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DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES, NEW SOUTH WALES, MARCH 1992

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MAIN FEATURES

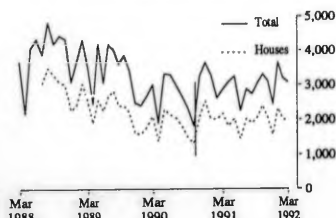
Number of dwelling units commenced

The total number of dwelling units commenced in New South Wales in March 1992 (3,081) was 4 per cent lower than the previous month (3,198) and 7 per cent higher than March 1991 (2,889). The number of dwelling units commenced in Sydney Statistical Division in March 1992 (1,597) was slightly lower than the previous month (1,604). The total number of dwelling units commenced in the financial year to March 1992 (27,493) was 7 per cent higher than the corresponding value for the year to March 1991 (25,583). The corresponding increase for other residential buildings commenced in the financial year to March 1992 was 14 per cent.

Number of houses commenced

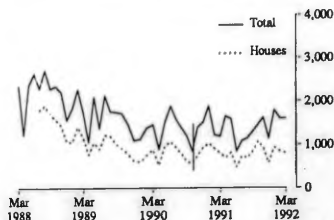
The number of houses commenced in New South Wales in March (1,959) decreased by 3 per cent from the February figure of 2,014 while in Sydney Statistical Division there was a decrease of 4 per cent (from 835 to 805).

DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN NSW



Indicates a break in series.

DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN SYDNEY (SD)



INQUIRIES

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NOTES

The statistics on dwelling unit commencements are compiled from data supplied in monthly reports provided by local and other government authorities. The statistics relate to the number of new dwelling units reported as commencements of new houses and new other residential buildings.

Explanatory notes are provided at the back of this publication.

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Unpublished data

The ABS can make available certain dwelling commencements data which are not published, such as floor area, type of other residential building, material of roof and floor, sub-LGA level data and value ranges. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided in the following forms:

- Photocopy
- Microfiche
- Computer printout
- Clerically extracted tabulation

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TABLE 1. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED
(Number of dwelling units)

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings		Houses	Other residential buildings		Houses	Other residential buildings	
			Total			Total			Total
1988-89	32,450	11,184	43,634	626	1,963	2,589	33,076	13,147	46,223
1989-90	25,048	10,406	35,454	463	2,462	2,925	25,511	12,868	38,379
1990-91	22,328	9,452	31,780	516	1,916	2,432	22,844	11,368	34,212
1991—									
April	1,712	1,162	2,874	110	109	219	1,822	1,271	3,093
May	1,965	990	2,955	70	237	307	2,035	1,227	3,262
June	1,404	596	2,000	45	229	274	1,449	825	2,274
July	1,950	628	2,578	75	234	309	2,025	862	2,887
August	1,826	630	2,456	74	211	285	1,900	841	2,741
September	1,979	787	2,766	89	201	290	2,068	988	3,056
October	2,237	846	3,083	180	47	227	2,417	893	3,310
November	1,877	681	2,558	177	377	554	2,054	1,058	3,112
December	1,469	526	1,995	99	359	458	1,568	885	2,453
1992—									
January	2,297	1,002	3,299	30	326	356	2,327	1,328	3,655
February	1,956	1,005	2,961	58	179	237	2,014	1,184	3,198
March	1,911	888	2,799	48	234	282	1,959	1,122	3,081

TABLE 2. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN SELECTED STATISTICAL DIVISIONS
(Number of dwelling units)

(Number of dwelling units)									
Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1988-89	15,633	6,424	22,057	217	1,522	1,739	15,850	7,946	23,796
1989-90	10,404	6,075	16,479	161	1,568	1,729	10,565	7,643	18,208
1990-91	9,110	5,527	14,637	226	1,445	1,671	9,336	6,972	16,308
1991—									
April	683	881	1,564	12	77	89	695	958	1,653
May	780	627	1,407	40	138	178	820	765	1,585
June	481	239	720	9	119	128	490	358	848
July	726	300	1,026	5	56	61	731	356	1,087
August	672	276	948	16	177	193	688	453	1,141
September	780	341	1,121	58	113	171	838	454	1,292
October	917	350	1,267	148	37	185	1,065	387	1,452
November	792	377	1,169	136	312	448	928	689	1,617
December	496	254	750	78	315	393	574	569	1,143
1992—									
January	922	611	1,533	12	244	256	934	855	1,789
February	789	616	1,405	46	153	199	835	769	1,604
March	788	599	1,387	17	193	210	805	792	1,597

