

SUMMARY

During March 2019, the number of new dwellings approved:

- rose by 0.4% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals fell 0.6%); and
- fell by 2.0% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals fell 16%).

FURTHER ANALYSIS

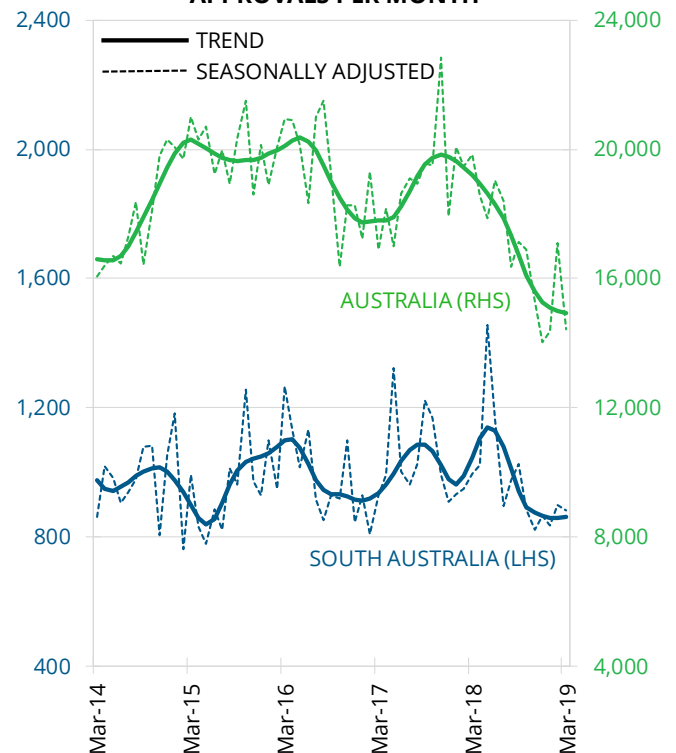
TREND DATA

The total number of dwelling approvals in South Australia in March 2019 was 18% lower than a year ago. Nationally, the number of dwelling approvals was 22% 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 March but was 4.3% lower than a year ago — see Chart 2.

Private ‘other’ dwelling approvals in South Australia fell by 2.1% during March to be 46% lower than a year earlier.

CHART 1: TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING APPROVALS PER MONTH

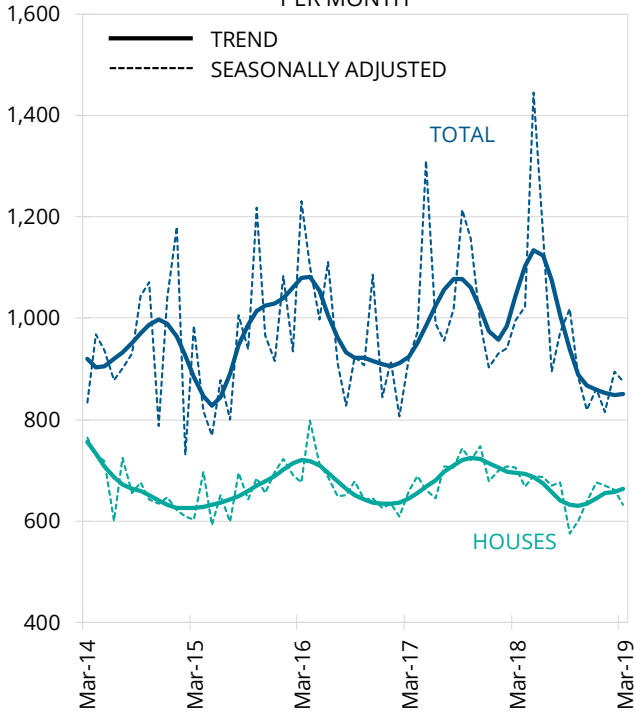


Nationally, the number of private sector houses approved for construction fell by 1.4% during March, while the number of private ‘other’ dwelling approvals rose by 0.8%.

