

## SUMMARY

During March 2021, the number of new dwellings approved:

- rose by 3.5% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals rose 17%).

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

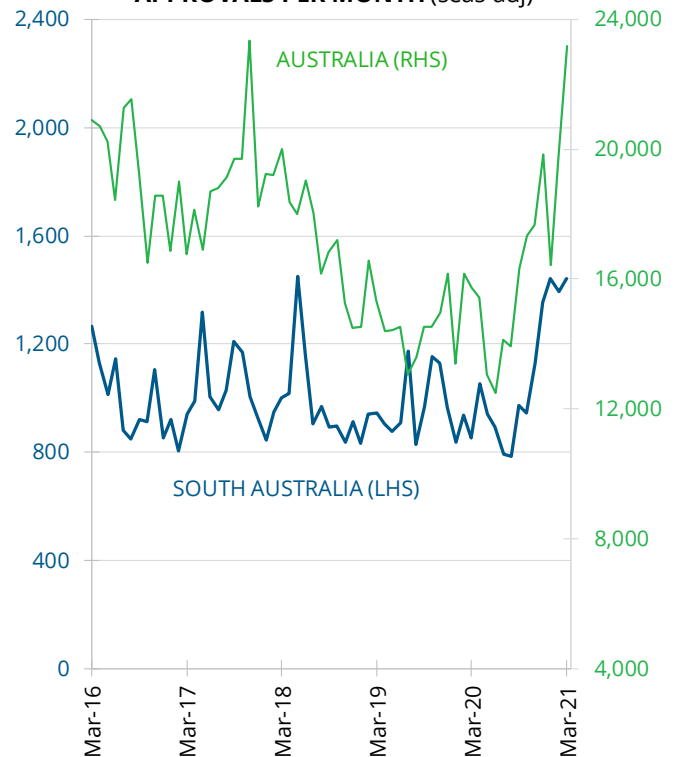
The total number of dwelling approvals in South Australia in March 2021 was 70% higher than a year ago. Nationally, the number of dwelling approvals was 47% higher than a year ago – see Chart 1 and Table 1.

The number of private sector houses approved for construction in South Australia rose by 3.6% during March to be 106% higher than a year ago — see Chart 2.

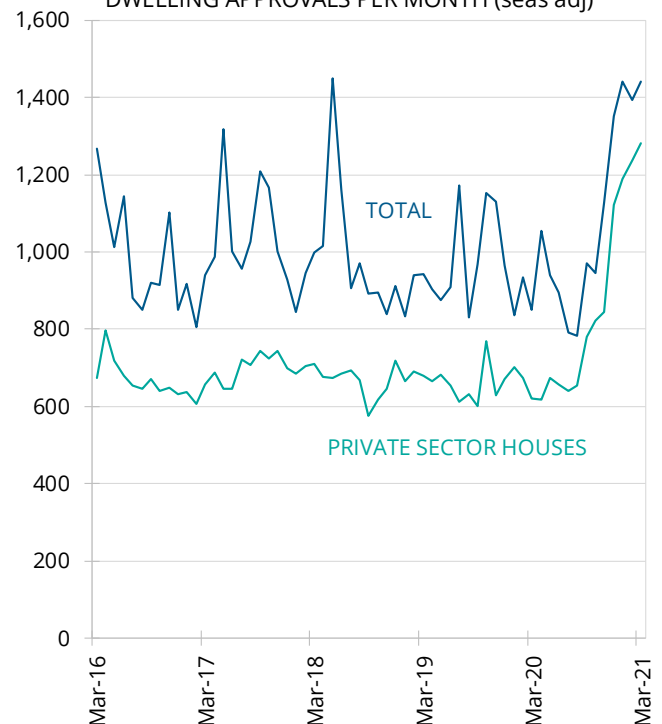
Private ‘other’ dwelling approvals in South Australia rose by 2.6% during March but were 22% lower than a year earlier.

Nationally, the number of private sector houses approved for construction rose by 0.1% during March, while the number of private ‘other’ dwelling approvals rose by 64%.

