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BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA, DECEMBER 1968

Statistics of building approvals have been compiled from (a), permits issued by local government authorities in the areas subject to building control by these authorities, and (b), contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities. They relate only to approvals for building, as distinct from the construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks, water storage, etc.

Values shown represent the estimated cost when completed (excluding cost of land) of new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings.

Alterations and additions of \$10,000 and over are included with new buildings. Alterations and additions of less than \$10,000 are shown separately.

Building is classified as "Private" or "Government" according to ownership.

For purposes of comparison, it should be borne in mind that the volume of building approvals is affected from month to month by the number of large projects, such as blocks of flats and multi-storey office buildings, approved in particular months and also by the administrative arrangements of local government and semi-governmental authorities.

TABLE 1. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new private houses and flats		Total number of new houses and flats		Total value of building approved (\$ million)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)
December 1967	8,109	10,275	9,419	11,414	159.0	196.4
January 1968	8,618	10,770	9,380	12,262	165.1	188.5
February "	9,466	9,493	10,846	11,325	165.2	181.0
March "	10,369	10,390	11,714	11,852	182.4	185.7
April "	9,597	9,925	10,574	10,924	175.0	186.9
May "	11,701	10,637	12,886	11,176	223.4	195.3
June "	10,381	10,636	11,604	11,889	202.6	192.6
July "	11,799	10,678	12,662	11,417	198.7	185.7
August "	11,639	10,678	12,994	11,878	203.3	196.4
September "	11,568	11,145	12,933	12,520	187.2	171.0
October "	11,666	10,407	12,673	11,126	193.8	174.0
November "	10,813	10,846	12,545	12,685	179.0	185.9
December "	9,907	11,724	11,256	13,013	180.4	212.2

(a) In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but additionally of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in the annual bulletin, "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1968" (Ref. No. 1.10), issued on 21 May 1968, together with figures for earlier periods. All seasonally adjusted figures are subject to revision.

TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual living units)									
July	8,432	9,278	11,799	1,821	929	863	10,253	10,207	12,662
Aug.	9,430	10,781	11,639	2,173	920	1,355	11,603	11,701	12,994
Sept.	9,065	9,518	11,568	1,356	851	1,365	10,421	10,369	12,933
Oct.	9,121	10,405	11,666	2,218	1,374	1,007	11,339	11,779	12,673
Nov.	9,322	10,625	10,813	1,055	1,024	1,732	10,377	11,649	12,545
Dec.	7,478	8,109	9,907	1,443	1,310	1,349	8,921	9,419	11,256
Jan.	6,499	8,618		858	762		7,357	9,380	
Feb.	8,738	9,466		1,037	1,380		9,775	10,846	
March	7,928	10,369		1,053	1,345		18,981	11,714	
April	8,708	9,597		1,137	977		9,845	10,574	
May	10,081	11,701		1,679	1,185		11,760	12,886	
June	9,357	10,381		948	1,223		10,305	11,604	
Year	104,159	118,848		16,778	13,280		120,937	132,128	

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED
(\$'000)

July	65,726	79,657	104,543	12,242	6,553	6,312	77,968	86,210	110,855
Aug.	72,640	87,341	103,888	15,940	6,666	9,255	88,580	94,007	113,143
Sept.	70,833	79,574	102,288	8,383	6,921	10,188	79,216	86,495	112,476
Oct.	71,613	85,589	102,545	18,544	9,509	7,902	90,157	95,098	110,447
Nov.	73,145	85,845	94,309	7,088	9,200	13,599	80,233	95,045	107,908
Dec.	58,476	66,224	84,346	9,557	10,164	10,389	68,033	76,388	94,735
Jan.	52,838	73,312		5,928	5,861		58,766	79,173	
Feb.	68,083	79,107		7,993	11,072		76,076	90,179	
March	65,616	84,355		7,172	11,511		72,788	95,866	
April	72,475	82,005		9,149	6,799		81,624	88,804	
May	83,939	97,836		12,573	9,965		96,512	107,801	
June	76,587	95,804		7,047	8,863		83,634	104,667	
Year	831,971	996,649		121,616	103,084		953,587	1,099,733	

VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED
(\$'000)

