

SUMMARY

During August 2026, the number of new dwellings approved:

- rose by 24% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals fell by 6.1%); and
- rose by 2.9% in South Australia in **trend** terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals fell by 0.8%).

FURTHER ANALYSIS

The number of private sector houses approved for construction in South Australia rose by 28% during August to be 33% higher than a year ago — see Chart 2.

Private ‘other’ dwelling approvals in South Australia rose by 39% during August to be 107% higher than a year earlier.

Nationally, the number of private sector houses approved for construction rose by 3.7% during August, while the number of private ‘other’* dwelling approvals fell by 21%.

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

Table 1: Dwelling Approvals By State
(Seasonally Adjusted)

	Aug 26 (no.)	Aug 26 vs. Jul 26 (% change)	Aug 26 vs. Aug 25 (% change)
NSW	3,896	-17.3	18.9
VIC	5,163	8.9	24.0
QLD	3,327	-22.5	-17.9
SA	1,701	24.0	50.4
WA	2,395	3.2	27.1
TAS	264	-1.5	16.3
AUS	16,953	-6.1	10.3

Chart 1: Dwelling Approvals per Month
(‘000)

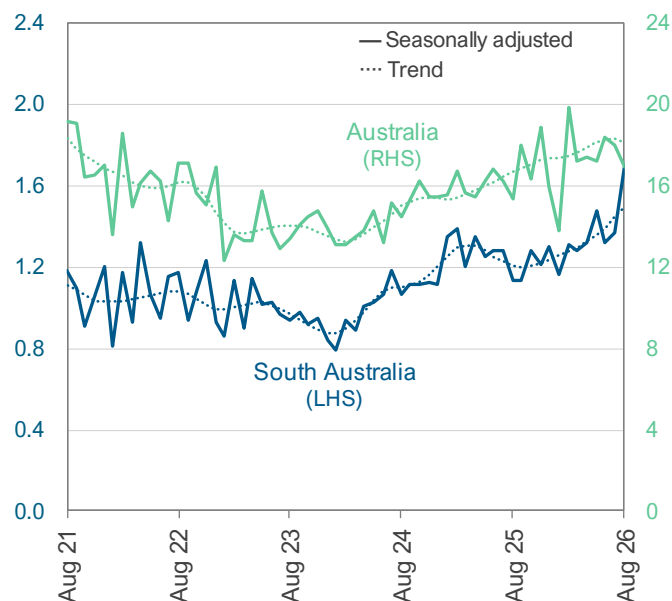
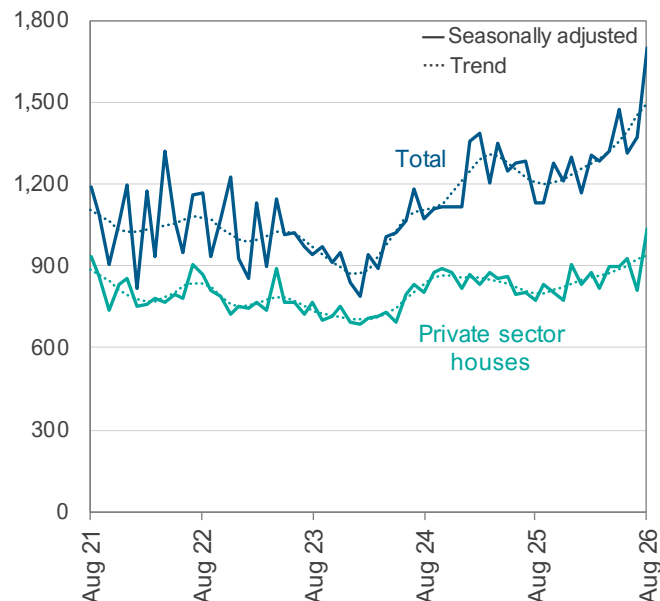
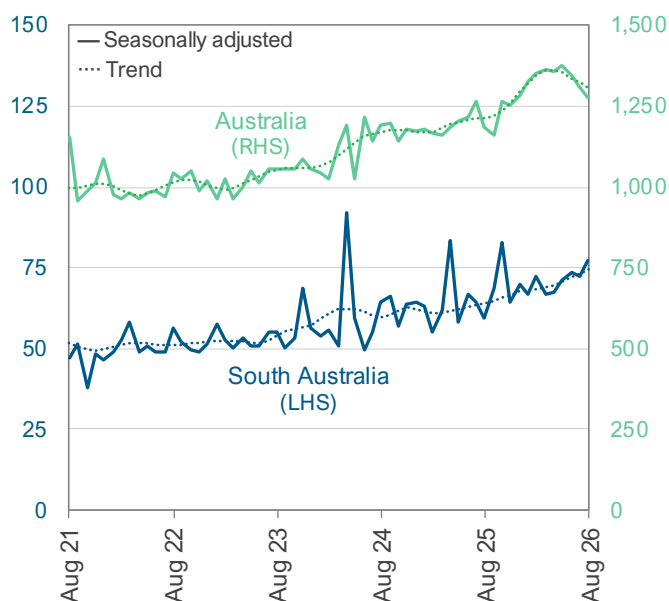


