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

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MAIN FEATURES

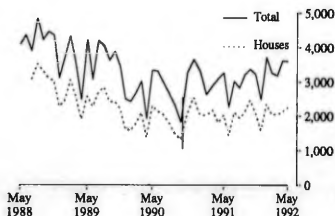
Number of dwelling units commenced

The total number of dwelling units commenced in New South Wales in May 1992 (3,612) remained at the same level as the previous month (3,616) and 11% higher than May 1991 (3,262). The number of dwelling units commenced in Sydney Statistical Division in May 1992 (1,755) was 21% lower than the previous month (2,220). The total number of dwelling units commenced in the financial year to May 1992 (35,475) was 11% higher than the corresponding value for the year to May 1991 (31,938).

Number of houses commenced

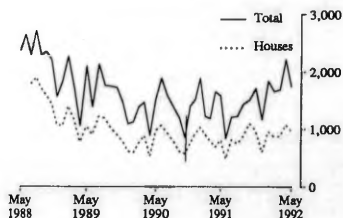
The number of houses commenced in New South Wales in May (2,247) increased by 5% from the April figure of 2,135 while in Sydney Statistical Division there was a decrease of 13% (from 1,082 to 937).

DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN NSW



Indicates a break in series.

DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN SYDNEY (SD)



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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Unpublished data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	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	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
July-May—									
1990-91	20,924	8,856	29,780	471	1,687	2,158	21,395	10,543	31,938
1991-92	22,180	9,367	31,547	991	2,937	3,928	23,171	12,304	35,475
1991—									
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	2,040	665	2,705	74	234	308	2,114	899	3,013
August	1,882	658	2,540	74	211	285	1,956	869	2,825
September	2,031	883	2,914	89	201	290	2,120	1,084	3,204
October	2,282	862	3,144	180	47	227	2,462	909	3,371
November	1,920	736	2,656	177	377	554	2,097	1,113	3,210
December	1,495	532	2,027	99	359	458	1,594	891	2,485
1992—									
January	2,327	1,023	3,350	30	326	356	2,357	1,349	3,706
February	1,994	1,027	3,021	57	179	236	2,051	1,206	3,257
March	1,990	904	2,894	48	234	282	2,038	1,138	3,176
April	2,036	1,048	3,084	99	433	532	2,135	1,481	3,616
May	2,183	1,029	3,212	64	336	400	2,247	1,365	3,612

TABLE 2. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN SELECTED STATISTICAL DIVISIONS
 (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—									
June	481	239	720	9	119	128	490	358	848
July	814	337	1,151	5	56	61	819	393	1,212
August	728	304	1,032	16	177	193	744	481	1,225
September	832	437	1,269	58	113	171	890	550	1,440
October	962	366	1,328	148	37	185	1,110	403	1,513
November	835	432	1,267	136	312	448	971	744	1,715
December	522	260	782	78	315	393	600	575	1,175
1992—									
January	952	632	1,584	12	244	256	964	876	1,840
February	827	638	1,465	46	153	199	873	791	1,664
March	867	615	1,482	17	193	210	884	808	1,692
April	1,047	779	1,826	35	359	394	1,082	1,138	2,220
May	945	565	1,510	28	217	245	973	782	1,755

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—									
June	158	105	263	8	72	80	166	177	343
July	236	123	359	29	47	76	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
April	187	69	256	25	—	25	212	69	281
May	207	99	306	11	45	56	218	144	362
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—									
June	153	9	162	—	—	—	153	9	162
July	168	12	180	6	100	106	174	112	286
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
April	172	33	205	5	13	18	177	46	223
May	177	49	226	12	47	59	189	96	285
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—									
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	5	2	7	735	272	1,007
March	658	157	815	11	6	17	669	163	832
April	630	167	797	34	61	95	664	228	892
May	854	316	1,170	13	27	40	867	343	1,210

