

SUMMARY

During May 2026, the number of new dwellings approved:

- rose by 11% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals fell by 1.1%); and
- rose by 2.5% in South Australia in **trend** terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals fell by 0.5%).

FURTHER ANALYSIS

The number of private sector houses approved for construction in South Australia fell by 1.0% during May but was 5.4% higher than a year ago — see Chart 2.

Private ‘other’ dwelling approvals in South Australia rose by 29% during May to be 35% higher than a year earlier.

Nationally, the number of private sector houses approved for construction rose by 2.8% during May, while the number of private ‘other’* dwelling approvals fell by 10%.

Note: ‘other’ dwellings refers to all building types other than detached houses (including semi-detached/duplex houses, apartments, units and flats).

Chart 1: Dwelling Approvals per Month

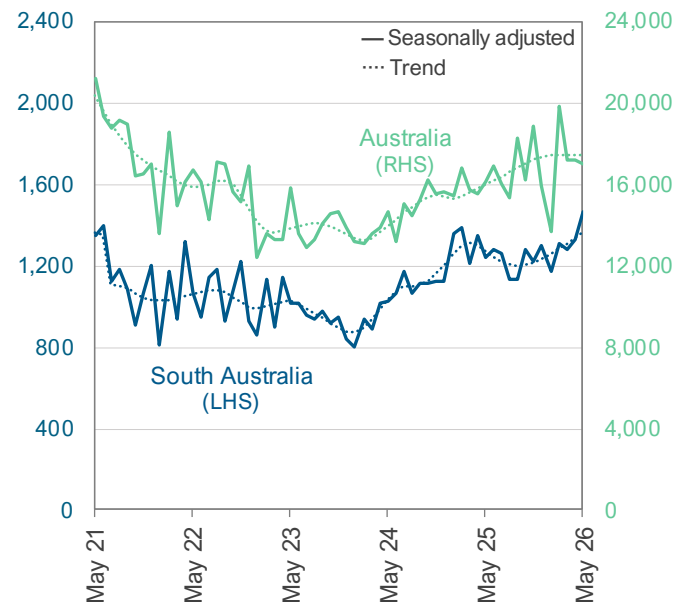
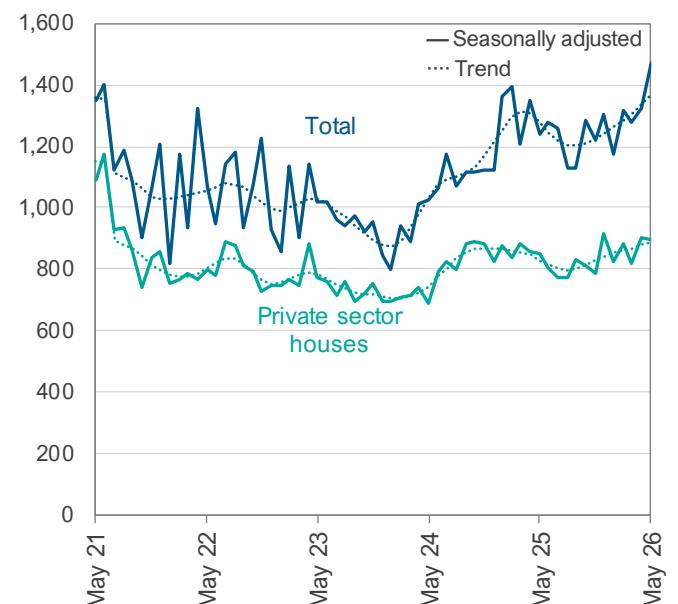


Table 1: Dwelling Approvals By State
(Seasonally Adjusted)

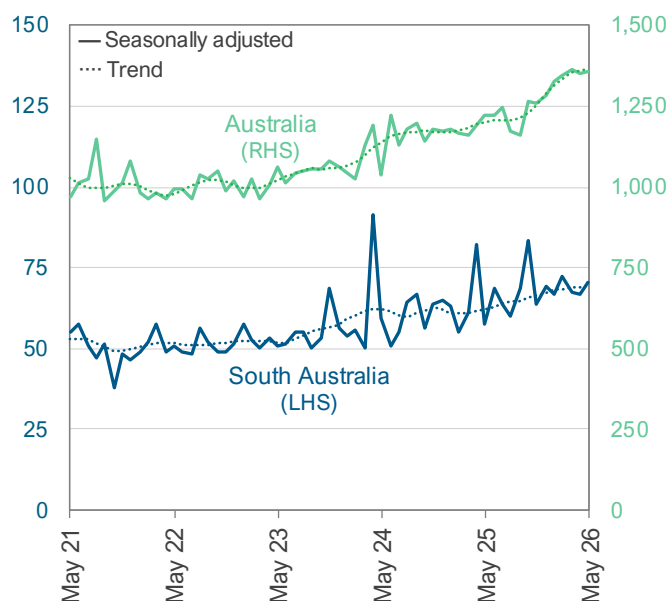
	May 26 (no.)	May 26 vs. Apr 26 (% change)	May 26 vs. May 25 (% change)
NSW	4,465	2.2	-7.5
VIC	4,808	-3.0	4.3
QLD	3,602	-8.8	18.8
SA	1,471	10.9	18.3
WA	2,048	-1.3	-3.8
TAS	305	4.8	77.3
AUS	17,019	-1.1	5.3