July	45,186	37,855	r43,234	23,450	22,736	31,275	68,636	60,591	r74,509
Aug.	32,980	35,273	50,944	18,605	25,611	25,855	51,585	60,884	76,799
Sept.	28,170	51,365	35,763	25,863	40,491	25,207	54,033	91,856	60,970
Oct.	38,075	34,740	42,747	22,848	37,725	25,840	60,923	72,465	68,587
Nov.	33,217	46,868	40,522	28,765	26,737	17,013	61,982	73,605	57,535
Dec.	26,894	39,421	44,672	15,369	33,150	30,319	42,263	72,571	74,991
Jan.	31,074	30,186		50,876	45,862		81,950	76,048	
Feb.	37,193	32,407		24,190	31,438		61,383	63,845	
March	37,428	34,331		20,962	40,323		58,390	74,654	
April	33,185	35,701		27,041	38,927		60,226	74,628	
May	48,505	45,804		37,659	55,881		86,164	101,685	
June	44,367	55,878		36,973	29,998		81,340	85,876	
Year	436,274	479,829		332,601	428,879		768,875	908,708	

TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA - continued

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69
VALUE OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	110,912	117,512	147,777	35,692	29,289	37,587	146,604	146,801	185,364
Aug.	105,620	122,614	154,832	34,545	32,277	35,110	140,165	154,891	189,942
Sept.	99,003	130,939	138,051	34,246	47,412	35,395	133,249	178,351	173,446
Oct.	109,688	120,329	145,292	41,392	47,234	33,742	151,080	167,563	179,034
Nov.	106,362	132,713	134,831	35,853	35,937	30,612	142,215	168,650	165,443
Dec.	85,370	105,645	129,018	24,926	43,314	40,708	110,296	148,959	169,726
Jan.	83,912	103,498		56,804	51,723		140,716	155,221	
Feb.	105,276	111,514		32,183	42,510		137,459	154,024	
March	103,044	118,686		28,134	51,834		131,178	170,520	
April	105,660	117,706		36,190	45,726		141,850	163,432	
May	132,444	143,640		50,232	65,846		182,676	209,486	
June	120,954	151,682		44,020	38,861		164,974	190,543	
Year	1,268,245	1,476,478		454,217	531,963		1,722,462	2,003,441	
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (LESS THAN \$10,000) APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	9,875	11,006	12,947	709	497	420	10,584	11,503	13,367
Aug.	11,989	12,570	12,870	458	642	445	12,447	13,212	13,315
Sept.	10,849	11,751	12,571	362	646	1,196	11,211	12,397	13,767
Oct.	11,431	12,283	14,199	382	510	610	11,813	12,793	14,809
Nov.	12,208	12,372	13,073	552	604	473	12,760	12,976	13,546
Dec.	8,942	9,570	10,135	394	471	516	9,336	10,041	10,651
Jan.	8,676	9,498		399	376		9,075	9,874	
Feb.	9,835	10,704		388	505		10,223	11,209	
March	10,813	11,312		401	558		11,214	11,870	
April	11,195	10,856		535	681		11,730	11,537	
May	12,344	13,318		456	603		12,800	13,921	
June	11,053	11,639		559	464		11,612	12,103	
Year	129,210	136,879		5,595	6,557		134,805	143,436	
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	120,787	128,518	160,724	36,401	29,786	38,007	157,188	158,304	198,731
Aug.	117,609	135,184	167,702	35,003	32,919	35,555	152,612	168,103	203,257
Sept.	109,852	142,690	150,622	34,608	48,058	36,591	144,460	190,774	187,213
Oct.	121,119	132,612	159,491	41,774	47,744	34,352	162,893	180,356	193,843
Nov.	118,570	145,085	147,904	36,405	36,541	31,085	154,975	181,626	178,989
Dec.	94,312	115,215	139,153	25,320	43,785	41,224	119,632	159,000	180,377
Jan.	92,588	112,996		57,203	52,099		149,791	165,095	
Feb.	115,111	122,218		32,571	43,015		147,682	165,233	
March	113,857	129,998		28,535	52,392		142,392	182,390	
April	116,855	128,562		36,725	46,407		153,580	174,969	
May	144,788	156,958		50,688	66,449		195,476	223,407	
June	132,007	163,321		44,579	39,325		176,586	202,646	
Year	1,397,455	1,613,357		459,812	538,520		1,857,267	2,151,877	

