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## DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES, NEW SOUTH WALES DECEMBER 1986 PRELIMINARY

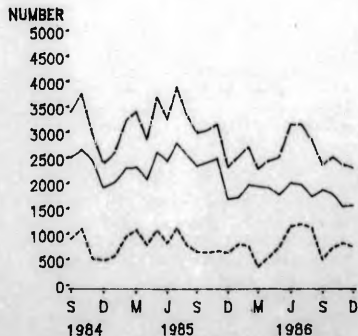
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### MAIN FEATURES

- At 2,300 the estimated number of new dwellings commenced in N.S.W. in December 1986 is 3% lower than November 1986 (2,360) and 5% lower than December 1985 (2,410).
- Percentage changes for the 6 month period ended December 1986 on the same period of the previous year are:
 

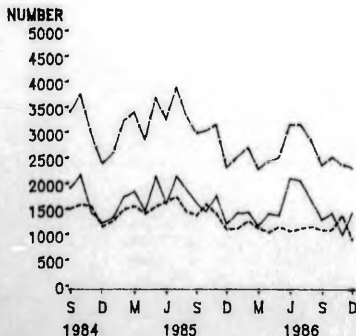
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| Private Sector - Houses       | -30% |
| - Other Residential Buildings | -15% |
| Public Sector                 | +87% |
| Total Dwellings               | -18% |
- Comparing the 6 month period ended December 1986 on the same period of the previous year there has been an 11% decrease in dwelling commencements in the Sydney Statistical Division and a 25% decrease in the rest of N.S.W.

**DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN N.S.W.  
BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING**



DWELLING — HOUSES ---- OTHER  
— TOTAL

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



AREA — SYDNEY ---- REST  
— TOTAL

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## INTRODUCTION

1. This publication contains preliminary estimates of the number of new dwelling units reported by approving authorities as having commenced for each of the months January 1986 to December 1986. (The data shown for periods up to March 1986 is published in greater geographic detail, in "Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities, New South Wales" ) October 1985 to March 1986 (Catalogue No. 8741.1).)

## SCOPE AND COVERAGE

2. The preliminary estimates for January 1986 to December 1986 are based on initial reports provided by local and other government authorities of the 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, or

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

Major dwelling commencements in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g. buildings on remote mine sites) are also included.

3. 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 dwellings, is not included.

4. The number of public sector commencements for March 1986 is affected significantly by a change in reporting arrangements by the NSW Department of Housing. Whilst the introduction of the new arrangements had an effect on the figures for March, April and May 1986, there has been no longer term effect on the series.

## 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. Residential buildings 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. includes townhouse, duplexes, apartment building, etc.)

7. Commencement. For the purposes of this statistical series, a residential building is regarded as being commenced on the date when -

a. the building work 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 building work 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. For statistical purposes, statistical local areas are aggregated into statistical subdivisions and statistical divisions. Statistical 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.

Further information concerning statistical areas is contained in the publication Regional Statistics, New South Wales, 1987 Issue (Catalogue 1304.1) and in the publication Australian Standard Geographical Classification (Catalogue 1216.0).

#### COMPARABILITY OF STATISTICS

10. Because of the difference in data sources, collection and estimation 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 Catalogue No. 8752.1).

#### RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

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

a. The figures for December 1985 and earlier months are not subject to revision. Figures for January - December 1986 will be subject to revision as more complete data become available.

b. On the basis of past analysis, revisions to the estimates for Sydney Statistical Division, Rest of New South Wales and Total, New South Wales can be expected to be relatively small.

c. Preliminary estimates are included for additional selected statistical divisions (see Table 2). Revisions to preliminary estimates of private sector house commencements for these statistical areas can be more significant than the revisions mentioned in point b. above because of the difficulties associated with estimating commencements for smaller areas. Preliminary estimates for private sector other residential buildings (and as a consequence total private dwelling units, total other residential buildings and total dwelling units) commencements for these statistical

areas are considered insufficiently reliable for publication.

#### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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

##### NEW SOUTH WALES

Building Approvals (monthly) 8731.1

Building Approvals in Local Government Areas (annual) 8733.1

Building Activity (quarterly) 8752.1

Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities (quarterly) 8741.1

##### AUSTRALIA

Building Approvals (monthly) 8731.0

Building Activity (quarterly) 8752.0

Construction (other than Building) Activity (quarterly) 8761.0

13. A list of the complete range of publications available from the ABS can be obtained from any ABS Office. Access to a wide range of ABS statistics is also available through the VIATEL videotex system and on AUSSTATS, ABS' on line service through CSIRONET. Further information about these services can be obtained from the Sydney ABS Information Service on (02) 268 4611, or from any ABS Office.

#### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.p not available for publication  
= nil or rounded to zero.

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

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TABLE 1. DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES  
(NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS)

See Explanatory Note 11. Figures for January 1986 and later periods are subject to revision.

See Explanatory Note 11. Figures for January 1986 and later periods are preliminary.

| Period                      | Private sector |                               |                        | Public sector |                               |                        | Total  |                               |                        |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
|                             | Houses         | Other                         | Total                  | Houses        | Other                         | Total                  | Houses | Other                         | Total                  |
|                             |                | resi-<br>dential<br>buildings | dwell-<br>ing<br>units |               | resi-<br>dential<br>buildings | dwell-<br>ing<br>units |        | resi-<br>dential<br>buildings | dwell-<br>ing<br>units |
| SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION |                |                               |                        |               |                               |                        |        |                               |                        |
| 1983-84                     | 12,864         | 3,648                         | 16,512                 | 587           | 1,736                         | 2,323                  | 13,451 | 5,384                         | 18,835                 |
| 1984-85                     | 12,981         | 5,188                         | 18,169                 | 800           | 2,023                         | 2,823                  | 13,781 | 7,211                         | 20,992                 |
| 1985-86 (a) (b)             | 12,260         | 4,610                         | 16,870                 | 304           | 1,893                         | 2,197                  | 12,560 | 6,510                         | 19,070                 |
| 1985-86: July to Dec.       | 6,708          | 2,424                         | 9,132                  | 109           | 728                           | 837                    | 6,817  | 3,152                         | 9,969                  |
| 1986-87: July to Dec. (a)   | 4,960          | 2,080                         | 7,040                  | 223           | 1,573                         | 1,796                  | 5,180  | 3,650                         | 8,830                  |
| 1985: October               | 989            | 293                           | 1,282                  | 14            | 74                            | 88                     | 1,003  | 367                           | 1,370                  |
| November                    | 1,228          | 395                           | 1,623                  | 2             | 59                            | 61                     | 1,230  | 454                           | 1,684                  |
| December                    | 781            | 306                           | 1,087                  | 30            | 98                            | 128                    | 811    | 404                           | 1,215                  |
| 1986: January (a)           | 750            | 270                           | 1,020                  | 87            | 212                           | 299                    | 840    | 480                           | 1,320                  |
| February (a)                | 1,040          | 420                           | 1,460                  | 37            | 85                            | 122                    | 1,080  | 510                           | 1,590                  |
| March (a) (b)               | 900            | 330                           | 1,230                  | 4             | 14                            | 18                     | 900    | 340                           | 1,250                  |
| April (a) (b)               | 990            | 300                           | 1,290                  | 14            | 142                           | 156                    | 1,000  | 440                           | 1,440                  |
| May (a) (b)                 | 850            | 280                           | 1,130                  | 4             | 224                           | 228                    | 850    | 500                           | 1,360                  |
| June (a)                    | 1,020          | 600                           | 1,610                  | 49            | 488                           | 537                    | 1,070  | 1,080                         | 2,150                  |
| July (a)                    | 1,040          | 700                           | 1,740                  | 9             | 303                           | 312                    | 1,040  | 1,000                         | 2,050                  |
| August (a)                  | 690            | 120                           | 810                    | 177           | 699                           | 876                    | 860    | 820                           | 1,680                  |
| September (a)               | 1,000          | 240                           | 1,240                  | 1             | 54                            | 55                     | 1,000  | 290                           | 1,290                  |
| October (a)                 | 850            | 460                           | 1,310                  | -             | 106                           | 106                    | 850    | 570                           | 1,410                  |
| November (a)                | 610            | 150                           | 760                    | 15            | 213                           | 228                    | 630    | 360                           | 990                    |
| December (a)                | 780            | 410                           | 1,190                  | 21            | 198                           | 219                    | 800    | 610                           | 1,410                  |
| REST OF NEW SOUTH WALES     |                |                               |                        |               |                               |                        |        |                               |                        |
| 1983-84                     | 13,822         | 2,442                         | 16,264                 | 970           | 766                           | 1,736                  | 14,792 | 3,208                         | 18,000                 |
| 1984-85                     | 14,064         | 2,617                         | 16,681                 | 1,148         | 545                           | 1,693                  | 15,212 | 3,162                         | 18,374                 |
| 1985-86 (a) (b)             | 12,650         | 2,120                         | 14,770                 | 710           | 660                           | 1,370                  | 13,360 | 2,780                         | 16,140                 |
| 1985-86: July to Dec.       | 7,095          | 1,218                         | 8,313                  | 296           | 328                           | 624                    | 7,391  | 1,546                         | 8,937                  |
| 1986-87: July to Dec. (a)   | 4,770          | 1,000                         | 5,770                  | 500           | 438                           | 938                    | 5,270  | 1,440                         | 6,710                  |
| 1985: October               | 1,254          | 202                           | 1,456                  | 22            | 103                           | 125                    | 1,276  | 305                           | 1,581                  |
| November                    | 1,104          | 178                           | 1,282                  | 75            | 62                            | 137                    | 1,179  | 240                           | 1,419                  |
| December                    | 915            | 193                           | 1,108                  | 28            | 59                            | 87                     | 943    | 252                           | 1,195                  |
| 1986: January (a)           | 900            | 160                           | 1,060                  | 94            | 86                            | 180                    | 990    | 240                           | 1,240                  |
| February (a)                | 1,000          | 240                           | 1,250                  | 100           | 113                           | 213                    | 1,100  | 360                           | 1,460                  |
| March (a) (b)               | 1,010          | 100                           | 1,110                  | 12            | -                             | 12                     | 1,020  | 100                           | 1,120                  |
| April (a) (b)               | 880            | 160                           | 1,030                  | 49            | 15                            | 64                     | 930    | 170                           | 1,100                  |
| May (a) (b)                 | 890            | 160                           | 1,050                  | 51            | 63                            | 114                    | 940    | 220                           | 1,160                  |
| June (a)                    | 870            | 90                            | 960                    | 108           | 55                            | 163                    | 980    | 140                           | 1,120                  |
| July (a)                    | 840            | 190                           | 1,030                  | 80            | 6                             | 86                     | 920    | 200                           | 1,120                  |
| August (a)                  | 780            | 170                           | 950                    | 90            | 119                           | 209                    | 870    | 290                           | 1,160                  |
| September (a)               | 770            | 120                           | 900                    | 95            | 80                            | 175                    | 870    | 200                           | 1,070                  |
| October (a)                 | 900            | 90                            | 990                    | 38            | 69                            | 107                    | 940    | 160                           | 1,100                  |
| November (a)                | 760            | 360                           | 1,120                  | 148           | 104                           | 252                    | 910    | 460                           | 1,370                  |
| December (a)                | 710            | 70                            | 780                    | 49            | 60                            | 109                    | 760    | 130                           | 890                    |