TABLE 2. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN SELECTED STATISTICAL DIVISIONS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1988-89	3,228	647	3,875	46	150	196	3,274	797	4,071
1989-90	2,740	977	3,717	28	237	265	2,768	1,214	3,982
1990-91	2,453	763	3,216	45	228	273	2,498	991	3,489
1991—									
April	171	57	228	18	7	25	189	64	253
May	211	51	262	11	33	44	222	84	306
June	158	105	263	8	72	80	166	177	343
July	235	123	358	30	47	77	265	170	435
August	217	77	294	7	32	39	224	109	333
September	201	155	356	5	—	5	206	155	361
October	237	133	370	7	10	17	244	143	387
November	208	67	275	3	16	19	211	83	294
December	257	99	356	2	25	27	259	124	383
1992—									
January	247	122	369	1	8	9	248	130	378
February	187	83	270	4	24	28	191	107	298
March	230	89	319	19	35	54	249	124	373
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1988-89	3,442	598	4,040	38	47	85	3,480	645	4,125
1989-90	2,678	590	3,268	32	198	230	2,710	788	3,498
1990-91	2,300	396	2,696	46	81	127	2,346	477	2,823
1991—									
April	177	18	195	7	11	18	184	29	213
May	209	38	247	—	—	—	209	38	247
June	153	9	162	—	—	—	153	9	162
July	167	12	179	6	100	106	173	112	285
August	201	48	249	27	—	27	228	48	276
September	169	30	199	5	41	46	174	71	245
October	274	148	422	8	—	8	282	148	430
November	204	27	231	17	—	17	221	27	248
December	123	6	129	4	—	4	127	6	133
1992—									
January	214	62	276	7	8	15	221	70	291
February	250	36	286	2	—	2	252	36	288
March	235	43	278	1	—	1	236	43	279
BALANCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES									
1988-89	10,147	3,515	13,662	325	244	569	10,472	3,759	14,231
1989-90	9,226	2,765	11,991	251	493	730	9,477	3,244	12,720
1990-91	8,465	2,766	11,231	199	162	361	8,664	2,928	11,592
1991—									
April	681	206	887	73	14	87	754	220	974
May	765	274	1,039	19	66	85	784	340	1,124
June	612	243	855	28	38	66	640	281	921
July	822	193	1,015	34	31	65	856	224	1,080
August	736	229	965	24	2	26	760	231	991
September	829	261	1,090	21	47	68	850	308	1,158
October	809	215	1,024	17	—	17	826	215	1,041
November	673	210	883	21	49	70	694	259	953
December	593	167	760	15	19	34	608	186	794
1992—									
January	914	207	1,121	10	66	76	924	273	1,197
February	730	270	1,000	6	2	8	736	272	1,008
March	658	157	815	11	6	17	669	163	832

TABLE 3. HOUSES COMMENCED, BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS

Period	Double brick (a)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Other and not stated	Total
PRIVATE SECTOR						
1988-89	4,627	23,909	1,887	1,710	317	32,450
1989-90	3,658	17,627	1,806	1,655	302	25,048
1990-91	3,263	15,807	1,480	1,447	331	22,328
1991—						
April	243	1,226	97	122	24	1,712
May	277	1,404	118	125	41	1,965
June	210	994	92	90	18	1,404
July	314	1,360	85	167	24	1,950
August	212	1,382	86	122	24	1,826
September	301	1,450	99	111	18	1,979
October	321	1,653	105	136	22	2,237
November	232	1,416	98	118	13	1,877
December	180	1,080	91	93	25	1,469
1992—						
January	304	1,597	145	209	42	2,297
February	281	1,378	103	163	31	1,956
March	236	1,434	98	114	29	1,911
PUBLIC SECTOR						
1988-89	26	561	14	20	5	626
1989-90	6	427	4	29	2	463
1990-91	18	479	3	8	11	516
1991—						
April	7	93	1	2	7	110
May	9	58	—	2	1	70
June	1	41	—	—	3	45
July	1	71	1	—	2	75
August	—	70	—	—	4	74
September	1	81	1	1	5	89
October	1	176	3	—	—	180
November	2	175	—	—	—	177
December	1	98	—	—	—	99
1992—						
January	3	26	1	—	—	30
February	—	58	—	—	—	58
March	1	46	—	1	—	48
TOTAL						
1988-89	4,653	24,470	1,901	1,730	322	33,076
1989-90	3,664	18,054	1,809	1,680	304	25,511
1990-91	3,281	16,286	1,482	1,453	342	22,844
1991—						
April	250	1,319	98	124	31	1,822
May	286	1,462	118	127	42	2,035
June	211	1,035	92	90	21	1,449
July	315	1,431	86	167	26	2,025
August	212	1,452	86	122	28	1,900
September	302	1,531	100	112	23	2,068
October	322	1,829	108	136	22	2,417
November	234	1,591	98	118	13	2,054
December	181	1,178	91	93	25	1,568
1992—						
January	307	1,623	146	209	42	2,327
February	281	1,436	103	163	31	2,014
March	237	1,480	98	115	29	1,959

(a) Includes house constructed with outer walls of stone or concrete.

