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DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES,
NEW SOUTH WALES, (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES) AUGUST 1984

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MAIN FEATURES

Note: For the reasons outlined in paragraph 3 below, care should be taken not to over emphasise the significance of changes in estimates of dwelling commencements between single months.

The preliminary estimate of the number of new dwellings commenced in August 1984 (3,820) is 22% higher than the preliminary estimate of the number of new dwellings commenced in July 1984 (3,130) and 16% higher than the number commenced in August 1983 (3,304).

The preliminary estimate for private sector new dwellings (3,590) represents the highest level of commencements in an individual month since April 1982 (3,771).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. This publication contains preliminary estimates of the number of new dwellings notified as being commenced by approving authorities for each of the months April to August 1984. (The data shown for periods up to December 1983 is published in greater geographic detail, in "Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities, New South Wales" October-December 1983 (Catalogue No. 8741.1).)

2. The preliminary estimates for April-August 1984 are based on initial reports provided by local and other government authorities of the commencements of new dwelling building jobs for which:

- a. building permits were issued by local government authorities, or
- b. contracts were let or day labour work approved by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities.

3. In using these statistics the following points should be noted:

- a. The figures for December 1983 and earlier months are not subject to revision. Figures for April-August 1984 are preliminary estimates which

together with figures for January-March 1984 will be subject to revision as more complete data become available.

- b. Because of differences in timing, data sources and collection and estimation methodologies, care should also be exercised in comparing the sum of three months figures for any particular quarter from this release with the results of the quarterly Building Activity Survey (published in Catalogue No. 8752.1). While it may be expected that the results from these two collections will show consistency in quarter to quarter movements, the absolute level of these series will differ, particularly in short period comparisons.

4. For more details of the definitions, scope, etc of this series, refer to the explanatory notes of Catalogue No. 8741.1 mentioned in paragraph 1.

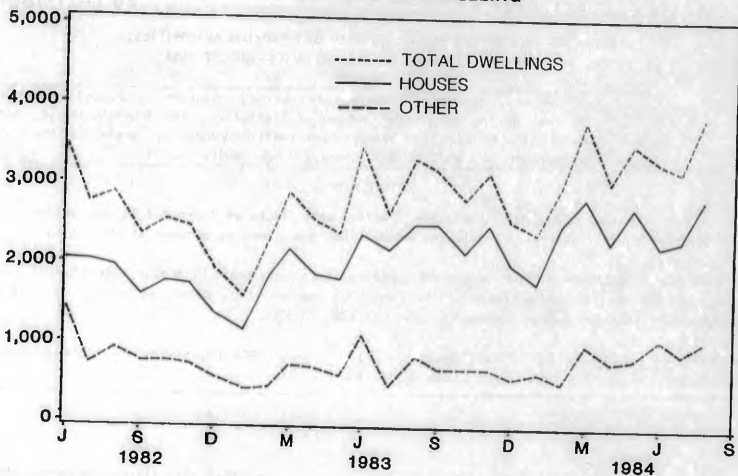
5. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and the totals shown.

6. Symbols and other usages

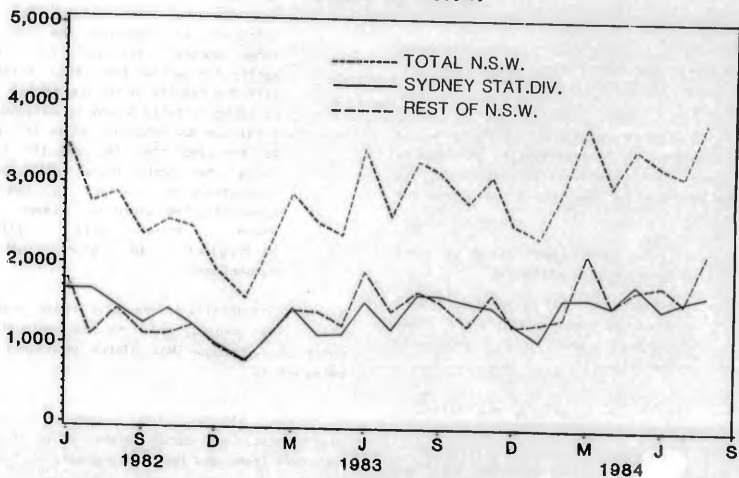
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DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN N.S.W. BY TYPE OF DWELLING



DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN SELECTED AREAS OF N.S.W.



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DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES
(NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS)

See Explanatory Note 3. Figures for January 1984 and later periods are subject to revision.