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 1. DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES (continued)  
(NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS)

See Explanatory Note 11. Figures for January 1986 and later periods are subject to revision.

| Period                    | Private sector |                                        |                                 | Public sector |                                        |                                 | Total  |                                        |                                 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                           | Houses         | Other<br>resi-<br>dential<br>buildings | Total<br>dwell-<br>ing<br>units | Houses        | Other<br>resi-<br>dential<br>buildings | Total<br>dwell-<br>ing<br>units | Houses | Other<br>resi-<br>dential<br>buildings | Total<br>dwell-<br>ing<br>units |
| TOTAL NEW SOUTH WALES     |                |                                        |                                 |               |                                        |                                 |        |                                        |                                 |
| 1983-84                   | 26,686         | 6,090                                  | 32,776                          | 1,557         | 2,502                                  | 4,059                           | 28,243 | 8,592                                  | 36,835                          |
| 1984-85                   | 27,045         | 7,805                                  | 34,850                          | 1,948         | 2,568                                  | 4,516                           | 28,993 | 10,373                                 | 39,366                          |
| 1985-86 (a) (b)           | 24,910         | 6,730                                  | 31,640                          | 1,014         | 2,553                                  | 3,567                           | 25,920 | 9,290                                  | 35,210                          |
| 1985-86: July to Dec.     | 13,803         | 3,642                                  | 17,445                          | 405           | 1,056                                  | 1,461                           | 14,208 | 4,698                                  | 18,906                          |
| 1986-87: July to Dec. (a) | 9,730          | 3,080                                  | 12,800                          | 723           | 2,011                                  | 2,734                           | 10,450 | 5,090                                  | 15,540                          |
| 1985: October             | 2,243          | 495                                    | 2,738                           | 36            | 177                                    | 213                             | 2,279  | 672                                    | 2,951                           |
| November                  | 2,332          | 573                                    | 2,905                           | 77            | 121                                    | 198                             | 2,409  | 694                                    | 3,103                           |
| December                  | 1,696          | 499                                    | 2,195                           | 58            | 157                                    | 215                             | 1,754  | 656                                    | 2,410                           |
| 1986: January (a)         | 1,650          | 430                                    | 2,080                           | 181           | 298                                    | 479                             | 1,830  | 720                                    | 2,560                           |
| February (a)              | 2,040          | 670                                    | 2,710                           | 137           | 198                                    | 335                             | 2,180  | 860                                    | 3,040                           |
| March (a) (b)             | 1,910          | 430                                    | 2,340                           | 16            | 14                                     | 30                              | 1,930  | 450                                    | 2,370                           |
| April (a) (b)             | 1,870          | 450                                    | 2,320                           | 63            | 157                                    | 220                             | 1,930  | 610                                    | 2,540                           |
| May (a) (b)               | 1,740          | 440                                    | 2,180                           | 55            | 287                                    | 342                             | 1,800  | 720                                    | 2,520                           |
| June (a)                  | 1,890          | 680                                    | 2,580                           | 157           | 543                                    | 700                             | 2,050  | 1,230                                  | 3,280                           |
| July (a)                  | 1,880          | 890                                    | 2,770                           | 89            | 309                                    | 398                             | 1,960  | 1,200                                  | 3,160                           |
| August (a)                | 1,470          | 290                                    | 1,760                           | 267           | 818                                    | 1,085                           | 1,740  | 1,100                                  | 2,840                           |
| September (a)             | 1,770          | 360                                    | 2,130                           | 96            | 134                                    | 230                             | 1,870  | 500                                    | 2,360                           |
| October (a)               | 1,750          | 550                                    | 2,300                           | 38            | 175                                    | 213                             | 1,790  | 730                                    | 2,510                           |
| November (a)              | 1,380          | 510                                    | 1,880                           | 163           | 317                                    | 480                             | 1,540  | 820                                    | 2,360                           |
| December (a)              | 1,490          | 480                                    | 1,970                           | 70            | 258                                    | 328                             | 1,560  | 740                                    | 2,300                           |