TABLE 3. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES
(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual living units)									
Year 1966-67	42,323	34,608	16,921	8,482	11,447	3,445	900	2,811	120,937
1967-68	47,409	38,500	16,311	7,719	15,119	3,734	1,336	2,000	132,128
1967 December	3,344	2,918	1,177	475	1,047	249	113	96	9,419
1968 January	3,978	2,030	1,204	502	1,189	236	80	161	9,380
February	4,015	3,243	1,373	513	1,148	209	190	155	10,846
March	3,944	3,593	1,627	565	1,288	308	277	112	11,714
April	3,317	3,311	1,273	914	1,193	277	184	105	10,574
May	4,836	3,818	1,543	582	1,393	528	64	122	12,886
June	3,935	2,985	1,337	637	1,887	245	204	374	11,604
July	4,733	3,640	1,541	673	1,574	276	28	197	12,662
August	4,875	3,631	1,430	1,045	1,466	273	81	193	12,994
September	4,425	3,407	1,651	771	1,861	321	163	334	12,933
October	4,418	3,645	1,486	705	1,715	279	82	343	12,673
November	4,646	3,304	1,386	807	1,758	315	46	283	12,545
December	3,874	3,602	1,083	687	1,527	169	116	198	11,256
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1966-67	331,410	273,358	130,079	63,440	91,082	27,254	8,826	28,138	953,587
1967-68	385,376	309,080	136,902	61,729	137,156	32,605	13,573	23,312	1,099,733
1967 December	27,093	23,137	9,428	3,980	8,197	2,056	1,231	1,266	76,388
1968 January	32,374	16,258	10,161	4,208	11,824	1,841	705	1,802	79,173
February	32,698	25,840	11,635	4,358	9,880	1,903	2,043	1,822	90,179
March	31,903	28,851	13,795	4,627	10,036	2,625	2,611	1,418	95,866
April	27,651	26,929	11,170	6,520	10,996	2,401	1,887	1,250	88,804
May	39,042	30,800	13,324	4,916	11,942	5,455	651	1,671	107,801
June	33,302	24,488	11,538	5,325	21,907	2,240	2,115	3,752	104,667
July	41,125	31,657	13,439	5,555	13,812	2,563	333	2,371	110,855
August	41,995	31,947	13,024	7,442	12,924	2,444	907	2,460	113,143
September	38,078	29,359	13,943	6,192	17,061	2,875	1,676	3,292	112,476
October	37,260	31,214	12,763	5,811	16,055	2,519	1,101	3,724	110,447
November	38,184	28,807	12,072	6,458	15,762	2,856	598	3,171	107,908
December	32,191	29,016	9,613	5,672	13,176	1,577	1,220	2,270	94,735
VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1966-67	266,006	220,692	89,204	53,183	71,855	26,701	8,778	32,456	768,875
1967-68	303,694	207,259	131,992	86,943	103,636	39,413	14,915	20,856	908,708
1967 December	22,758	22,790	8,213	4,993	8,210	2,642	1,318	1,647	72,571
1968 January	20,663	8,709	13,918	12,305	11,319	4,576	2,750	1,808	76,048
February	18,407	10,538	8,416	11,807	7,853	4,991	1,298	535	63,845
March	31,563	16,278	7,026	4,843	11,651	1,578	911	804	74,654
April	23,986	17,796	9,635	5,612	8,066	6,535	1,684	1,314	74,528
May	37,036	18,230	21,533	3,839	9,697	9,458	792	1,100	101,685
June	33,829	21,369	10,476	5,316	8,265	2,870	2,596	1,155	85,876
July	18,623	24,059	8,680	4,936	10,364	1,867	580	5,000	74,509
August	33,098	21,928	6,869	5,168	5,098	1,241	450	2,947	76,799
September	20,012	15,472	7,152	5,879	7,246	1,319	1,591	1,999	60,970
October	22,030	19,438	10,746	4,715	7,637	2,178	767	1,076	68,587
November	22,974	11,422	7,447	3,264	6,799	1,293	1,318	3,018	57,535
December	23,051	28,118	7,176	6,847	8,014	386	355	1,044	74,991