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—						
June	210	994	92	90	18	1,404
July	315	1,446	86	167	26	2,040
August	212	1,440	84	122	24	1,882
September	301	1,502	99	111	18	2,031
October	321	1,698	105	136	22	2,282
November	232	1,458	98	118	14	1,920
December	180	1,105	91	94	25	1,495
1992—						
January	304	1,627	145	209	42	2,327
February	282	1,415	103	163	31	1,994
March	236	1,513	98	114	29	1,990
April	206	1,597	73	134	26	2,036
May	267	1,654	94	142	26	2,183
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—						
June	1	41	—	—	3	45
July	1	70	1	—	2	74
August	—	70	—	—	4	74
September	1	81	3	1	5	89
October	1	176	3	—	—	180
November	2	175	—	—	—	177
December	1	98	—	—	—	99
1992—						
January	3	26	1	—	—	30
February	—	57	—	—	—	57
March	1	46	—	1	—	48
April	5	94	—	—	—	99
May	4	57	3	—	—	64
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—						
June	211	1,035	92	90	21	1,449
July	316	1,516	87	167	28	2,114
August	212	1,510	84	122	28	1,956
September	302	1,583	100	112	23	2,120
October	322	1,874	108	136	22	2,462
November	234	1,633	98	118	14	2,097
December	181	1,203	91	94	25	1,594
1992—						
January	307	1,653	146	209	42	2,357
February	282	1,472	103	163	31	2,051
March	237	1,559	98	115	29	2,038
April	211	1,691	73	134	26	2,135
May	271	1,711	97	142	26	2,247

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

TABLE 4. HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Statistical division	April 1992					May 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	76	888	18	58	7	1,047	116	763	12	48	6	945
Hunter	26	135	13	11	2	187	28	152	11	15	1	207
Illawarra	6	149	5	9	3	172	3	159	7	6	2	177
Richmond — Tweed	7	58	6	21	2	94	12	54	2	17	2	87
Mid-North Coast	26	91	3	8	4	132	42	165	16	19	7	249
Northern	8	40	—	4	4	56	14	40	12	5	1	72
North Western	3	33	5	4	1	46	5	55	4	3	—	67
Central West	21	67	8	5	2	103	18	62	10	4	2	96
South Eastern	24	39	10	13	1	87	19	80	10	14	1	124
Murrumbidgee	1	49	3	1	—	54	4	77	8	5	3	97
Murray	5	48	1	—	—	54	5	47	2	3	1	58
Far West	3	—	1	—	—	4	1	—	—	3	—	4
New South Wales	206	1,597	73	134	26	2,036	267	1,654	94	142	26	2,183
PUBLIC SECTOR												
Sydney	—	35	—	—	—	35	1	27	—	—	—	28
Hunter	—	25	—	—	—	25	—	11	—	—	—	11
Illawarra	—	5	—	—	—	5	—	12	—	—	—	12
Richmond — Tweed	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
Mid-North Coast	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern	—	9	—	—	—	9	2	2	—	—	—	4
North Western	2	8	—	—	—	10	—	2	—	—	—	2
Central West	3	2	—	—	—	5	1	—	2	—	—	3
South Eastern	—	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murrumbidgee	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Murray	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	1
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New South Wales	5	94	—	—	—	99	4	57	3	—	—	64
TOTAL												
Sydney	76	923	18	58	7	1,082	117	790	12	48	6	973
Hunter	26	160	13	11	2	212	28	163	11	15	1	218
Illawarra	6	154	5	9	3	177	3	171	7	6	2	189
Richmond — Tweed	7	60	6	21	2	96	12	56	2	17	2	89
Mid-North Coast	26	93	3	8	4	134	42	165	16	19	7	249
Northern	8	49	—	4	4	65	16	42	12	5	1	76
North Western	5	41	5	4	1	56	5	57	4	3	—	69
Central West	24	69	8	5	2	108	19	62	12	4	2	99
South Eastern	24	43	10	13	1	91	19	80	10	14	1	124
Murrumbidgee	1	49	3	1	—	54	4	78	8	5	3	98
Murray	5	50	1	—	—	56	5	47	3	3	1	59
Far West	3	—	1	—	—	4	1	—	—	3	—	4
New South Wales	211	1,691	73	134	26	2,135	271	1,711	97	142	26	2,247

