

Building approvals, January 2026

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Building approvals, Australia*, released 03 March 2026, 10:30 am (AEST)

Key data

Dwelling approvals monthly change (trend):

Queensland.....↓ 0.3%

Australia↓ 0.1%

Dwelling approvals annual change (trend):

Queensland.....↑ 12.8%

Australia↑ 6.0%

Main findings

Dwelling approvals

- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in January 2026 was 3,555, 0.3% lower than the previous month. The national trend estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 0.1% during the month.
- The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 0.8% in January 2026, with a total of 2,163 houses approved.
- In January 2026, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 21.7% of Australia’s total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 22.3% of Australia’s private sector house approvals.
- The trend nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland decreased 0.2% in January 2026 to a total of \$2,249.4 million. Australia’s trend value of residential building work approved decreased 0.3% during the month to \$9,934.0 million.
- In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in January 2026 was 12.8% higher than the January 2025 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia increased 6.0% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland decreased 6.0% in January 2026 to a total of \$922.8 million. Australia’s trend value of non-residential buildings approved increased 2.0% during the month to \$7,604.1 million.

Figure 1 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend), January 2026

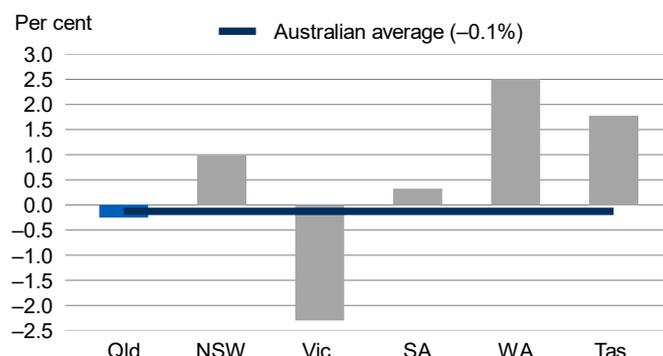
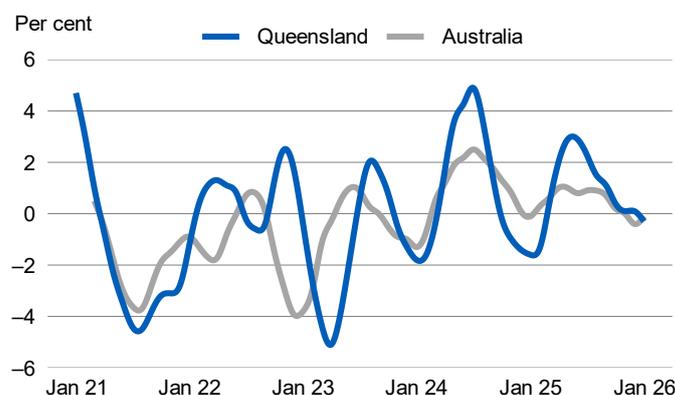
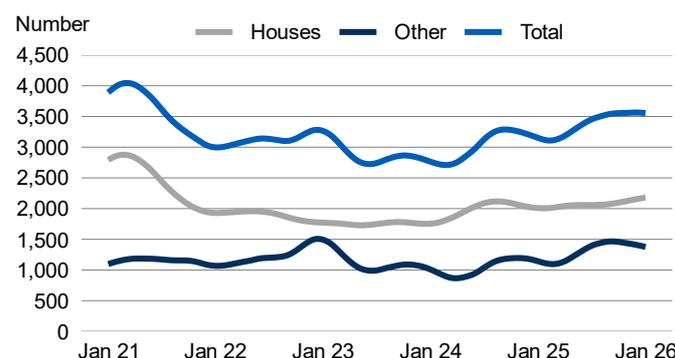


Figure 2 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend)



Note: A trend break occurred for Australia in Feb-21 due to an abrupt and sustained change in the level of the series.

Figure 3 Dwelling units approved (trend), Queensland



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