Table 1: Trend Dwelling Approvals By State

	Mar 19 (no.)	Mar 19 vs. Feb 19 (% change)	Mar 19 vs. Mar 18 (% change)
NSW	4,846	0.8	-18.2
VIC	4,560	-3.5	-26.9
QLD	2,441	-1.4	-35.1
SA	860	0.4	-17.8
WA	1,408	3.8	1.4
TAS	288	0.0	24.1
AUS	14,914	-0.6	-22.4

CHART 2: SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PRIVATE SECTOR—NUMBER OF DWELLINGS APPROVED PER MONTH



The value of renovation approvals in South Australia rose by 1.1% during March but was 4.6% lower than a year ago. Nationally, the value of renovation approvals rose 1.2% in March to be 3.4% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 3.

CHART 3: APPROVALS FOR ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS—\$M. PER MONTH

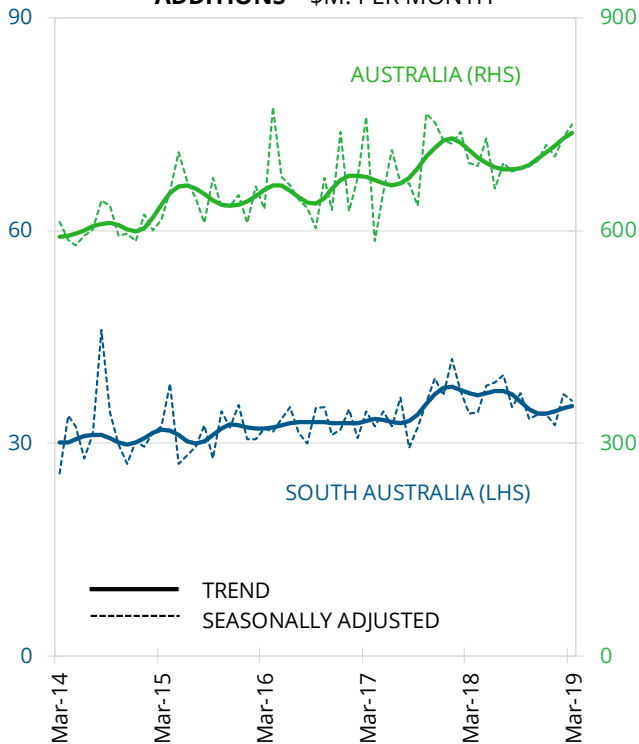
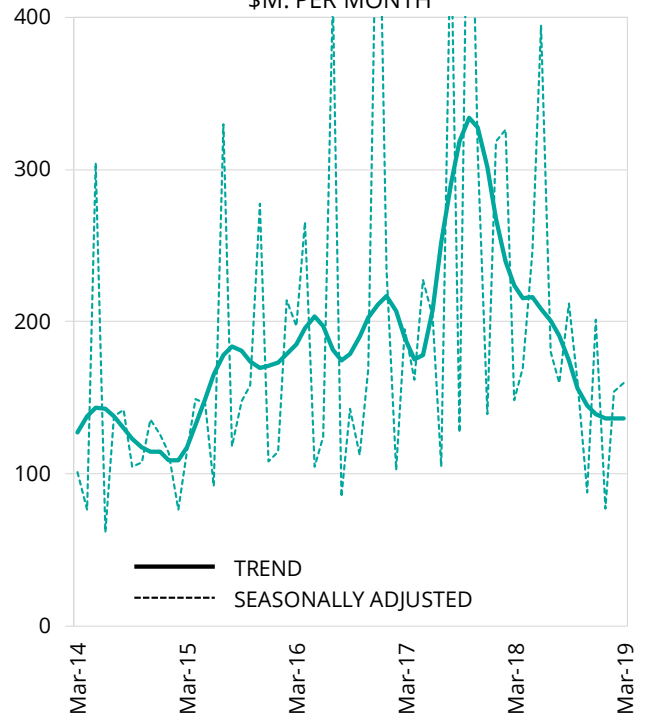


CHART 4: SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS APPROVED - \$M. PER MONTH



During March, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 0.2% in South Australia, but was 39% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 4. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals fell by 0.6% during March, to be 3.3% 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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