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### DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES, PRELIMINARY - VICTORIA, OCTOBER 1984

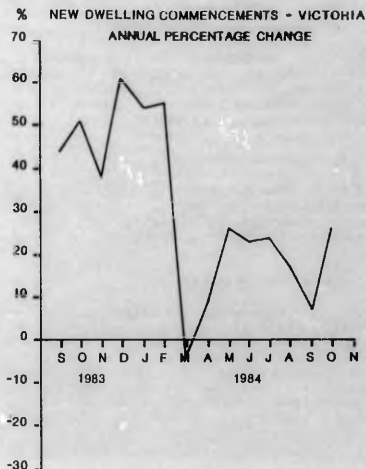
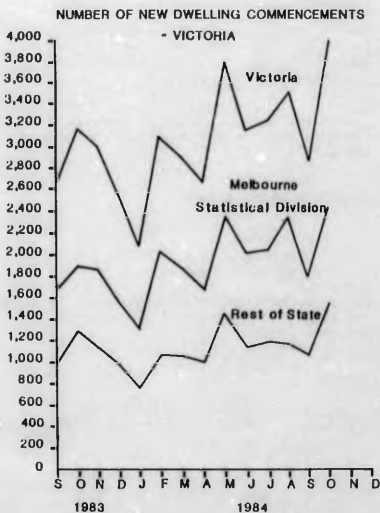
#### INQUIRIES

Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made by telephoning Information Services (Building statistics) on Melbourne (03) 63 0181; for advice on the interpretation of these statistics ask for Mr Keith Amanatides.

#### MAIN FEATURES

For the month of October 1984 the estimated number of dwelling unit commencements (4000) was 39 per cent higher than in September 1984 (2,870) and 26 per cent higher than in October 1983 (3,182).

The number of estimated new dwelling commencements for the period July-October 1984 was 19 per cent higher than that for the corresponding period in 1983.



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Introduction

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

The figures for July 1984 to October 1984 are preliminary and subject to revision as a result of revised or additional information subsequently provided by local and other government authorities.

More comprehensive data will be published in the quarterly publication 'Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities - Victoria' (8741.2).

## Scope and Coverage

2. The statistics were compiled from monthly reports, provided by local and other government authorities, of commencements of new house and new other dwelling building jobs for which -

a building permits were issued by local government authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities, or

b contracts were let or day labour work was authorised by Commonwealth, State, Semi-government and local government authorities.

3. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, and through the construction of new 'other buildings', ie, buildings other than dwellings, is not included.

## Definitions

4. For definitions of terms used in this bulletin refer to the publication 'Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities - Victoria' (8741.2).

## Comparability of Statistics

5. 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.

## Unpublished Data and Related Publications

6. The ABS can also make available certain dwelling unit commencement data which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided in the following forms: Microfiche, photocopy, computer printout and clerically extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

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

## VICTORIA

Building Approvals, 8731.2 (monthly)  
Building Approvals by Local Government Areas, 8732.2 (quarterly)  
Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities, 8741.2 (quarterly)  
Building Activity, 8752.2 (quarterly)

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Building Approvals, 8731.0 (monthly)  
Building Activity, Dwelling Unit Commencements (Preliminary Estimates), 8750.0 (quarterly)  
Building Activity (Summary, 8751.0 (quarterly)  
Building Activity, 8752.0 (quarterly)  
Construction (Other Than Building) Activity, 8761.0 (quarterly)

8. Data for dwelling unit commencements prior to July 1980 were published in the quarterly Building Operations publication (Catalogue No. 8705.2).

9. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS Office.