TABLE 4. HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Statistical division	February 1992					March 1992					Total	
	Double brick (a)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Other and not stated	Double brick (a)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Other and not stated		
PRIVATE SECTOR												
Sydney	102	618	17	50	2	789	97	647	14	27	3	788
Hunter	37	118	15	13	4	187	26	176	16	9	3	230
Illawarra	20	188	15	25	2	250	9	192	14	16	4	235
Richmond-Tweed	14	56	6	24	1	101	6	55	5	14	1	81
Mid-North Coast	25	132	10	16	3	186	17	100	6	14	4	141
Northern	13	32	5	8	3	61	14	48	10	7	4	83
North Western	5	26	3	1	—	35	2	43	8	3	1	57
Central West	15	63	6	3	2	89	23	43	3	2	—	71
South Eastern	35	64	18	18	14	149	29	68	12	19	8	136
Murrumbidgee	8	46	4	5	—	63	2	14	7	1	—	24
Murray	6	35	3	—	—	44	11	47	3	2	1	64
Far West	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1
New South Wales	281	1,378	103	163	31	1,956	236	1,434	98	114	29	1,911
PUBLIC SECTOR												
Sydney	—	46	—	—	—	46	—	16	—	1	—	17
Hunter	—	4	—	—	—	4	—	19	—	—	—	19
Illawarra	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1
Richmond-Tweed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
Mid-North Coast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	4
Northern	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
North Western	—	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central West	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	3
South Eastern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murrumbidgee	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murray	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New South Wales	—	58	—	—	—	58	1	46	—	1	—	48
TOTAL												
Sydney	102	664	17	50	2	835	97	663	14	28	3	805
Hunter	37	122	15	13	4	191	26	195	16	9	3	249
Illawarra	20	190	15	25	2	252	9	193	14	16	4	236
Richmond-Tweed	14	56	6	24	1	101	6	58	5	14	1	84
Mid-North Coast	25	132	10	16	3	186	17	104	6	14	4	145
Northern	13	33	5	8	3	62	14	49	10	7	4	84
North Western	5	30	3	1	—	39	2	43	8	3	1	57
Central West	15	63	6	3	2	89	24	45	3	2	—	74
South Eastern	35	64	18	18	14	149	29	68	12	19	8	136
Murrumbidgee	8	46	4	5	—	63	2	14	7	1	—	24
Murray	6	36	3	—	—	45	11	47	3	2	1	64
Far West	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1
New South Wales	281	1,436	103	163	31	2,014	237	1,480	98	115	29	1,959

(a) Includes houses constructed with outer walls of stone or concrete.

(Number of dwelling units)

SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 5. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991			1992			1991			1992			1991			1992		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION—continued																		
Auburn (M)	1	4	—	—	—	1	9	17	12	10	—	6	10	21	12	10	—	7
Holroyd (M)	8	5	2	8	2	1	2	130	62	10	—	6	10	135	64	18	2	7
Parramatta (C)	2	2	1	12	—	6	—	34	25	133	—	54	2	36	26	145	—	60
Central Western Sydney (SSD)	11	11	3	20	2	8	11	181	99	153	—	66	22	192	102	173	2	74
Blue Mountains (C)	28	29	26	26	1	48	12	—	2	—	—	—	40	29	28	26	1	48
Hawkesbury (C)	75	40	22	41	21	22	16	22	6	10	10	8	91	62	28	51	31	30
Penrith (C)	115	58	29	79	70	74	10	—	35	—	6	70	125	58	64	79	76	144
Outer Western Sydney (SSD)	218	127	77	146	92	144	38	22	43	10	16	78	256	149	120	156	108	222
Baulkham Hills (S)	35	20	37	41	28	42	—	2	—	—	2	6	35	22	37	41	30	48
Blacktown (C)	141	158	76	66	93	74	26	114	26	12	73	21	167	272	102	78	166	95
Blacktown—Baulkham Hills (SSD)	176	178	113	107	121	116	26	116	26	12	75	27	202	294	139	119	196	143
Hunter's Hill (M)	6	1	1	4	3	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	6	1	1	6	5	1
Lane Cove (M)	1	1	—	2	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	2	3	—
Moeman (M)	1	1	—	3	1	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	1	3	—	3	3	—
North Sydney (M)	1	1	1	2	—	—	12	—	—	4	26	2	13	1	1	6	26	2
Ryde (C)	5	15	13	5	10	5	—	4	42	34	10	17	5	19	55	39	20	22
Willoughby (C)	2	2	2	6	5	3	—	—	10	—	2	7	2	2	12	6	7	10
Lower Northern Sydney (SSD)	16	21	17	22	22	9	16	6	52	40	42	26	32	27	69	62	64	35
Homebush (S)	172	38	22	77	56	24	56	2	2	57	53	10	228	40	24	134	109	34
Ku-ring-gai (M)	19	3	4	7	11	14	—	—	—	32	—	—	19	3	4	39	11	14
Homebush—Ku-ring-gai (SSD)	191	41	26	84	67	38	56	2	2	89	53	10	247	43	28	173	120	48
Manly (M)	1	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	22	—	—	13	1	—	22	1	—	17
Warringah (S)	17	19	15	16	12	14	—	2	2	4	25	4	17	21	17	20	37	18
Manly—Warringah (SSD)	18	19	15	17	12	18	—	2	24	4	25	17	18	21	39	21	37	35
Gosford (C)	37	18	44	117	134	88	8	—	21	73	81	80	45	18	65	190	215	168
Wyong (S)	57	95	84	167	112	94	8	12	7	32	21	22	65	107	91	199	133	116
Gosford—Wyong (SSD)	94	113	128	284	246	182	16	12	28	105	102	102	110	125	156	389	348	284
SYDNEY (SD)	1,065	928	574	934	835	805	387	689	569	855	769	792	1,452	1,617	1,143	1,789	1,604	1,597

TABLE 5. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991			1992			1991			1992			1991			1992		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Cessnock (C)	12	20	13	12	7	17	—	—	—	14	—	—	12	20	13	26	7	17
Lake Macquarie (C)	48	69	47	111	31	104	39	14	39	52	57	66	87	83	86	163	88	170
Maitland (C)	22	19	33	21	35	20	2	10	8	4	15	4	24	29	41	25	50	24
Newcastle (C) — Inner & Remainder	68	24	17	33	22	23	71	41	24	37	21	19	139	65	41	70	43	42
Port Stephens (S)	46	43	48	34	58	60	15	18	17	8	14	31	61	61	65	42	72	91
Newcastle (SSD)	196	175	158	211	153	224	127	83	88	115	107	120	323	258	246	326	260	344
Dungog (S)	6	5	5	14	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	5	14	6	2
Gloucester (S)	2	4	2	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	2	3	3	—
Great Lakes (S)	3	—	76	8	12	2	10	—	36	15	—	—	13	—	112	23	12	2
Merriwa (S)	2	—	—	3	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	3	2
Murrumbidgee (S)	1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2
Muswellbrook (S)	17	9	3	7	6	17	—	—	—	—	—	2	17	9	3	7	6	19
Scone (S)	4	6	7	2	7	—	6	—	—	—	—	2	10	6	7	2	7	2
Singleton (S)	13	12	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	12	8	—	—	—
Hunter SD Balance (SSD)	48	36	101	37	38	25	16	—	36	15	—	4	64	36	137	52	38	29
HUNTER (SD)	244	211	259	248	191	249	143	83	124	130	107	124	387	294	383	378	298	373
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Kiama (M)	53	11	5	19	11	15	6	—	—	5	—	—	59	11	5	24	11	15
Shellharbour (M)	40	37	11	35	54	48	8	3	4	34	2	11	48	40	15	69	56	59
Wollongong (C)	85	47	28	35	31	51	108	12	—	20	18	13	193	59	28	55	49	64
Wollongong (SSD)	178	95	44	89	96	114	122	15	4	59	20	24	300	110	48	148	116	138
Shoalhaven (C)	68	93	63	110	81	85	20	12	2	11	4	18	88	105	65	121	85	103
Wingecarribee (S)	36	33	20	22	75	37	6	—	—	—	12	1	42	33	20	22	87	38
Illawarra SD Balance (SSD)	104	126	83	132	156	122	26	12	2	11	16	19	130	138	85	143	172	141
ILLAWARRA (SD)	282	221	127	221	252	236	148	27	6	70	36	43	430	248	133	291	288	279

