month.

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

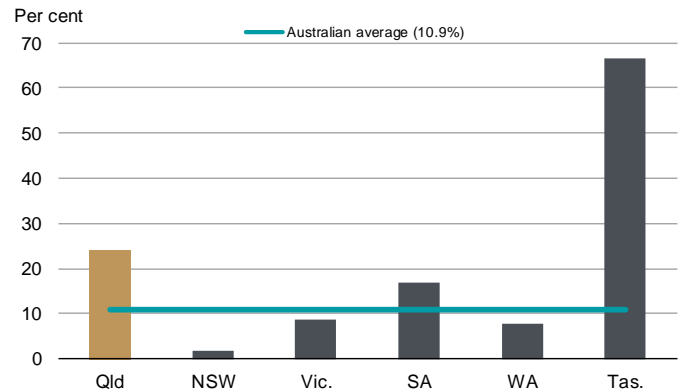


Figure 2 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted)

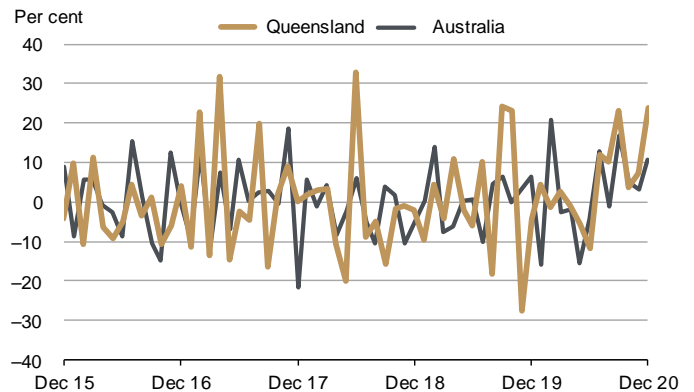


Figure 3 Dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted), Queensland