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

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

Statistical area	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total							
	1991		1992			1991		1992			1991		1992					
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Botany (M)	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
Leichhardt (M)	2	2	—	4	3	2	—	—	6	4	—	2	2	2	6	8	3	4
Marrickville (M)	—	2	—	4	—	1	—	6	—	—	10	—	8	—	4	4	10	1
South Sydney (C)	—	—	3	—	—	—	5	—	—	69	2	28	5	—	3	69	2	28
Sydney (C) — Inner & Remainder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—
Inner Sydney (SSD)	2	4	4	8	3	6	5	11	6	73	12	30	7	15	10	81	15	36
Randwick (M)	2	13	15	8	1	12	8	36	15	10	50	81	10	49	30	18	51	93
Waverley (M)	—	1	—	5	3	3	—	70	22	—	12	—	—	71	22	5	15	3
Woollahra (M)	3	—	6	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	6	1	2	5
Eastern Suburbs (SSD)	5	14	21	14	6	20	8	106	37	10	62	81	13	120	58	24	68	101
Hurstville (C)	1	4	3	3	8	5	25	3	10	15	17	8	26	7	13	18	25	13
Kogarah (M)	7	2	1	—	—	—	14	—	8	—	21	—	21	2	9	—	21	—
Rockdale (M)	3	—	9	3	3	3	—	35	—	25	33	31	3	35	9	28	36	34
Sutherland (S)	26	77	41	46	25	37	44	47	89	53	18	39	70	124	130	99	43	76
St George — Sutherland (SSD)	37	83	54	62	36	45	83	85	107	93	89	78	120	168	161	145	125	123
Bankstown (C)	7	20	13	12	15	12	87	83	229	50	40	74	94	103	242	62	55	86
Canterbury (M)	5	11	2	1	5	12	24	93	26	13	13	4	29	104	28	14	18	16
Canterbury — Bankstown (SSD)	12	31	15	13	20	24	111	176	255	63	53	78	123	207	270	76	73	102
Fairfield (C)	26	25	24	39	26	38	11	12	—	183	110	75	37	37	24	222	136	113
Liverpool (C)	43	38	97	94	120	83	46	32	13	16	4	63	89	70	110	110	124	146
Fairfield — Liverpool (SSD)	69	63	121	133	146	121	57	44	13	199	114	138	126	107	134	332	260	259
Camden (M)	43	28	23	37	35	59	17	1	—	2	—	2	60	29	23	39	35	61
Campbelltown (C)	36	30	41	81	80	54	6	36	40	24	74	13	42	66	81	105	154	67
Wollondilly (S)	13	23	16	20	25	21	—	2	2	—	1	2	13	25	18	20	26	23
Outer South Western Sydney (SSD)	92	81	80	138	140	134	23	39	42	26	75	17	115	120	122	164	215	151
Ashfield (M)	—	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	2	1	—	5
Barwood (M)	—	1	1	1	3	1	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	1	1	18	3	1
Concord (M)	—	3	2	3	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	2	4	2	2
Drummoyne (M)	1	—	3	2	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	10	1	—	7	2	2	10
Strathfield (M)	3	3	8	4	3	4	14	2	14	—	—	10	17	5	22	4	3	14
Inner Western Sydney (SSD)	4	8	16	11	10	8	14	2	18	18	—	24	18	10	34	29	10	32

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					
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION—continued																		
Auburn (M)	—	—	—	1	3	6	12	10	—	6	15	—	12	10	—	7	18	6
Holroyd (M)	2	8	2	1	4	3	62	10	—	6	—	6	64	18	2	7	4	9
Parramatta (C)	1	12	—	6	3	1	25	133	—	54	156	51	26	145	—	60	159	52
Central Western Sydney (SSD)	3	20	2	8	10	10	99	153	—	66	171	57	102	173	2	74	181	67
Blue Mountains (C)	26	26	1	48	62	34	2	—	—	—	5	2	28	26	1	48	67	36
Hawkesbury (C)	22	41	21	22	33	29	6	10	10	8	7	14	28	51	31	30	40	43
Penrith (C)	29	79	70	74	161	122	35	—	6	70	182	43	64	79	76	144	343	165
Outer Western Sydney (SSD)	77	146	92	144	256	185	43	10	16	78	194	59	120	156	108	222	450	244
Baulkham Hills (S)	37	41	28	42	75	53	—	—	2	6	22	17	37	41	30	48	97	70
Blacktown (C)	76	66	93	74	65	58	26	12	73	21	93	91	102	78	166	95	158	149
Blacktown— Baulkham Hills (SSD)	113	107	121	116	140	111	26	12	75	27	115	108	139	119	196	143	255	219
Hunter's Hill (M)	1	4	3	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	1	6	5	1	—	—
Lane Cove (M)	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—
Mosman (M)	—	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	3	—	—	5
North Sydney (M)	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	4	26	2	2	12	1	6	26	2	3	13
Ryde (C)	13	5	10	5	—	25	42	34	10	17	10	12	55	39	20	22	10	37
Willoughby (C)	2	6	5	3	2	5	10	—	2	7	—	—	12	6	7	10	2	5
Lower Northern Sydney (SSD)	17	22	22	9	3	32	52	40	42	26	12	28	69	62	64	35	15	60
Hornsby (S)	22	77	56	24	24	53	2	57	53	10	6	14	24	134	109	34	30	67
Ku-ring-gai (M)	4	7	11	14	10	14	—	32	—	—	—	40	4	39	11	14	10	54
Hornsby—Ku-ring-gai (SSD)	26	84	67	38	34	67	2	89	53	10	6	54	28	173	120	48	40	121
Manly (M)	—	1	—	4	2	—	22	—	—	13	57	—	22	1	—	17	59	—
Warringah (S)	15	16	12	14	7	11	2	4	25	4	—	2	17	20	37	18	7	13
Manly—Warringah (SSD)	15	17	12	18	9	11	24	4	25	17	57	2	39	21	37	35	66	13
Gosford (C)	44	117	134	88	161	112	21	73	81	80	146	22	65	190	215	168	307	134
Wyong (S)	84	167	112	94	108	87	7	32	21	22	32	6	91	199	133	116	140	93
Gosford—Wyong (SSD)	128	284	246	182	269	199	28	105	102	178	28	156	389	348	284	447	227	—
SYDNEY (SD)	600	964	873	884	1,082	973	575	876	791	808	1,138	782	1,175	1,840	1,664	1,692	2,220	1,755