TABLE 5. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991			1992			1991			1992			1991			1992		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
RICHMOND-TWEED STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Tweed (S) Pt A	63	31	14	30	14	6	9	32	16	54	4	2	72	63	30	84	18	8
Tweed Heads (SSD)	63	31	14	30	14	6	9	32	16	54	4	2	72	63	30	84	18	8
Bellina (S)	18	16	14	29	16	22	—	4	6	6	6	28	18	20	20	35	22	50
Byron (S)	13	15	13	29	24	27	4	2	2	7	8	14	17	17	15	36	32	41
Casino (M)	4	6	1	1	4	1	—	—	2	2	7	—	4	6	3	3	11	1
Kyogle (S)	7	4	3	11	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	4	3	11	6	1
Lismore (C)	19	14	11	10	11	18	14	6	4	20	—	19	33	20	15	30	11	37
Richmond River (S)	7	3	1	15	16	5	3	2	5	10	29	—	10	5	6	25	45	5
Tweed (S) Pt B	24	17	13	14	10	4	—	6	2	5	2	—	24	23	15	19	12	4
Richmond-Tweed SD Balance (SSD)	92	75	56	109	87	78	21	20	21	50	52	61	113	95	77	159	139	139
RICHMOND-TWEED (SD)	155	106	70	139	101	84	30	52	37	104	56	63	185	158	107	243	157	147
MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bellingen (S)	7	3	11	22	14	12	—	—	—	—	1	7	3	11	22	14	13	13
Coffs Harbour (C)	31	27	11	35	41	29	21	6	8	5	9	8	52	33	19	40	50	37
Copenthorpe (S)	1	1	—	3	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	1	—	3	2	8
Grafton (C)	5	3	3	3	—	4	3	4	—	—	2	4	8	7	3	3	2	8
Maclean (S)	40	12	6	16	39	11	8	6	—	6	6	2	48	18	6	22	45	13
Nambucca (S)	8	11	3	29	—	18	2	—	2	—	1	10	11	3	31	—	19	7
Nymboida (S)	8	6	—	4	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	8	6	—	4	4	7	7
Ulmara (S)	4	11	4	5	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	4	11	4	5	1	6	6
Clarence (SSD)	104	74	38	117	101	91	34	16	8	13	17	20	138	90	46	130	118	111
Greater Taree (C)	21	19	23	26	5	6	13	10	9	4	6	—	34	29	32	30	11	6
Hastings (M)	27	2	94	24	66	37	4	37	37	21	12	4	31	39	131	45	78	41
Kempsey (S)	11	10	12	19	14	11	—	4	6	8	11	—	11	14	18	27	25	11
Hastings (SSD)	59	31	129	69	85	54	17	51	52	33	29	4	76	82	181	102	114	58
MID-NORTH COAST (SD)	163	105	167	186	186	145	51	67	60	46	46	24	214	172	227	232	232	169

TABLE 5. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991			1992			1991			1992			1991			1992		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Barraba (S)	1	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	—	—
Bingara (S)	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1
Gunnedah (S)	2	2	1	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	2	1	5	2	4
Inverell (S) Pt A	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1
Manilla (S)	2	—	1	4	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	4	3	2
Nundle (S)	2	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	3	—	1
Parry (S)	8	9	5	11	11	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	9	5	11	11	9
Quirindi (S)	1	3	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	3	1	—
Tamworth (C)	19	21	14	22	21	24	6	4	4	3	13	12	25	25	18	25	34	36
Yallaroi (S)	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Northern Slopes (SSD)	36	36	29	53	37	43	6	4	4	3	15	12	42	40	33	56	52	55
Armidale (C)	9	8	7	7	1	6	—	—	6	2	—	2	9	8	13	9	1	8
Dumaresq (S)	4	3	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	1	1	1	1
Glen Innes (M)	1	1	2	1	1	7	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	1	1	7
Guyra (S)	2	—	2	4	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	4	2	5
Inverell (S) Pt B	—	8	3	1	7	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	8	3	1	11	4	—
Severn (S)	—	2	2	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	3	—
Tenterfield (S)	7	2	4	2	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	2	4	2	4	3
Uralla (S)	2	—	—	11	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	11	2	5
Walcha (S)	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Northern Tablelands (SSD)	26	24	21	30	19	31	—	2	6	2	6	2	26	26	27	32	25	33
Moree Plains (S)	9	6	6	3	5	9	6	3	3	—	2	—	15	9	9	3	7	9
Narrabri (S)	1	1	4	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	5	1	1
North Central Plain (SSD)	10	7	10	8	6	10	6	3	3	—	2	—	16	10	13	8	8	10
NORTHERN (SD)	72	67	60	91	62	84	12	9	13	5	23	14	84	76	73	96	85	98