TABLE 3. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES - continued
(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1966-67	597,416	494,050	219,283	116,623	162,937	53,955	17,604	60,594	1,722,462
1967-68	689,070	516,339	268,894	148,672	240,792	72,018	28,488	44,168	2,008,441
1967 December	49,851	45,927	17,641	8,973	16,407	4,698	2,549	2,913	148,959
1968 January	53,037	24,967	24,079	16,513	23,143	6,417	3,455	3,610	155,221
February	51,105	36,378	20,051	16,165	17,733	6,894	3,341	2,357	154,024
March	63,466	45,129	20,821	9,470	21,687	4,203	3,522	2,222	170,520
April	51,637	44,725	20,805	12,132	19,062	8,936	3,571	2,564	163,432
May	76,078	49,030	34,857	8,755	21,639	14,913	1,443	2,771	209,486
June	67,131	45,857	22,014	10,641	30,172	5,110	4,711	4,907	190,543
July	59,748	r55,716	22,119	10,491	24,176	4,430	913	7,771	r185,364
August	75,093	53,875	19,893	12,610	18,022	3,685	1,357	5,407	189,942
September	58,090	44,831	21,095	12,071	24,307	4,194	3,567	5,291	173,446
October	59,290	50,652	23,509	10,526	23,692	4,697	1,868	4,800	179,034
November	61,158	40,229	19,519	9,722	22,561	4,149	1,916	6,189	165,443
December	55,242	57,134	16,189	12,519	21,190	1,963	1,575	3,314	169,726
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (LESS THAN \$10,000) APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1966-67	48,850	41,586	14,270	15,039	10,256	2,057	710	2,037	134,805
1967-68	54,442	41,469	14,056	15,757	12,007	2,394	825	2,486	143,436
1967 December	4,057	2,632	902	1,181	888	160	64	157	10,041
1968 January	3,913	2,415	1,187	1,103	797	123	101	235	9,874
February	4,076	3,338	1,050	1,289	970	189	66	231	11,209
March	4,274	3,610	1,170	1,312	1,028	202	45	229	11,870
April	4,170	3,465	1,010	1,359	1,035	258	60	180	11,537
May	5,380	4,217	1,249	1,473	1,151	179	50	222	13,921
June	4,867	3,279	1,314	1,196	985	193	78	191	12,103
July	5,148	3,952	1,220	1,318	1,200	174	62	293	13,367
August	5,241	3,881	1,280	1,266	1,031	253	104	259	13,315
September	4,765	3,884	1,277	2,231	1,060	259	75	216	13,767
October	5,260	4,494	1,308	1,688	1,330	292	83	354	14,809
November	5,280	3,930	1,332	1,208	1,185	225	69	317	13,546
December	3,269	3,071	832	1,323	1,021	87	121	227	10,651
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1966-67	646,266	535,636	233,553	131,662	173,193	56,012	18,314	62,631	1,857,267
1967-68	743,512	557,808	282,950	164,429	252,799	74,412	29,313	46,654	2,151,877
1967 December	53,908	48,559	18,543	10,154	17,295	4,858	2,613	3,070	159,000
1968 January	56,950	27,382	25,266	17,616	23,940	6,540	3,556	3,845	165,095
February	55,181	39,716	21,101	17,454	18,703	7,083	3,407	2,588	165,233
March	67,740	48,739	21,991	10,782	22,715	4,405	3,567	2,451	182,390
April	55,807	48,190	21,815	13,491	20,097	9,194	3,631	2,744	174,969
May	81,458	53,247	36,106	10,228	22,790	15,092	1,493	2,993	223,407
June	71,998	49,136	23,328	11,837	31,157	5,303	4,789	5,098	202,646
July	64,896	r59,668	23,339	11,809	25,376	4,604	975	8,064	r198,731
August	80,334	57,756	21,173	13,876	19,053	3,938	1,461	5,666	203,257
September	62,855	48,715	22,372	14,302	25,367	4,453	3,642	5,507	187,213
October	64,550	55,146	24,817	12,214	25,022	4,989	1,951	5,154	193,843
November	66,438	44,159	20,851	10,930	23,746	4,374	1,985	6,506	178,989
December	59,211	60,205	17,621	13,842	22,211	2,050	1,696	3,541	180,377

