

SUMMARY

During December 2020, the number of new dwellings approved:

- rose by 17% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals rose 11%).

Note: Due to the impacts of COVID-19 on building approvals the ABS has suspended the trend series from May 2020 onwards until further notice.

FURTHER ANALYSIS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

The total number of dwelling approvals in South Australia in December 2020 was 39% higher than a year ago. Nationally, the number of dwelling approvals was 23% higher than a year ago – see Chart 1 and Table 1.

The number of private sector houses approved for construction in South Australia rose by 34% during December to be 67% higher than a year ago — see Chart 2.

Private ‘other’ dwelling approvals in South Australia fell by 34% during December to be 19% lower than a year earlier.

Nationally, the number of private sector houses approved for construction rose by 16% during December, while the number of private ‘other’ dwelling approvals rose by 2.3%.

CHART 1: TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING APPROVALS PER MONTH (seas adj)

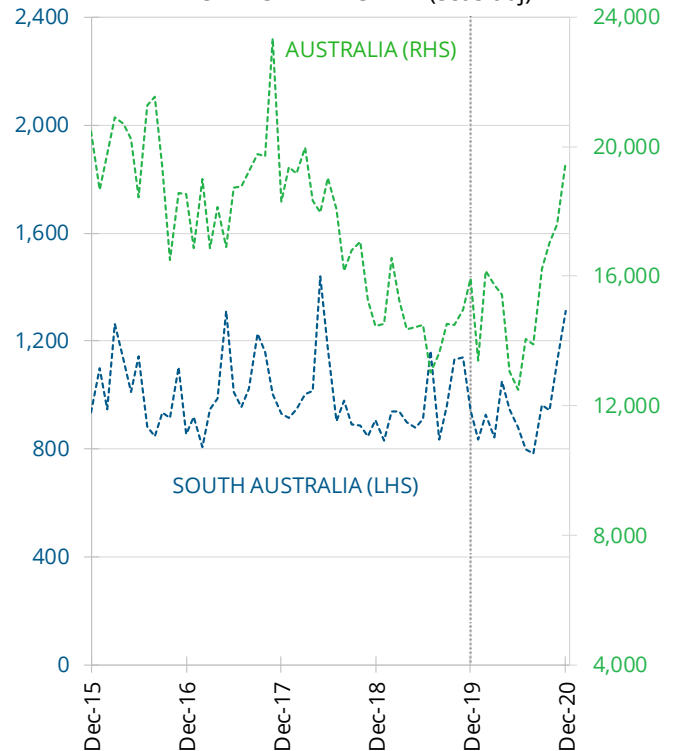


CHART 2: SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PRIVATE SECTOR—NUMBER OF DWELLINGS APPROVED PER MONTH (seas adj)

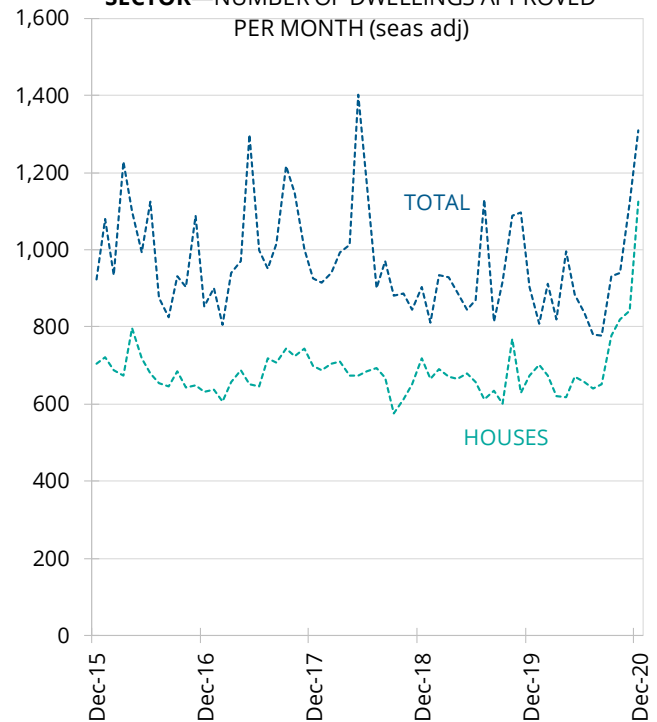
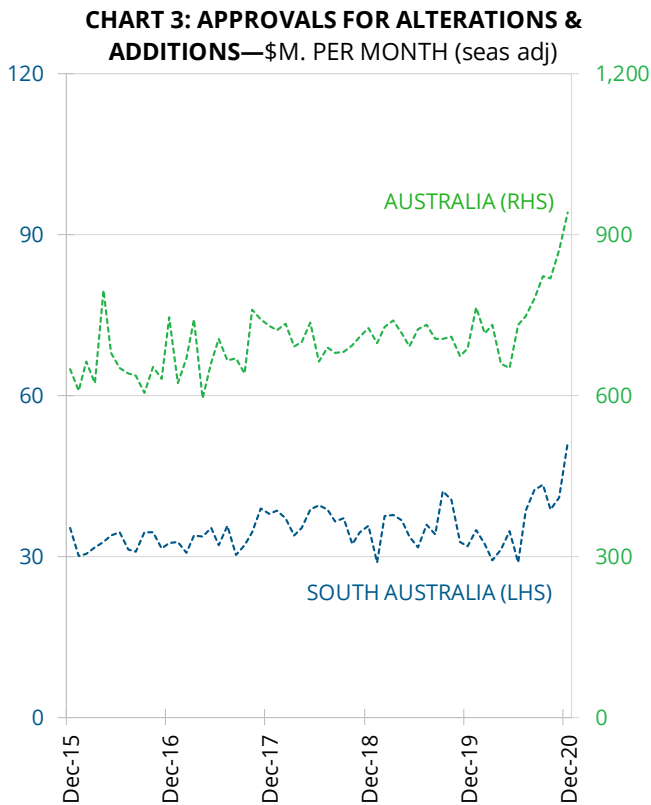