## Symbols and other usages

# figure or series revised since previous issue  
.. not applicable  
- nil or rounded to zero

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

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TABLE 1. NEW DWELLINGS COMMENCED BY OWNERSHIP AND TYPE OF DWELLING - VICTORIA  
(Number of dwelling units)

| Period                         | Private sector |                 |        | Public sector |                 |       | Total  |                 |        |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|-------|--------|-----------------|--------|
|                                | Houses         | Other dwellings | Total  | Houses        | Other dwellings | Total | Houses | Other dwellings | Total  |
| MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION |                |                 |        |               |                 |       |        |                 |        |
| 1981-82                        | 11,655         | 2,903           | 14,558 | 250           | 302             | 552   | 11,905 | 3,205           | 15,110 |
| 1982-83                        | 12,130         | 2,928           | 15,058 | 856           | 540             | 1,396 | 12,986 | 3,468           | 16,454 |
| 1983-84                        | 16,860         | 3,730           | 20,590 | 1,036         | 268             | 1,304 | 17,900 | 3,990           | 21,890 |
| 1983 - September               | 1,347          | 186             | 1,533  | 96            | 56              | 152   | 1,443  | 242             | 1,685  |
| October                        | 1,383          | 392             | 1,775  | 105           | 15              | 120   | 1,488  | 407             | 1,895  |
| November                       | 1,495          | 260             | 1,755  | 98            | 18              | 116   | 1,593  | 278             | 1,871  |
| December                       | 1,163          | 274             | 1,437  | 98            | 36              | 134   | 1,261  | 310             | 1,571  |
| 1984 - January                 | 1,086          | 158             | 1,244  | 65            | 2               | 67    | 1,151  | 160             | 1,311  |
| February                       | 1,627          | 309             | 1,936  | 79            | 21              | 100   | 1,706  | 330             | 2,036  |
| March                          | 1,480          | 283             | 1,763  | 75            | 14              | 89    | 1,555  | 297             | 1,852  |
| April                          | 1,370          | 240             | 1,610  | 67            | 3               | 70    | 1,430  | 240             | 1,680  |
| May                            | 1,800          | 470             | 2,270  | 84            | 7               | 91    | 1,890  | 470             | 2,360  |
| June                           | 1,530          | 410             | 1,940  | 65            | -               | 65    | 1,600  | 410             | 2,010  |
| July (a)                       | 1,660          | 330             | 1,990  | 60            | -               | 60    | 1,720  | 330             | 2,050  |
| August (a)                     | 1,790          | 310             | 2,100  | 220           | 30              | 250   | 2,010  | 340             | 2,350  |
| September (a)                  | 1,310          | 410             | 1,720  | 100           | -               | 100   | 1,410  | 410             | 1,810  |
| October (a)                    | 1,970          | 360             | 2,330  | 80            | 40              | 120   | 2,050  | 400             | 2,450  |
| REST OF STATE                  |                |                 |        |               |                 |       |        |                 |        |
| 1981-82                        | 6,964          | 1,452           | 8,416  | 362           | 430             | 792   | 7,326  | 1,882           | 9,208  |
| 1982-83                        | 7,068          | 1,292           | 8,360  | 1,145         | 300             | 1,445 | 8,213  | 1,592           | 9,805  |
| 1983-84                        | 10,110         | 1,550           | 11,660 | 900           | 287             | 1,187 | 11,010 | 1,840           | 12,840 |
| 1983 - September               | 738            | 143             | 881    | 89            | 23              | 112   | 827    | 166             | 993    |
| October                        | 978            | 141             | 1,119  | 133           | 35              | 168   | 1,111  | 176             | 1,287  |
| November                       | 942            | 84              | 1,026  | 102           | 8               | 110   | 1,044  | 92              | 1,136  |
| December                       | 763            | 148             | 911    | 62            | 5               | 67    | 825    | 153             | 978    |