Chart 2: Dwelling Approvals per Month,
South Australia



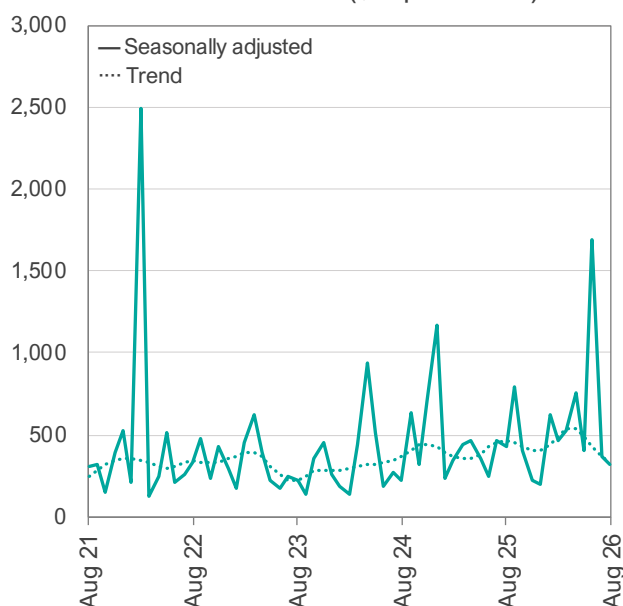
The value of alterations, additions and approvals in South Australia rose by 7.0% during August to be 30% higher than a year ago. Nationally, the value of alteration and addition approvals fell by 2.1% in August but was 7.9% higher than a year earlier — see Chart 3.

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



During August, the value of non-residential building approvals in South Australia fell by 13% to be 25% lower than a year earlier — see Chart 4. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals fell by 45% during August, to be 31% lower than a year ago.

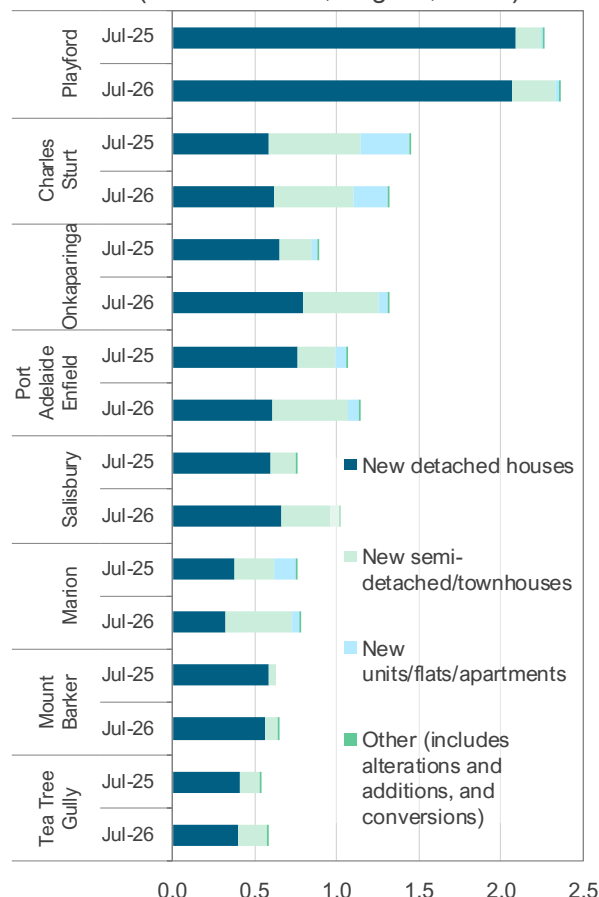
Chart 4: Value of Non-Residential Building Approvals, South Australia (\$m per month)



APPROVALS BY LGA

In the 12 months to July 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 July 2026, compared to the previous 12 months were:

- Onkaparinga (up 431 approvals);
- Salisbury (up 261 approvals); and
- Adelaide (up 245 approvals).

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

- Burnside (down 162 approvals);
- Walkerville (down 152 approvals); and
- Prospect (down 125 approvals).

Next release of [ABS Building Approvals](#) is 2 November 2026, with Building Approvals by LGA published a week after the main release.