TABLE 5. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991			1992			1991			1992			1991			1992		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
NORTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Coolah (S)	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—
Coonabarabran (S)	1	—	—	4	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	2	4
Dubbo (C)	1	75	21	17	9	34	4	34	4	2	—	8	5	109	25	19	9	42
Gilgandra (S)	2	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	3	—
Mudgee (S)	33	7	7	25	11	12	11	5	—	18	—	3	44	12	7	43	11	15
Narromine (S)	8	2	5	4	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	5	4	3	2
Wellington (S)	5	1	1	3	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	1	3	3	4
Central Macquarie (SSD)	50	86	39	54	31	56	15	39	4	20	—	11	65	125	43	74	31	67
Bogan (S)	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—
Coonamble (S)	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Walgett (S)	1	1	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	4	—
Warren (S)	2	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	2	—	1	15	—	—
Macquarie-Barwon (SSD)	5	2	4	5	4	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	5	2	4	15	4	—
Bourke (S)	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
Brewarrina (S)	8	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	4	—	—
Cobar (S)	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Upper Darling (SSD)	8	2	—	2	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	—	2	4	1
NORTH WESTERN (SD)	63	90	43	61	39	57	15	39	4	30	—	11	78	129	47	91	39	68

TABLE 5. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991			1992			1991			1992			1991			1992		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bathurst (C)	15	10	8	32	12	23	—	—	—	2	5	—	15	10	8	34	17	23
Blayney (S) Pt A	2	5	1	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	2	5	1	5	7	—
Cabonne (S) Pt A	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—
Evans (S) Pt A	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	2	—	—
Orange (C)	23	12	37	40	40	14	3	5	7	—	21	—	26	17	44	40	61	14
Bathurst-Orange (SSD)	42	28	47	81	54	37	3	5	7	2	31	—	45	33	54	83	85	37
Blayney (S) Pt B	2	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	2	—
Cabonne (S) Pt B	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Evans (S) Pt B	6	2	1	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	1	1	3	1
Greater Lithgow (C)	18	7	4	11	9	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	7	4	11	9	11
Oberon (S)	1	4	3	3	5	3	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	9	3	3	5	3
Rylstone (S)	1	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	3	—
Central Tablelands (excl. Bathurst-Orange) (SSD)	28	16	12	16	22	15	—	5	—	—	—	—	28	21	12	16	22	15
Bland (S)	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
Cabonne (S) Pt C	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	1	—	—
Cowra (S)	7	1	1	7	5	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	11	1	7	5	11
Forbes (S)	4	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	3	3	—
Lachlan (S)	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Parkes (S)	4	2	7	5	3	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	7	5	3	15
Weddin (S)	2	1	1	2	1	1	6	—	—	4	—	—	8	1	1	6	1	1
Lachlan (SSD)	19	7	11	18	13	22	10	—	—	4	2	5	29	7	11	22	15	27
CENTRAL WEST (SD)	89	51	70	115	89	74	13	10	7	6	33	5	102	61	77	121	122	79

TABLE 5. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991			1992			1991			1992			1991			1992		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Queanbeyan (C)	29	7	36	15	23	24	59	8	37	5	55	27	88	15	73	20	78	51
Queanbeyan (SSD)	29	7	36	15	23	24	59	8	37	5	55	27	88	15	73	20	78	51
Boorowa (S)	1	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	1
Crookwell (S)	2	2	—	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	1	2	5
Goulburn (C)	8	5	4	9	5	5	—	8	—	4	—	—	8	13	4	13	5	5
Gunning (C)	2	2	1	4	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	4	2	2
Harden (S)	1	1	—	4	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	4	2	2
Mulwaree (S)	11	6	1	15	7	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	6	1	15	7	12
Tallaganda (S)	4	1	2	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	2	3	2	2
Yarrowlumla (S)	9	7	4	19	16	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	7	4	19	16	14
Yass (S)	13	4	11	6	5	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	18	4	11	6	5	2
Young (S)	8	8	3	4	9	3	—	—	2	7	4	—	8	8	5	11	13	3
Southern Tablelands (excl. Queanbeyan) (SSD)	59	36	26	66	52	48	5	8	2	11	4	—	64	44	28	77	56	48
Bega Valley (S)	35	9	14	16	29	19	3	—	2	—	6	—	38	9	16	16	35	19
Eurobodalla (S)	9	101	22	54	32	39	—	50	6	26	25	14	9	151	28	80	57	53
Lower South Coast (SSD)	44	110	36	70	61	58	3	50	8	26	31	14	47	160	44	96	92	72
Bombala (S)	2	1	—	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	5	1	1
Cooma-Monaro (S)	5	5	5	—	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	5	—	6	5
Snowy River (S)	5	7	3	5	6	—	—	8	4	—	—	—	5	15	7	5	6	—
Snowy (SSD)	12	13	8	10	13	6	—	8	4	—	—	—	12	21	12	10	13	6
SOUTH EASTERN (SD)	144	166	106	161	149	136	67	74	51	42	90	41	211	240	157	203	239	177