| 1984 - January                 | 608            | 133             | 741    | 16            | 6               | 22    | 624    | 139             | 763    |
| February                       | 866            | 117             | 983    | 45            | 39              | 84    | 911    | 156             | 1,067  |
| March                          | 889            | 95              | 984    | 62            | 9               | 71    | 951    | 104             | 1,055  |
| April                          | 840            | 110             | 960    | 28            | 12              | 40    | 870    | 130             | 1,000  |
| May                            | 1,090          | 260             | 1,350  | 82            | 9               | 91    | 1,180  | 270             | 1,440  |
| June                           | 890            | 150             | 1,040  | 89            | -               | 89    | 980    | 150             | 1,130  |
| July (a)                       | 890            | 180             | 1,070  | 110           | 10              | 120   | 1,000  | 190             | 1,190  |
| August (a)                     | 920            | 140             | 1,060  | 90            | -               | 100   | 1,020  | 140             | 1,160  |
| September (a)                  | 870            | 120             | 990    | 40            | 30              | 70    | 910    | 140             | 1,060  |
| October (a)                    | 1,280          | 210             | 1,490  | 50            | 10              | 60    | 1,320  | 230             | 1,550  |
| TOTAL VICTORIA                 |                |                 |        |               |                 |       |        |                 |        |
| 1981-82                        | 18,619         | 4,355           | 22,974 | 612           | 732             | 1,344 | 19,231 | 5,087           | 24,318 |
| 1982-83                        | 19,198         | 4,220           | 23,418 | 2,001         | 840             | 2,841 | 21,199 | 5,060           | 26,259 |
| 1983-84                        | 26,970         | 5,270           | 32,240 | 1,936         | 555             | 2,491 | 28,900 | 5,830           | 34,730 |
| 1983-84 July-October           | 8,526          | 1,776           | 10,302 | 819           | 366             | 1,185 | 9,345  | 2,142           | 11,487 |
| 1984-85 July-October (a)       | 10,690         | 2,050           | 12,750 | 760           | 130             | 870   | 11,450 | 2,180           | 13,620 |
| 1983 - September               | 2,085          | 329             | 2,414  | 185           | 79              | 264   | 2,270  | 408             | 2,678  |
| October                        | 2,361          | 533             | 2,894  | 238           | 50              | 288   | 2,599  | 583             | 3,182  |
| November                       | 2,437          | 344             | 2,781  | 200           | 26              | 226   | 2,637  | 370             | 3,007  |
| December                       | 1,926          | 422             | 2,348  | 160           | 41              | 201   | 2,086  | 463             | 2,549  |
| 1984 - January                 | 1,694          | 291             | 1,985  | 81            | 8               | 89    | 1,775  | 299             | 2,074  |
| February                       | 2,493          | 426             | 2,919  | 124           | 60              | 184   | 2,617  | 486             | 3,103  |
| March                          | 2,369          | 378             | 2,747  | 137           | 23              | 160   | 2,506  | 401             | 2,907  |
| April                          | 2,210          | 360             | 2,560  | 95            | 15              | 110   | 2,300  | 370             | 2,670  |
| May                            | 2,900          | 720             | 3,620  | 166           | 16              | 182   | 3,060  | 740             | 3,800  |
| June                           | 2,420          | 560             | 2,980  | 154           | -               | 154   | 2,570  | 560             | 3,140  |
| July (a)                       | 2,550          | 510             | 3,060  | 170           | 10              | 180   | 2,720  | 520             | 3,240  |
| August (a)                     | 2,710          | 450             | 3,160  | 320           | 30              | 350   | 3,030  | 480             | 3,510  |
| September (a)                  | 2,180          | 520             | 2,710  | 140           | 30              | 160   | 2,320  | 550             | 2,870  |
| October (a)                    | 3,250          | 570             | 3,820  | 130           | 60              | 180   | 3,380  | 630             | 4,000  |

