

Building approvals, May 2021

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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ↓ 13.1%
Australia ↓ 7.1%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland ↑ 49.5%
Australia ↑ 52.7%

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 May 2021 was 3,621, 13.1% lower than the April 2021 figure. The national seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 7.1% during the month.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland decreased 13.8% in May 2021, with a total of 2,650 houses approved. Australia's seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 13,571, a decrease of 10.3% from the April 2021 figure.
- In May 2021, seasonally adjusted total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 18.0% 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 17.4% in May 2021 to a total of \$1,322.1 million. Australia's seasonally adjusted value of residential building work approved decreased 6.7% during the month to \$7,880.7 million.
- In annual terms, the seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in May 2021 was 49.5% higher than the May 2020 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia increased 52.7% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The seasonally adjusted value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in May 2021 was \$303.3 million, a decrease of 56.0% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in May 2021 was \$5,064.7 million, an increase of 28.5% over the month.

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

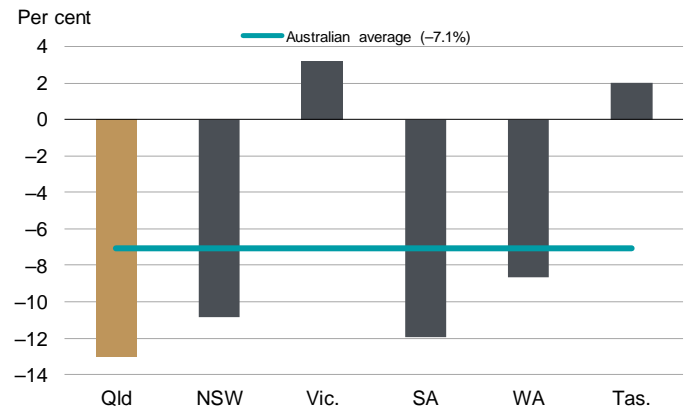


Figure 2 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted)

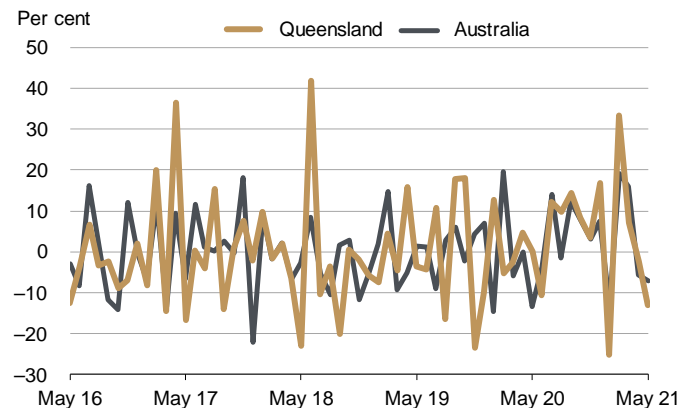


Figure 3 Dwelling units approved (seasonally adjusted), Queensland