Chart 2: Dwelling Approvals per Month,
South Australia



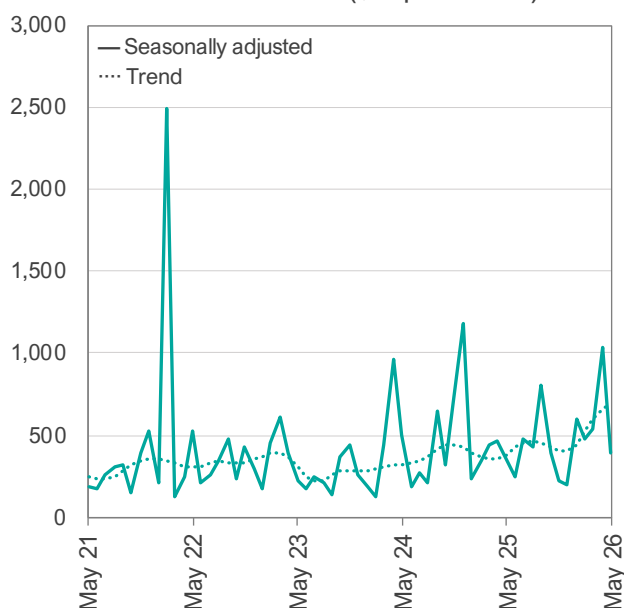
The value of alterations, additions and approvals in South Australia rose by 5.3% during May to be 22% higher than a year ago. Nationally, the value of alteration and addition approvals rose by 0.1% in May to be 11% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 3.

Chart 3: Value of Approvals for Alterations and Additions (\$m per month)



During May, the value of non-residential building approvals in South Australia fell by 62% but was 14% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 4. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 41% during May, to be 65% higher than a year ago.

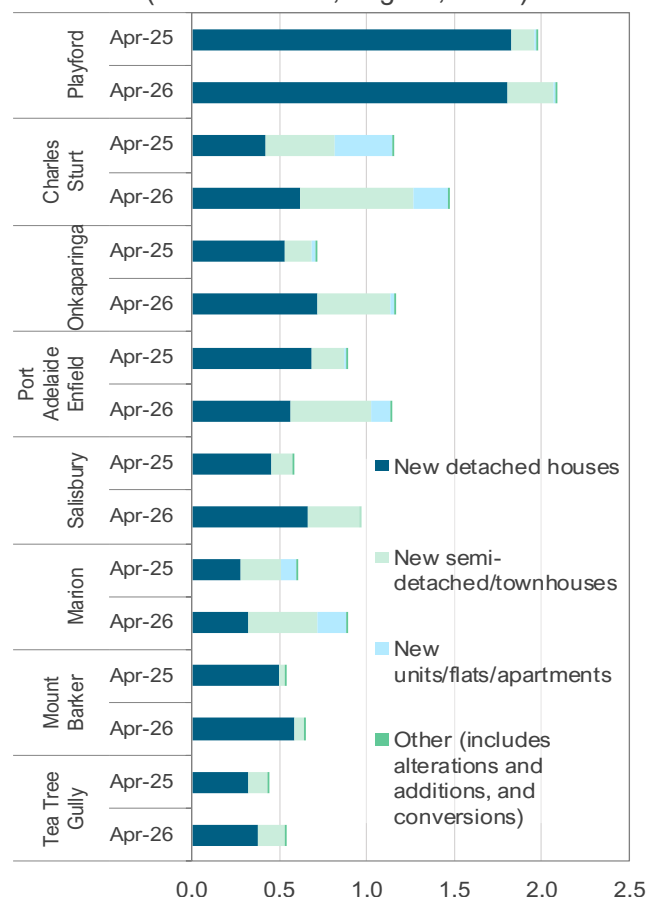
Chart 4: Value of Non-Residential Building Approvals, South Australia (\$m per month)



APPROVALS BY LGA

In the 12 months to April 2026, the eight local government areas (LGAs) with the highest number of approvals accounted for 60% of total approvals in South Australia.

Chart 5: Approvals by LGA (12 month total, original, '000s)



The LGAs with the largest increase in approvals in the 12 months to April 2026, compared to the previous 12 months were:

- Onkaparinga (up 451 approvals);
- Salisbury (up 387 approvals); and
- Charles Sturt (up 321 approvals).

The LGAs with the largest decrease in approvals in the 12 months to April 2026, compared to the previous 12 months were:

- Walkerville (down 147 approvals);
- Adelaide Plains (down 61 approvals); and
- Prospect (down 41 approvals).

Next release of [ABS Building Approvals](#) is 30 July 2026, with Building Approvals by LGA published a week after the main release.