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other dwell- ings	Total dwell- ings	Houses	Other dwell- ings	Total dwell- ings	Houses	Other dwell- ings	Total dwell- ings
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1981-82	12,075	8,286	20,361	154	441	595	12,229	8,727	20,956
1982-83	9,161	3,888	13,049	571	1,207	1,778	9,732	5,095	14,827
1983-84 (a)	12,640	3,550	16,180	588	1,773	2,361	13,220	5,310	18,540
1983-84: July-Aug.	2,175	606	2,781	49	262	311	2,224	868	3,092
1984-85: July-Aug.(a)	2,370	920	3,290	96	326	422	2,470	1,240	3,710
1983: June	1,037	332	1,369	137	412	549	1,174	744	1,918
July	1,071	271	1,342	16	63	79	1,087	334	1,421
August	1,104	335	1,439	33	199	232	1,137	534	1,671
September	1,089	289	1,378	8	150	158	1,097	439	1,536
October	820	269	1,089	49	106	155	869	375	1,244
November	1,161	344	1,505	72	65	137	1,233	409	1,642
December	904	152	1,056	26	164	190	930	316	1,246
1984: January	732	220	952	125	211	336	857	431	1,288
February	1,132	116	1,248	22	85	107	1,154	201	1,355
March	1,343	451	1,794	97	273	370	1,440	724	2,164
April (a)	1,050	270	1,320	36	145	181	1,080	420	1,500
May (a)	1,190	440	1,630	57	16	73	1,250	450	1,700
June (a)	1,040	390	1,430	47	296	343	1,090	680	1,770
July (a)	990	320	1,310	29	207	236	1,020	530	1,540
August (a)	1,380	600	1,980	67	119	186	1,450	710	2,170
REST OF NEW SOUTH WALES									
1981-82	15,298	6,783	22,081	486	235	721	15,784	7,018	22,802
1982-83	10,789	2,930	13,719	1,061	364	1,425	11,850	3,294	15,144
1983-84 (a)	13,650	2,360	16,020	968	768	1,736	14,630	3,130	17,750
1983-84: July-Aug.	2,284	308	2,592	135	97	232	2,419	405	2,824
1984-85: July-Aug.(a)	2,440	540	2,980	169	81	250	2,610	620	3,230
1983: June	1,011	242	1,253	174	107	281	1,185	349	1,534
July	1,058	116	1,174	17	-	17	1,075	116	1,191
August	1,226	192	1,418	118	97	215	1,344	289	1,633
September	1,233	200	1,433	155	27	182	1,388	227	1,615
October	1,111	262	1,373	139	28	167	1,250	290	1,540
November	1,175	200	1,375	62	46	108	1,237	246	1,483
December	985	170	1,155	62	55	117	1,047	225	1,272
1984: January	842	100	942	37	83	120	879	183	1,062
February	1,239	158	1,397	75	123	198	1,314	281	1,595
March	1,263	198	1,461	101	44	145	1,364	242	1,606
April (a)	1,150	250	1,410	14	83	97	1,170	340	1,500
May (a)	1,320	260	1,580	119	80	199	1,440	340	1,780
June (a)	1,050	250	1,300	69	102	171	1,120	350	1,470
July (a)	1,110	250	1,360	152	60	212	1,260	310	1,580
August (a)	1,330	290	1,610	17	21	38	1,340	310	1,650

(a) Preliminary estimates. Figures for private sector and total dwellings are rounded to the nearest 10 units.

DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES (continued)
(NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS)

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Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
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TOTAL, NEW SOUTH WALES									
1981-82	27,373	15,069	42,442	640	676	1,316	28,013	15,745	43,758
1982-83	19,950	6,818	26,768	1,632	1,571	3,203	21,582	8,389	29,971
1983-84 (a)	26,280	5,900	32,180	1,556	2,541	4,097	27,842	8,442	36,284
1983-84: July-Aug.	4,459	914	5,373	184	359	543	4,643	1,273	5,916
1984-85: July-Aug.(a)	4,810	1,460	6,270	268	413	681	5,080	1,870	6,950
1983: June	2,048	574	2,622	311	519	830	2,359	1,093	3,452
July	2,129	387	2,516	33	63	96	2,162	450	2,612
August	2,330	527	2,857	151	296	447	2,481	823	3,304
September	2,322	489	2,811	163	177	340	2,485	666	3,151
October	1,931	531	2,462	188	134	322	2,119	665	2,784
November	2,336	544	2,880	134	111	245	2,470	655	3,125
December	1,889	322	2,211	88	219	307	1,977	541	2,518
1984: January	1,574	320	1,894	162	294	456	1,736	614	2,350
February	2,371	274	2,645	97	208	305	2,468	482	2,950
March	2,606	649	3,255	198	317	515	2,804	966	3,770
April (a)	2,200	520	2,720	50	228	278	2,250	750	3,000
May (a)	2,510	700	3,210	176	96	272	2,690	790	3,480
June (a)	2,080	640	2,720	116	398	514	2,200	1,040	3,240
July (a)	2,100	570	2,670	184	273	457	2,280	850	3,130
August (a)	2,710	880	3,590	84	140	224	2,790	1,020	3,820

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