(a) Preliminary estimates. Figures for private sector and total dwellings are rounded to the nearest 10 units. From July 1984, figures are rounded to the nearest 10 units for both private and public sectors.

TABLE 2. NEW HOUSES COMMENCED BY OWNERSHIP AND STATISTICAL DIVISION - VICTORIA  
(Number)

| Statistical Division | Sector  | 1981-82 | 1982-83 | 1983-84 | 1983  |       |       | 1984    |          |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|----------|---------|
|                      |         |         |         |         | Aug.  | Sept. | Oct.  | Aug.(a) | Sept.(a) | Oct.(a) |
| Melbourne            | Private | 11,555  | 12,130  | 16,860  | 1,311 | 1,347 | 1,383 | 1,790   | 1,310    | 1,970   |
|                      | Public  | 250     | 856     | 1,036   | 114   | 96    | 105   | 220     | 100      | 80      |
|                      | Total   | 11,905  | 12,986  | 17,900  | 1,425 | 1,443 | 1,488 | 2,010   | 1,410    | 2,050   |
| Barwon               | Private | 1,078   | 1,245   | 1,990   | 197   | 160   | 154   | 180     | 170      | 260     |
|                      | Public  | 25      | 122     | 147     | 24    | 8     | 24    | 10      | 10       | -       |
|                      | Total   | 1,103   | 1,367   | 2,130   | 221   | 168   | 178   | 190     | 180      | 260     |
| South Western        | Private | 408     | 345     | 380     | 33    | 15    | 37    | 50      | 30       | 50      |
|                      | Public  | 55      | 57      | 33      | 8     | 4     | 1     | 10      | -        | -       |
|                      | Total   | 463     | 402     | 410     | 41    | 19    | 38    | 50      | 30       | 50      |
| Central Highlands    | Private | 599     | 679     | 970     | 80    | 61    | 95    | 80      | 70       | 110     |
|                      | Public  | 27      | 134     | 207     | 46    | 10    | 30    | 10      | -        | -       |
|                      | Total   | 626     | 813     | 1,170   | 126   | 71    | 125   | 80      | 70       | 110     |
| Wimmera              | Private | 161     | 125     | 200     | 14    | 13    | 22    | 20      | 20       | 20      |
|                      | Public  | 2       | 29      | 32      | 12    | 2     | 1     | 10      | -        | -       |
|                      | Total   | 163     | 154     | 240     | 26    | 15    | 23    | 20      | 20       | 20      |
| Northern Mallee      | Private | 373     | 289     | 430     | 40    | 40    | 41    | 40      | 50       | 50      |
|                      | Public  | 79      | 108     | 39      | 8     | -     | 10    | -       | -        | -       |
|                      | Total   | 452     | 397     | 470     | 48    | 40    | 51    | 50      | 50       | 50      |
| Loddon-Campaspe      | Private | 878     | 949     | 1,390   | 102   | 104   | 131   | 110     | 110      | 170     |
|                      | Public  | 4       | 246     | 137     | 15    | 23    | 23    | 10      | 10       | -       |
|                      | Total   | 882     | 1,195   | 1,530   | 117   | 127   | 154   | 110     | 110      | 180     |
| Goulburn             | Private | 893     | 769     | 1,010   | 58    | 76    | 125   | 110     | 120      | 150     |
|                      | Public  | 20      | 146     | 59      | 3     | 4     | 10    | 40      | 10       | 10      |
|                      | Total   | 913     | 915     | 1,070   | 61    | 80    | 135   | 140     | 120      | 160     |
| North Eastern        | Private | 517     | 456     | 600     | 45    | 33    | 67    | 50      | 60       | 70      |
|                      | Public  | 32      | 94      | 26      | 2     | 5     | 11    | 10      | -        | -       |
|                      | Total   | 549     | 550     | 630     | 47    | 38    | 78    | 60      | 60       | 70      |
| East Gippsland       | Private | 506     | 489     | 620     | 60    | 36    | 47    | 70      | 60       | 70      |
|                      | Public  | 9       | 81      | 75      | 18    | 4     | 9     | -       | -        | -       |
|                      | Total   | 515     | 570     | 690     | 78    | 40    | 56    | 70      | 70       | 70      |
| Central Gippsland    | Private | 971     | 931     | 1,330   | 106   | 105   | 127   | 120     | 100      | 170     |
|                      | Public  | 107     | 112     | 116     | 3     | 26    | 8     | 10      | 10       | 30      |
|                      | Total   | 1,078   | 1,043   | 1,440   | 109   | 131   | 135   | 120     | 110      | 190     |
| East Central         | Private | 580     | 791     | 1,200   | 84    | 95    | 132   | 100     | 90       | 150     |
|                      | Public  | 2       | 16      | 29      | 2     | 3     | 6     | -       | -        | -       |
|                      | Total   | 582     | 807     | 1,230   | 86    | 98    | 138   | 100     | 90       | 150     |
| Total Victoria       | Private | 18,619  | 19,198  | 26,970  | 2,130 | 2,085 | 2,361 | 2,710   | 2,180    | 3,250   |
|                      | Public  | 612     | 2,001   | 1,936   | 255   | 185   | 238   | 320     | 140      | 130     |
|                      | Total   | 19,231  | 21,199  | 28,900  | 2,385 | 2,270 | 2,599 | 3,030   | 2,320    | 3,380   |

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