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



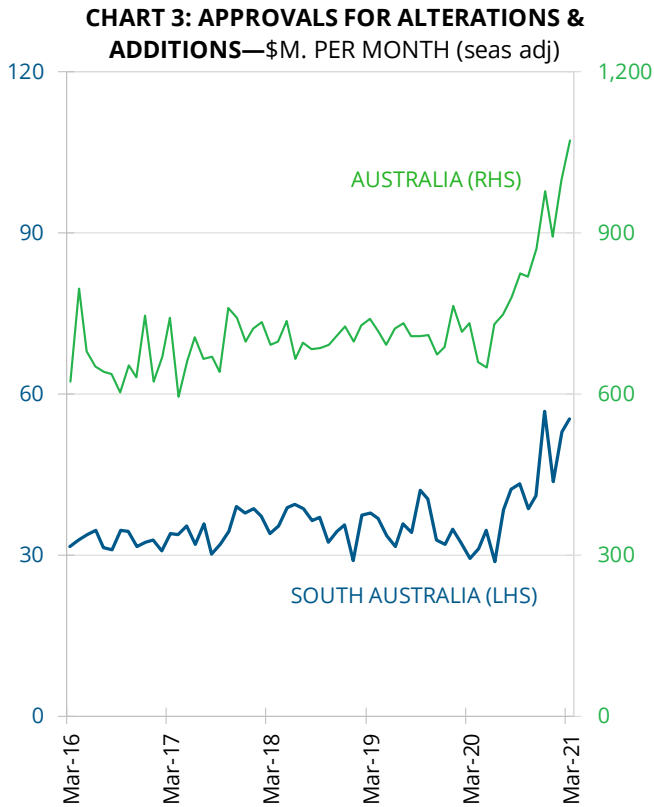
**CHART 2: SOUTH AUSTRALIA — NUMBER OF DWELLING APPROVALS PER MONTH (seas adj)**



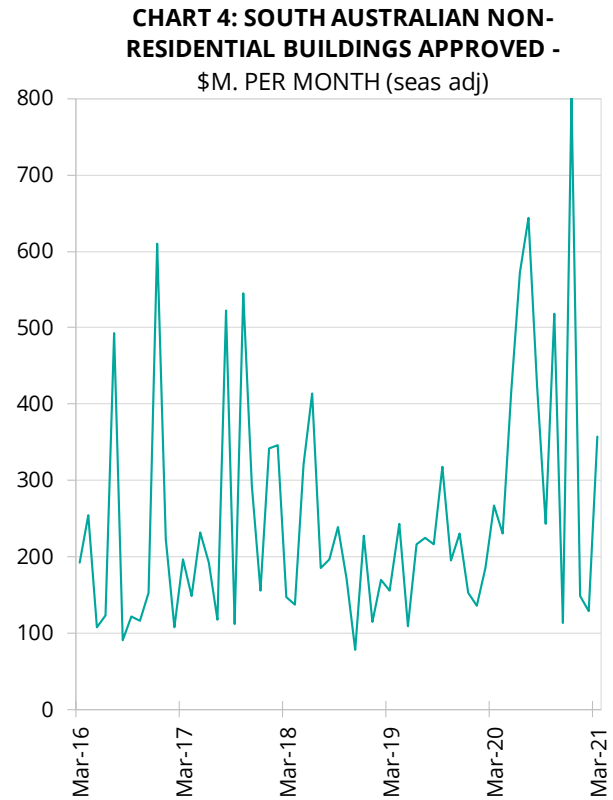
**Table 1: Dwelling Approvals By State**

	Mar 21 (no.) (seas adj)	Mar 21 vs. Feb 21 (% change)	Mar 21 vs. Mar 20 (% change)
NSW	6,020	26.9	9.9
VIC	7,102	24.7	41.4
QLD	4,547	12.1	82.2
<b>SA</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>69.6</b>
WA	2,728	-6.4	129.2
TAS	436	-4.8	41.6
<b>AUS</b>	<b>23,176</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>47.4</b>

The value of alteration and addition approvals in South Australia rose by 4.6% during March and was 89% higher than a year ago. Nationally, the value of alteration and addition approvals rose 7.3% in March to be 47% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 3.



During March, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 179% in South Australia, to be 34% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 4. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 59% during March, to be 55% higher 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.

Next release of [this ABS data](#) (previously cat. no. 8731.0) is 1 June 2021