TABLE 4. - TOTAL VALUE OF PRIVATE BUILDING APPROVED, BY TYPE OF BUILDING : AUSTRALIA

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Period	Houses	Flats	Hotels, hostels, etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises
Year 1966-67	651,589	180,382	35,315	66,161	134,797	67,933	43,921
1967-68	754,152	242,497	45,953	71,153	136,568	87,861	52,896
1967 December	47,171	19,053	3,621	3,667	14,774	6,537	5,172
1968 January	55,516	17,796	3,925	3,164	9,752	3,890	2,424
February	62,212	16,895	3,548	3,119	9,949	8,170	2,756
March	62,115	22,240	2,522	5,345	10,988	2,126	4,983
April	61,396	20,609	2,011	5,823	10,739	6,192	4,044
May	72,929	24,907	5,497	5,750	12,259	6,891	6,973
June	71,317	24,487	4,621	15,226	9,638	11,605	8,691
July	78,841	25,702	5,157	5,238	r12,862	5,621	5,779
August	79,729	24,159	2,136	6,767	12,121	15,922	7,242
September	77,556	24,732	3,595	5,628	10,617	4,363	4,491
October	78,831	23,714	3,534	4,475	10,723	11,033	5,292
November	70,756	23,553	1,906	4,519	13,530	7,936	4,119
December	56,793	27,553	4,155	4,268	10,551	14,652	3,783

Period	Educ- ation	Reli- gious	Health	Entertain- ment and recreation	Miscel- laneous	Alterations and addi- tions (a)	TOTAL
Year 1966-67	24,493	12,407	6,556	28,872	15,819	129,210	1,397,455
1967-68	20,682	12,792	9,775	28,167	13,982	136,879	1,613,357
1967 December	2,690	919	295	1,268	478	9,570	115,215
1968 January	2,381	704	651	2,497	798	9,498	112,996
February	1,668	888	207	1,236	866	10,704	122,218
March	1,185	1,416	1,779	1,199	2,788	11,312	129,998
April	1,259	781	1,162	2,191	1,499	10,856	128,562
May	1,527	1,243	853	3,766	1,045	13,318	156,958
June	1,273	1,060	661	2,110	993	11,639	163,321
July	1,966	843	1,662	2,159	1,947	12,947	r160,724
August	2,157	431	568	1,829	1,771	12,870	167,702
September	1,359	1,226	568	2,633	1,283	12,571	150,622
October	1,384	1,317	762	2,842	1,385	14,199	159,491
November	3,155	887	1,055	2,460	955	13,073	147,904
December	1,392	775	1,375	2,016	1,705	10,135	139,153

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TABLE 5. - TOTAL VALUE OF GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED, BY TYPE OF BUILDING : AUSTRALIA

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Period	Houses	Flats	Hotels, hostels, etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises
Year 1966-67	95,328	26,288	5,098	635	13,005	50,640	39,664
1967-68	82,044	21,040	9,778	1,402	20,974	62,021	63,365
1967 December	7,729	2,435	676	10	5,009	1,034	9,704
1968 January	5,189	672	229	93	350	14,610	3,871
February	7,562	3,510	45	..	416	2,659	1,615
March	7,729	3,782	381	31	1,492	1,697	14,699
April	6,196	603	1,033	..	863	4,381	886
May	9,664	301	396	642	77	17,461	12,205
June	7,717	1,146	3,758	204	1,183	2,664	5,017
July	5,814	498	154	490	480	7,895	569
August	7,086	2,169	6	15	1,514	1,313	2,634
September	9,116	1,072	..	21	1,090	4,287	2,310
October	7,143	759	1,684	73	1,151	2,699	2,458
November	8,564	5,035	1,366	277	189	2,295	1,194
December	9,325	1,064	4,320	27	2,019	2,512	3,123

Period	Educ- ation	Reli- gious	Health	Entertain- ment and recreation	Miscel- laneous	Alterations and addi- tions (a)	TOTAL
Year 1966-67	117,249	..	38,205	28,867	39,238	5,595	459,812
1967-68	142,492	..	76,533	8,029	44,285	6,557	538,520
1967 December	10,528	..	3,343	798	2,048	471	43,785
1968 January	13,044	..	9,496	395	3,774	376	52,099
February	9,209	..	13,991	118	3,385	505	43,015
March	12,269	..	4,650	686	4,418	558	52,392
April	14,382	..	12,847	1,083	3,452	681	46,407
May	9,886	..	7,800	831	6,583	603	66,449
June	11,362	..	1,483	704	3,023	464	39,325
July	12,200	..	2,604	912	5,971	420	38,007
August	15,845	..	2,292	816	1,420	445	35,555
September	11,822	..	3,091	841	1,745	1,196	36,591
October	13,343	..	1,525	841	2,066	610	34,352
November	5,786	..	2,492	253	3,161	473	31,085
December	10,538	..	2,217	1,813	3,750	516	41,224

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