

Building approvals, May 2026

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Building approvals, Australia*, released 01 July 2026, 11:30 am (AEST)

Key data

Dwelling approvals monthly change (trend):

Queensland.....↓ 1.9%

Australia↓ 0.5%

Dwelling approvals annual change (trend):

Queensland.....↑ 13.6%

Australia↑ 8.8%

Main findings

Dwelling approvals

- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in May 2026 was 3,765, 1.9% lower than the previous month. The national trend estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 0.5% during the month.
- The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 0.7% in May 2026, with 2,305 houses approved.
- In May 2026, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 21.6% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 22.0% of Australia's private sector house approvals.
- The trend nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland increased 1.2% in May 2026 to a total of \$2,867.1 million. Australia's trend value of residential building work approved decreased 0.1% during the month to \$10,554.1 million.
- In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in May 2026 was 13.6% higher than the May 2025 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia increased 8.8% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland increased 3.0% in May 2026 to a total of \$1,193.7 million. Australia's trend value of non-residential buildings approved decreased 0.6% during the month to \$7,408.8 million.

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

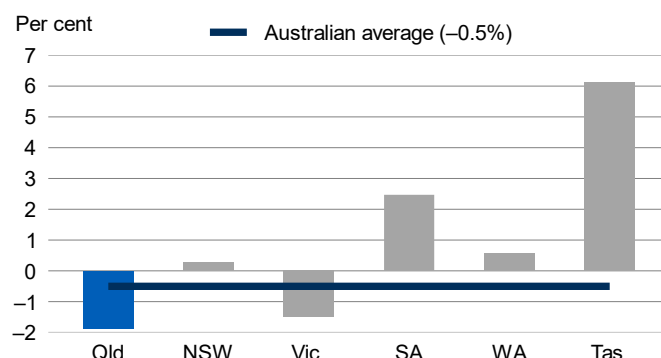


Figure 2 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend)

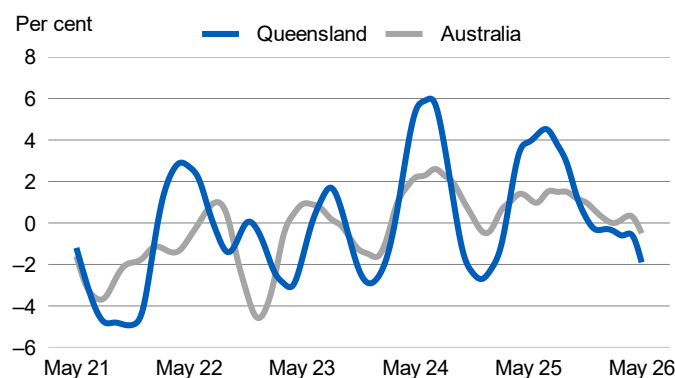
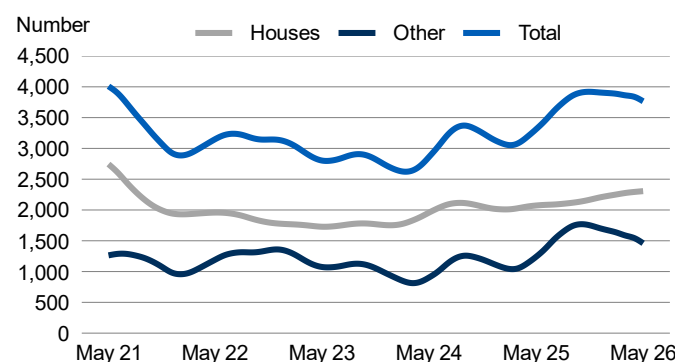


Figure 3 Dwelling units approved (trend), Queensland



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