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				
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.		
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION																				
Cessnock (C)	13	12	7	17	19	24	—	14	—	—	—	1	13	26	7	17	19	25		
Lake Macquarie (C)	47	111	31	104	23	15	39	52	57	66	2	14	86	163	88	170	25	29		
Maitland (C)	33	21	35	20	32	35	8	4	15	4	2	—	41	25	50	24	34	35		
Newcastle (C)—Inner & Remainder	17	33	22	23	14	30	24	37	21	19	16	91	41	70	43	42	30	121		
Port Stephens (S)	48	34	58	60	56	41	17	8	14	31	10	16	65	42	72	91	66	57		
Newcastle (SSD)	158	211	153	224	144	145	88	115	107	120	30	122	246	326	260	344	174	267		
Dungog (S)	5	14	6	2	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	14	6	2	4	7		
Gloucester (S)	2	3	3	—	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	3	—	4	3		
Great Lakes (S)	76	8	12	2	49	31	36	15	—	—	39	13	112	23	12	2	88	44		
Merrriwa (S)	—	3	3	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	2	—	1		
Murrurundi (S)	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—		
Muswellbrook (S)	3	7	6	17	9	12	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	7	6	19	9	12		
Scone (S)	7	2	7	—	2	5	—	—	—	2	—	4	7	2	7	2	2	9		
Singleton (S)	8	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	5	8	—	—	—	—	19		
Hunter SD Balance (SSD)	101	37	38	25	68	73	36	15	—	4	39	22	137	52	38	29	107	95		
HUNTER (SD)	259	248	191	249	212	218	124	130	107	124	69	144	383	378	298	373	281	362		
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION																				
Kiama (M)	5	19	11	15	20	16	—	5	—	—	—	12	5	24	11	15	20	28		
Shellharbour (M)	11	35	54	48	23	49	4	34	2	11	18	11	15	69	56	59	41	60		
Wollongong (C)	28	35	31	51	32	62	—	20	18	13	10	61	28	55	49	64	42	123		
Wollongong (SSD)	44	89	96	114	75	127	4	59	20	24	28	84	48	148	116	138	103	211		
Shoalhaven (C)	63	110	81	85	62	55	2	11	4	18	18	12	65	121	85	103	80	67		
Wingecarribee (S)	20	22	75	37	40	7	—	—	12	1	—	—	20	22	87	38	40	7		
Illawarra SD Balance (SSD)	83	132	156	122	102	62	2	11	16	19	18	12	85	143	172	141	120	74		
ILLAWARRA (SD)	127	221	252	236	177	189	6	70	36	43	46	96	133	291	288	279	223	285		

