

Building approvals, August 2026

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

Key data

Dwelling approvals monthly change (trend):

Queensland.....↑ 1.0%

Australia↓ 0.8%

Dwelling approvals annual change (trend):

Queensland.....↑ 18.2%

Australia↑ 9.1%

Main findings

Dwelling approvals

- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in August 2026 was 4,462, 1.0% higher than the previous month. The national trend estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 0.8% during the month.
- The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 0.3% in August 2026, with 2,394 houses approved.
- In August 2026, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 24.5% 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 3.4% in August 2026 to a total of \$2,600.6 million. Australia's trend value of residential building work approved increased 0.6% during the month to \$11,435.4 million.
- In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in August 2026 was 18.2% higher than the August 2025 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia increased 9.1% over the same period.

Non-residential building approvals

- The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland increased 2.7% in August 2026 to a total of \$1,584.8 million. Australia's trend value of non-residential buildings approved increased 2.0% during the month to \$9,560.4 million.

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

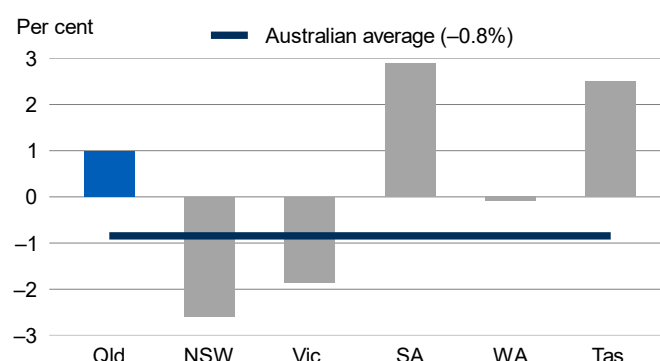


Figure 2 Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend)

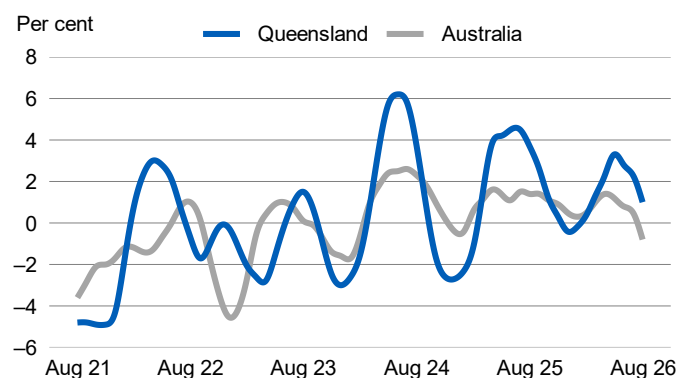
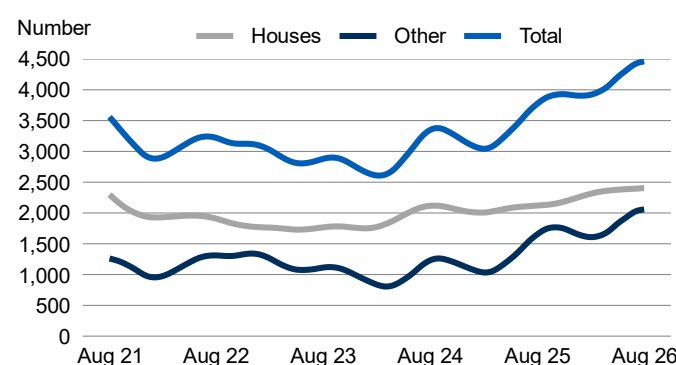


Figure 3 Dwelling units approved (trend), Queensland



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