

ABS BUILDING APPROVALS, JULY 2017

Summary

During July 2017, the number of new dwellings approved:

- rose by 0.8% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals rose 0.7%); and
- rose by 0.3% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals fell 1.7%).

Further Analysis

Trend data

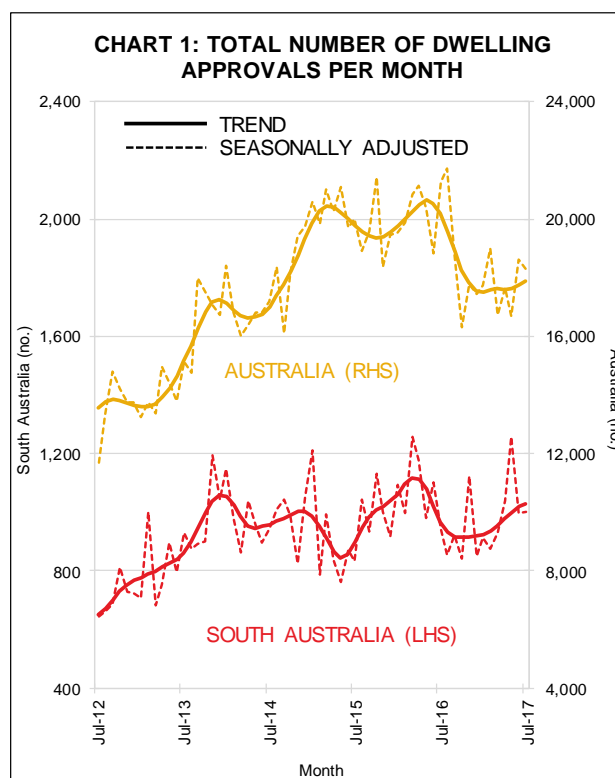
The total number of dwelling approvals in South Australia in July 2017 was 6.4% higher than a year ago. Nationally, the number of dwelling approvals was 11% lower than a year ago – see Chart 1 and Table 1.

The number of private sector houses approved for construction in South Australia rose by 0.9% during July but was 0.1% lower than a year ago — see Chart 2.

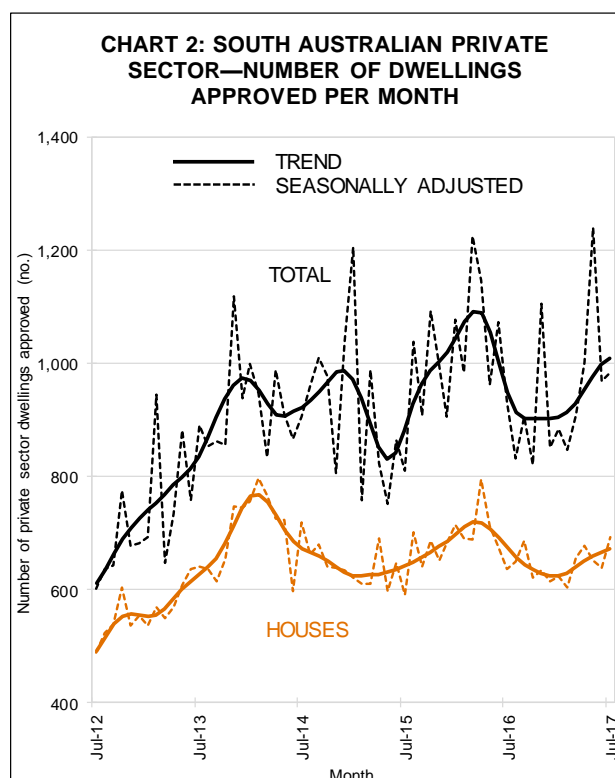
Private ‘other’ dwelling approvals in South Australia rose by 1.5% during July to be 23% higher than a year earlier.

Table 1: Trend Dwelling Approvals By State

	Jul 17 (no.)	Jul 17 vs. Jun 17 (% change)	Jul 17 vs. Jul 16 (% change)
NSW	5,861	0.4	-15.0
VIC	5,218	1.0	-8.9
QLD	3,496	0.2	-13.8
SA	1,029	0.8	6.4
WA	1,609	0.8	-7.0
TAS	193	-1.0	18.4
AUS	17,882	0.7	-11.4

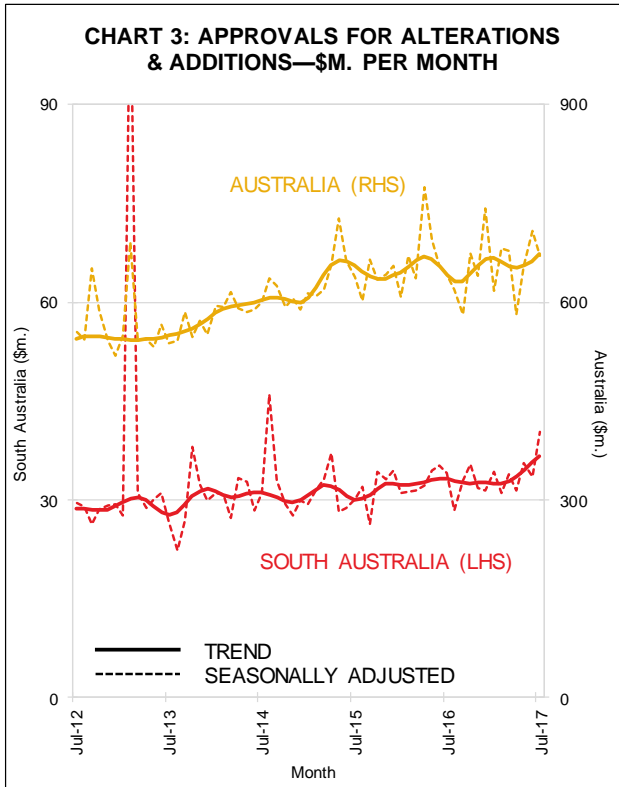


Nationally, the number of private sector houses approved for construction rose by 1.0% during July, while the number of private ‘other’ dwelling approvals rose by 0.1%.



The value of renovation approvals in South Australia rose by 3.0% during July and was 11% higher than a year ago. Nationally, the value of renovation approvals rose 1.8% in July to be 5.1% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 3.

During July, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 0.7% in South Australia, but was 6.3% lower than a year earlier. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 3.1% during July, to be 14% higher than a year ago—see Chart 4.



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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