

Building approvals, April 2021

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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ↓ 14.3%
 Australia ↓ 8.6%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ↑ 61.0%
 Australia ↑ 39.2%

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 April 2021 was 3,976, 14.3% lower than the March 2021 figure. The national seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 8.6% during the month.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 8.3% in April 2021, with a total of 3,027 houses approved. Australia's seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 15,063, an increase of 4.6% from the March 2021 figure.
- In April 2021, seasonally adjusted total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 18.5% 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 22.2% in April 2021 to a total of \$1,354.5 million. Australia's seasonally adjusted value of residential building work approved decreased 7.1% during the month to \$8,396.6 million.
- In annual terms, the seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in April 2021 was 61.0% higher than the April 2020 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia increased 39.2% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The seasonally adjusted value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in April 2021 was \$703.7 million, an increase of 50.5% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in April 2021 was \$3,848.1 million, a decrease of 43.2% over the month.

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

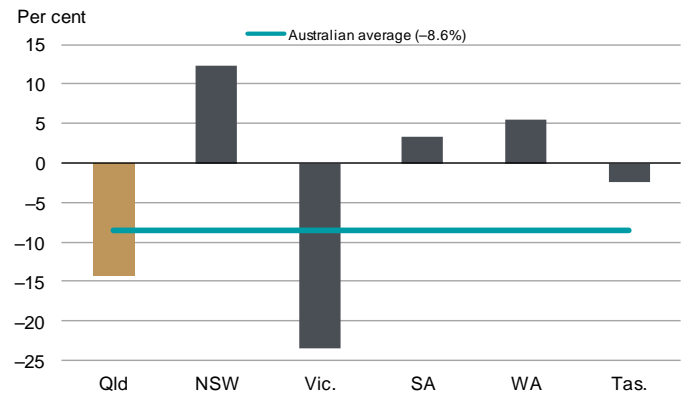


Figure 2 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted)

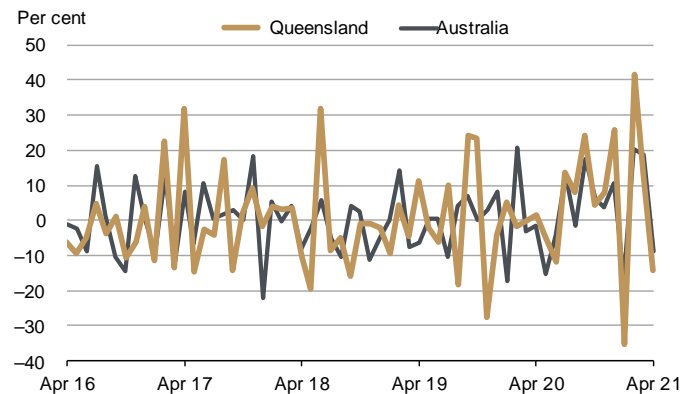


Figure 3 Dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted), Queensland