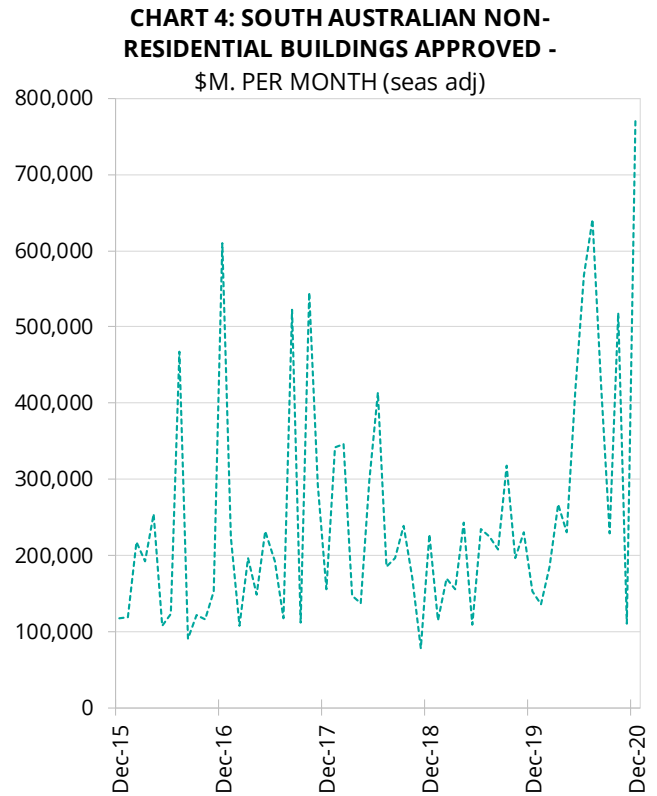
Table 1: Dwelling Approvals By State

	Dec 20 (no.) (seas adj)	Dec 20 vs. Nov 20 (% change)	Dec 20 vs. Dec 19 (% change)
NSW	5,022	1.8	30.9
VIC	5,330	8.6	-18.9
QLD	4,325	24.0	83.3
SA	1,312	16.7	39.1
WA	2,473	7.8	111.2
TAS	463	66.5	95.4
AUS	19,537	10.9	22.8

The value of alteration and addition approvals in South Australia rose by 25% during December and was 60% higher than a year ago. Nationally, the value of alteration and addition approvals rose 8.1% in December to be 37% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 3.



During December, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 598% in South Australia, to be 405% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 4. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 10% during December, but was 17% lower than a year ago.



Note: The ABS excludes large irregular movements in a seasonally adjusted series when calculating a trend series. This is pertinent in this brief where seasonally adjusted private sector 'other dwellings' has recorded large irregular movements in South Australia, and explains why there is a large difference in the movement of these series.

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