

# Building approvals, January 2021

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## Key data

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

Queensland ..... ↓ 33.3%  
 Australia ..... ↓ 19.4%

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

Queensland ..... ↑ 18.5%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 19.0%

## 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 January 2021 was 2,921, 33.3% lower than the December 2020 figure. The national seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 19.4% during the month.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland decreased 19.0% in January 2021, with a total of 2,364 houses approved. Australia's seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 12,124, a decrease of 12.2% from the December 2020 figure.
- In January 2021, seasonally adjusted total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 18.3% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 19.5% of Australia's private sector house approvals.
- The seasonally adjusted nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland decreased 30.4% in January 2021 to a total of \$1,139.9 million. Australia's seasonally adjusted value of residential building work approved decreased 17.1% during the month to \$5,850.5 million.
- In annual terms, the seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in January 2021 was 18.5% higher than the January 2020 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia increased 19.0% over the same period.

### Non-residential building approvals

- The seasonally adjusted value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in January 2021 was \$526.7 million, a decrease of 36.3% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in January 2021 was \$3,214.3 million, a decrease of 16.3% over the month.

Figure 1 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted), January 2021

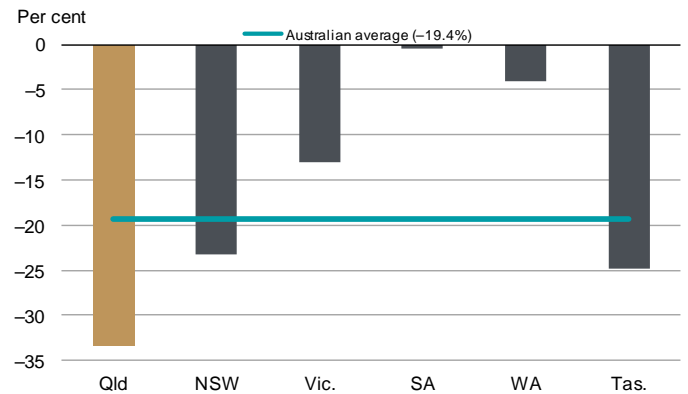


Figure 2 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted)

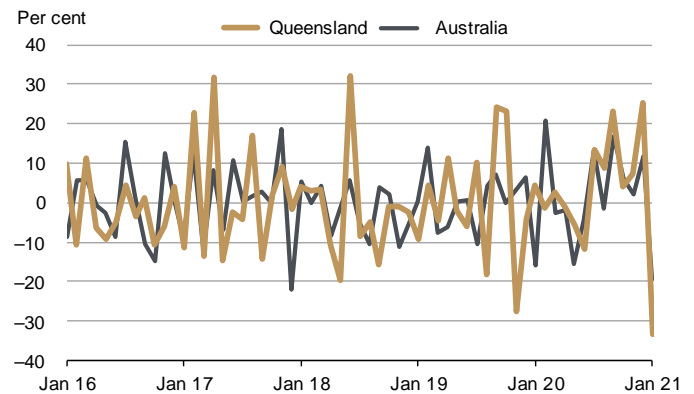


Figure 3 Dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted), Queensland