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					
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
RICHMOND — TWEED STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Tweed (S) Pt A	14	30	14	6	4	1	16	54	4	2	2	6	30	84	18	8	6	7
Tweed Heads (SSD)	14	30	14	6	4	1	16	54	4	2	2	6	30	84	18	8	6	7
Ballina (S)	14	29	16	22	30	19	6	6	6	28	32	62	20	35	22	50	62	81
Byron (S)	13	29	24	27	31	35	2	7	8	14	—	11	15	36	32	41	31	46
Casino (M)	1	1	4	1	4	6	2	2	7	—	—	—	3	3	11	1	4	6
Kyogle (S)	3	11	6	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	11	6	1	3	3
Lismore (C)	11	10	11	18	11	17	4	20	—	19	4	20	15	30	11	37	15	37
Richmond River (S)	1	15	16	5	7	7	5	10	29	—	4	4	6	25	45	5	11	11
Tweed (S) Pt B	13	14	10	4	6	1	2	5	2	—	—	—	15	19	12	4	6	1
Richmond—Tweed SD Balance (SSD)	56	109	87	78	92	88	21	50	52	61	40	97	77	159	139	139	132	185
RICHMOND — TWEED (SD)	70	139	101	84	96	89	37	104	56	63	42	103	107	243	157	147	138	192
MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bellingen (S)	11	22	14	12	9	—	—	—	1	2	—	11	22	14	13	11	—	—
Coffs Harbour (C)	11	35	41	29	52	54	8	5	9	8	7	15	19	40	50	37	59	69
Copmanhurst (S)	—	3	2	4	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	3	2	8	—	1
Grafton (C)	3	3	—	4	3	3	—	—	2	4	15	—	3	3	2	8	18	3
Maclean (S)	6	16	39	11	4	19	—	6	6	2	—	20	6	22	45	13	4	39
Nambucca (S)	3	29	—	18	10	33	—	2	—	1	47	9	3	31	—	19	57	42
Nymboida (S)	—	4	4	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	7	—	1
Ullmarra (S)	4	5	1	6	6	11	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	5	1	6	6	13
Clarence (SSD)	38	117	101	91	84	122	8	13	17	20	71	46	46	130	118	111	155	168
Greater Taree (C)	23	26	5	6	—	35	9	4	6	—	—	19	32	30	11	6	—	54
Hastings (M)	94	24	66	37	46	65	37	21	12	4	13	21	131	45	78	41	59	86
Kempsey (S)	12	19	14	11	4	27	6	8	11	—	—	2	18	27	25	11	4	29
Hastings (SSD)	129	69	85	54	50	127	52	33	29	4	13	42	181	102	114	58	63	169
MID — NORTH COAST (SD)	167	186	186	145	134	249	60	46	46	24	84	88	227	232	232	169	218	337

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					
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Barraba (S)	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
Bingara (S)	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—
Gunnedah (S)	1	5	—	4	2	5	—	—	2	—	—	4	6	1	5	2	4	6
Inverell (S) Pt A	2	1	—	1	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	3
Manilla (S)	1	4	3	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	3	2	1	3
Nundle (S)	1	3	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	2	1
Parry (S)	5	11	11	9	8	12	—	—	—	—	5	—	5	11	11	9	13	12
Quirindi (S)	1	3	1	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	—	—	2
Tamworth (C)	14	22	21	24	9	6	4	3	13	12	—	—	6	18	25	34	36	9
Yallaroi (S)	1	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	2	—
Northern Slopes (SSD)	29	53	37	43	29	33	4	3	15	12	9	12	33	56	52	55	38	45
Armidale (C)	7	7	1	6	13	16	6	2	—	2	8	14	13	9	1	8	21	30
Dumaresq (S)	1	1	1	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	2	3
Glen Innes (M)	2	1	1	7	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	7	3	7
Guyra (S)	2	4	—	5	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	4	2	5	—	5
Inverell (S) Pt B	3	1	7	4	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	11	4	4	1
Severn (S)	2	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	—	—	—
Tenterfield (S)	4	2	4	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	2	4	3	2
Uralla (S)	—	11	2	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	2	5	3	—
Walcha (S)	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Northern Tablelands (SSD)	21	30	19	31	27	32	6	2	6	2	8	19	27	32	25	33	35	51
Moree Plains (S)	6	3	5	9	9	11	3	—	2	—	3	—	9	3	7	9	12	11
Narrabri (S)	4	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	1	1	—	—
North Central Plain (SSD)	10	8	6	10	9	11	3	—	2	—	3	—	13	8	8	10	12	11
NORTHERN (SD)	60	91	62	84	65	76	13	5	23	14	20	31	73	96	85	98	85	107