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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991			1992			1991			1992			1991			1992		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Coolamon (S)	2	1	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	1	—	2
Cootamundra (S)	2	1	—	3	1	3	—	—	—	—	4	2	2	1	—	3	5	5
Gundagai (S)	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Junee (S)	2	3	—	6	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	—	6	3	2
Lockhart (S)	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	1	—
Narrandera (S)	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—
Temora (S)	2	2	1	1	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	5	1	1	1	1
Tumut (S)	9	3	6	6	2	5	—	—	3	4	2	—	9	3	9	10	4	5
Wagga Wagga (C)	61	50	38	47	42	—	2	—	4	3	8	—	63	50	42	50	50	—
Central Murrumbidgee (SSD)	81	61	49	65	53	13	4	3	7	7	14	2	85	64	56	72	67	15
Carrathool (S)	—	2	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	2
Griffith (C)	2	4	2	11	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	2	11	1	4
Hay (S)	1	2	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	2	2
Leeton (S)	4	2	2	3	4	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	4	5	2	3	4	1
Murrumbidgee (S)	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	2
Lower Murrumbidgee (SSD)	8	10	4	15	10	11	—	3	—	—	—	—	8	13	4	15	10	11
MURRUMBIDGEE (SD)	89	71	53	80	63	24	4	6	7	7	14	2	93	77	60	87	77	26

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	1991			1992			1991			1992			1991			1992		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Albury (C)	5	9	11	55	25	36	19	2	7	22	8	—	24	11	18	77	33	36
Hume (S)	9	4	4	5	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	4	4	5	3	4
Albury (SSD)	14	13	15	60	28	40	19	2	7	22	8	—	33	15	22	82	36	40
Corowa (S)	6	3	8	9	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	3	8	9	7	7
Culcairn (S)	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	1	—	—
Holbrook (S)	2	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	1
Turnbarumba (S)	—	4	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	6	—	—
Urana (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Upper Murray (excl. Albury) (SSD)	10	8	12	16	7	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	8	12	16	7	8
Berrigan (S)	3	3	2	1	1	3	—	—	—	6	—	—	3	3	2	7	1	3
Conargo (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deniliquin (M)	8	6	2	9	2	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	8	6	2	9	4	5
Jerilderie (S)	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Murray (S)	—	5	2	1	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	2	1	1	2
Wakool (S)	2	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	2
Windouran (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central Murray (SSD)	13	14	6	12	6	12	2	—	—	6	2	—	15	14	6	18	8	12
Balranald (S)	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—
Wentworth (S)	9	1	2	3	4	4	2	—	—	5	—	—	11	1	2	8	4	4
Murray-Darling (SSD)	10	2	3	3	4	4	2	—	—	5	—	—	12	2	3	8	4	4
MURRAY (SD)	47	37	36	91	45	64	23	2	7	33	10	—	70	39	43	124	55	64
FAR WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Broken Hill (C)	2	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	1	—	1	4
Central Darling (S)	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	—
Unincorp. Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FAR WEST (SD)	4	1	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	1	3	—	2	4
NEW SOUTH WALES																		
NEW SOUTH WALES	2,417	2,054	1,568	2,327	2,014	1,959	893	1,058	885	1,328	1,184	1,122	3,310	3,112	2,453	3,655	3,198	3,081

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of the number of new dwelling units reported by approving authorities as having commenced.

2. As from November 1990 the data have been compiled using an 'as reported' method. Previously, data were revised for up to five months as councils notified the ABS of commencements occurring before the reference month. A comparison of data compiled using the two methods showed that, while the actual numbers may vary (both on the high and the low side), the trends were very similar. It is not possible for all the previous data to be compiled under the new method, nor can future data be compiled under the old method. Therefore there is a break in series. The advantages of the new method are that there are no revised data and that NSW data are more comparable with similar series issued by other States. However, if there are significant reporting delays, previous monthly data will be revised.