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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total							
	1991		1992			1991		1992			1991		1992					
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
NORTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Coolah (S)	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	1
Coonabarabran (S)	—	4	2	4	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	4	2	3
Dubbo (C)	21	17	9	34	26	33	4	2	—	8	8	4	25	19	9	42	34	37
Gilgandra (S)	—	1	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	2	1
Mudgee (S)	7	25	11	12	6	14	—	18	—	3	3	—	7	43	11	15	9	14
Narromine (S)	5	4	3	2	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	3	2	—	10
Wellington (S)	1	3	3	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	10	1	3	3	4	1	12
Central Macquarie (SSD)	39	54	31	56	37	64	4	20	—	11	11	14	43	74	31	67	48	78
Bogan (S)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Coonamble (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Walgett (S)	2	—	4	—	13	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	4	—	15	2
Warren (S)	1	5	—	—	2	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	1	15	—	—	2	—
Macquarie—Barwon (SSD)	4	5	4	—	15	2	—	10	—	—	2	—	4	15	4	—	17	2
Bourke (S)	—	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	—
Brewarrina (S)	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
Cobar (S)	—	1	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	3
Upper Darling (SSD)	—	2	4	1	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	1	4	3
NORTH WESTERN (SD)	43	61	39	57	56	69	4	30	—	11	13	14	47	91	39	68	69	83

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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991		1992				1991		1992				1991		1992			
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bathurst (C)	8	32	12	23	9	19	—	2	5	—	—	18	8	34	17	23	9	37
Blayney (S) Pt A	1	5	2	—	3	3	—	—	5	—	—	2	1	5	7	—	3	5
Cabonne (S) Pt A	—	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	2
Evans (S) Pt A	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	2	—
Orange (C)	37	40	40	14	51	21	7	—	21	—	4	5	44	40	61	14	55	26
Bathurst—Orange (SSD)	47	81	54	37	66	45	7	2	31	—	4	25	54	83	85	37	70	70
Blayney (S) Pt B	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Cabonne (S) Pt B	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Evans (S) Pt B	1	1	3	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	1	3	—
Greater Lithgow (C)	4	11	9	11	7	9	—	—	—	—	8	—	4	11	9	11	15	9
Oberon (S)	3	3	5	3	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	5	3	7	5
Rylitons (S)	1	1	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	—	2
Central Tablelands (excl. Bathurst—Orange) (SSD)	12	16	22	15	17	19	—	—	—	—	8	—	12	16	22	15	25	19
Bland (S)	—	—	2	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	1
Cabonne (S) Pt C	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
Cowra (S)	1	7	5	6	7	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	1	7	5	11	7	1
Forbes (S)	—	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	5	3	3	—	2	5
Lachlan (S)	1	—	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	1	—	—	11
Parkes (S)	7	5	3	15	11	23	—	—	—	—	2	3	7	5	3	15	13	26
Weddin (S)	1	2	1	1	2	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	6	1	1	2	3
Lachlan (SSD)	11	18	13	22	25	35	—	4	2	5	2	14	11	22	15	27	27	49
CENTRAL WEST (SD)	70	115	89	74	108	99	7	6	33	5	14	39	77	121	122	79	122	138

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Statistical area	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total							
	1991		1992			1991		1992			1991		1992					
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Queanbeyan (C)	36	15	23	24	5	14	37	5	55	27	—	4	73	20	78	51	5	18
Queanbeyan (SSD)	36	15	23	24	5	14	37	5	55	27	—	4	73	20	78	51	5	18
Boorowa (S)	—	1	2	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	2	1
Cookwell (S)	—	1	2	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	5	1	1
Goulburn (C)	4	9	5	5	4	11	—	4	—	—	—	4	4	13	5	5	4	15
Gunning (S)	1	4	2	2	2	.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	2	2	2	5
Harden (S)	—	4	2	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	2	2	1
Mulwarrac (S)	1	15	7	12	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	15	7	12	4	3
Tallaganda (S)	2	3	2	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	2	2	—	4
Yarrowlumla (S)	4	19	16	14	11	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	19	16	14	11	7
Yass (S)	11	6	5	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	6	5	2	6	—
Young (S)	3	4	9	3	3	5	2	7	4	—	—	2	5	11	13	3	3	7
<i>Southern Tablelands (excl. Queanbeyan) (SSD)</i>	26	66	52	48	35	38	2	11	4	—	—	6	28	77	56	48	35	44
Bega Valley (S)	14	16	29	19	14	19	2	—	6	—	9	10	16	16	35	19	23	29
Eurobodalla (S)	22	54	32	39	34	44	6	26	25	14	20	6	28	80	57	53	54	50
<i>Lower South Coast (SSD)</i>	36	70	61	58	48	63	8	26	31	14	29	16	44	96	92	72	77	79
Bombala (S)	—	5	1	1	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	1	3	2
Cooma—Monaro (S)	5	—	6	5	—	7	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	6	5	2	7
Snowy River (S)	3	5	6	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	2	—	7	5	6	—	2	—
<i>Snowy (SSD)</i>	8	10	13	6	3	9	4	—	—	—	4	—	12	10	13	6	7	9
SOUTH EASTERN (SD)	106	161	149	136	91	124	51	42	90	41	33	26	157	203	239	177	124	150

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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991		1992				1991		1992				1991		1992			
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Coolamon (S)	2	1	—	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	2	3	2
Cootamundra (S)	—	3	1	3	1	6	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	3	5	5	1	6
Gundagai (S)	1	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	3
Junee (S)	—	6	3	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	3	2	1	1
Lockhart (S)	—	—	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5
Narrandera (S)	1	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	1
Temora (S)	1	1	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	2
Tumut (S)	6	6	2	5	2	1	3	4	2	—	4	—	9	10	4	5	6	1
Wagga Wagga (C)	38	47	42	—	42	55	4	3	8	—	16	5	42	50	50	—	58	60
Central Murrumbidgee (SSD)	49	65	53	13	49	76	7	7	14	2	20	5	56	72	67	15	69	81
Carrathool (S)	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—
Griffith (C)	2	11	1	4	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	7	2	11	1	4	5	17
Hay (S)	—	—	2	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	3
Leeton (S)	2	3	4	1	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	4	1	—	7
Murrumbidgee (S)	—	—	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Lower Murrumbidgee (SSD)	4	15	10	11	5	22	—	—	—	—	—	7	4	15	10	11	5	29
MURRUMBIDGEE (SD)	53	80	63	24	54	98	7	7	14	2	20	12	60	87	77	26	74	110

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			
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Albury (C)	11	55	24	36	39	16	7	22	8	—	2	4	18	77	32	36	41	20
Hume (S)	4	5	3	4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	3	4	2	5
Albury (SSD)	15	60	27	40	41	21	7	22	8	—	2	4	22	82	35	40	43	25
Corowa (S)	8	9	7	7	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	4	8	9	7	7	1	15
Culcairn (S)	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—
Holbrook (S)	3	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	2
Tumbarumba (S)	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—
Urana (S)	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Upper Murray (excl. Albury) (SSD)	12	16	7	8	2	15	—	—	—	—	—	4	12	16	7	8	2	19
Berrigan (S)	2	1	1	3	5	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	2	7	1	3	5	6
Conargo (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deniliquin (M)	2	9	2	5	3	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	9	4	5	3	9
Jerilderie (S)	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Murray (S)	2	1	1	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	18	2	1	1	2	—	24
Wakool (S)	—	1	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	1
Windouran (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central Murray (SSD)	6	12	6	12	8	23	—	6	2	—	—	18	6	18	8	12	8	41
Balranald (S)	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Wentworth (S)	2	3	4	4	4	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	8	4	4	4	—
Murray—Darling (SSD)	3	3	4	4	5	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	3	8	4	4	5	—
MURRAY (SD)	36	91	44	64	56	59	7	33	10	—	2	26	43	124	54	64	58	85
FAR WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Broken Hill (C)	1	—	1	1	4	4	—	—	—	3	—	4	1	—	1	4	4	8
Central Darling (S)	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—
Unincorp. Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FAR WEST (SD)	3	—	2	1	4	4	—	—	—	3	—	4	3	—	2	4	4	8
NEW SOUTH WALES																		
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,594	2,357	2,051	2,038	2,135	2,247	891	1,349	1,206	1,138	1,481	1,365	2,485	3,706	3,257	3,176	3,616	3,612

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.

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; and
- (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)
—	break in continuity of series

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



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