Scope and coverage

3. The statistics were compiled from the monthly reports, provided by local and other government authorities, of commencements of new houses and new other residential buildings for which:

- (a) building permits were issued by local government authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities;
- (b) contracts were let or day labour work was authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government or local government authorities; or
- (c) are valued at \$10,000 or more.

4. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, and through the construction of new 'non-residential buildings' (i.e. buildings other than residential buildings) is not included.

Definitions

5. A *dwelling unit* is defined as a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long-term residential use. Units (whether self-contained or not) within buildings offering institutional care (such as hospitals) or temporary accommodation (such as motels, hostels and holiday apartments) are not defined as dwelling units.

6. A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Dwellings can be either houses or other residential buildings as follows:

- (a) a *house* is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Thus detached 'granny flats' and detached dwelling units

(such as caretakers' residences) associated with other buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics;

- (b) an *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit (e.g. a block of townhouses, a duplex, or an apartment building).

7. *Commencement*. For the purpose of this statistical series, a job is regarded as being commenced on the date when:

- (a) the job is first inspected by a local government or other government authority building inspector or surveyor, whether the work is passed or not. In general, the first inspection is undertaken at the foundations or footings stage of construction; or
- (b) the job is determined as commenced by a building inspector or surveyor.

8. *Ownership*. The ownership of a residential building is classified at the time of approval as either 'private sector' or 'public sector' according to the expected ownership of the completed building.

Statistical areas of New South Wales

9. This bulletin contains data presented according to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). Under this classification, statistical areas are defined as follows:

- (a) *Statistical Local Areas (SLAs)*. These geographical areas are in most cases either identical with, or have been aggregated to, the previously published whole or part of legal Local Government Areas (LGAs) as defined under the (State) *Local Government Act 1919* and comprising cities (C), municipalities (M) and shires (S). In other cases, they are identical to each previously published unincorporated area. In aggregate, SLAs cover the whole of the State without gaps or overlaps. In some cases legal LGAs overlap Statistical Subdivision boundaries and therefore comprise two SLAs (Part A and Part B) or three SLAs in the case of Cabonne (S) (Part A, Part B and Part C).
- (b) *Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs)*. These consist of one or more SLAs and form the intermediate size spatial unit for the presentation of regional data.
- (c) *Statistical Divisions (SDs)*. These consist of one or more Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs). Where SSDs are not shown for statistical purposes, statistical local areas are shown ordered alphabetically within statistical divisions. The divisions are designed to be relatively homogeneous regions characterised by identifiable social and economic

units within the region, under the unifying influence of one or more major towns or cities.

- (d) *Statistical Districts*. To provide comparable statistics over a period of time, statistical districts have been defined around selected urban centres, with a population of 25,000 or more, experiencing urban growth beyond the legal local government area boundaries. Those districts are intended to contain the anticipated urban spread over the next 20 years. In some cases, Statistical District boundaries are identical to those of particular Statistical Subdivisions (e.g. Newcastle SSD and Wollongong SSD included in Table 5 of this publication).

10. Further information concerning statistical areas is contained in the publication *Regional Statistics, New South Wales*, 1989 issue (1304.1) and in the publication *Australian Standard Geographical Classification* (1216.0).

General

11. For purposes of comparison over time, it should be noted that statistics of dwelling commencements are affected from month to month by large projects (such as blocks of flats) commenced in particular months, and also by the administrative arrangements of government authorities.

Comparability of statistics

12. Because of the difference in data sources, collection methodologies and timing of notification of commencements, care should be exercised in comparing quarterly data derived from monthly dwelling unit commencements statistics with the quarterly dwelling unit commencements statistics from the Building Activity Survey—published in *Building Activity, New South Wales* (8752.1).

13. Users may also wish to refer to the following building and construction publications which are available on request.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Building Approvals, New South Wales (monthly) (8731.1)

Building Activity, New South Wales (quarterly) (8752.1)

AUSTRALIA

Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (monthly) (5609.0)

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (monthly) (6408.0)

Building Approvals, Australia (monthly) (8731.0)

Building Activity, Australia (quarterly) (8752.0)

Engineering Construction Survey, Australia (quarterly) (8762.0)

Symbols and other usages

- C City
- M Municipality
- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- S Shire
- SD Statistical Division
- SLA Statistical Local Area
- SSD Statistical Subdivision
- .. not applicable
- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

14. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.



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