(a) Preliminary estimates. Figures for private sector and total dwelling units are rounded to the nearest 10 units. (b) See Explanatory Note 4.

TABLE 2. DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES  
IN SELECTED STATISTICAL DIVISIONS AND SUBDIVISIONS  
(NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS)

See Explanatory Note 11. Figures for January 1986 and later periods are subject to revision.

| Period                         | Private sector |                                     |                              | Public sector |                                     |                              | Total  |                                     |                              |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                | Houses         | Other resi-<br>dential<br>buildings | Total dwell-<br>ing<br>units | Houses        | Other resi-<br>dential<br>buildings | Total dwell-<br>ing<br>units | Houses | Other resi-<br>dential<br>buildings | Total dwell-<br>ing<br>units |
| HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION    |                |                                     |                              |               |                                     |                              |        |                                     |                              |
| 1983-84                        | 3,329          | 485                                 | 3,814                        | 336           | 441                                 | 777                          | 3,665  | 926                                 | 4,591                        |
| 1984-85                        | 2,991          | 370                                 | 3,361                        | 307           | 253                                 | 560                          | 3,298  | 623                                 | 3,921                        |
| 1985-86 (a) (b)                | 2,710          | 310                                 | 3,020                        | 113           | 233                                 | 346                          | 2,830  | 540                                 | 3,370                        |
| 1985-86: July to Dec.          | 1,493          | 217                                 | 1,710                        | 36            | 144                                 | 180                          | 1,529  | 361                                 | 1,890                        |
| 1986-87: July to Dec. (a)      | 770            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | 31            | 268                                 | 299                          | 800    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| 1985: October                  | 271            | 31                                  | 302                          | -             | 71                                  | 71                           | 271    | 102                                 | 373                          |
| November                       | 204            | 22                                  | 226                          | 7             | 11                                  | 18                           | 211    | 33                                  | 244                          |
| December                       | 223            | 61                                  | 284                          | 13            | 27                                  | 40                           | 236    | 88                                  | 324                          |
| 1986: January (a)              | 140            | 20                                  | 160                          | 11            | 10                                  | 21                           | 150    | 30                                  | 180                          |
| February (a)                   | 190            | 20                                  | 210                          | 30            | 64                                  | 94                           | 220    | 80                                  | 310                          |
| March (a) (b)                  | 260            | 10                                  | 270                          | -             | -                                   | -                            | 260    | 10                                  | 270                          |
| April (a) (b)                  | 230            | 20                                  | 260                          | 2             | 15                                  | 17                           | 240    | 40                                  | 270                          |
| May (a) (b)                    | 220            | 20                                  | 240                          | 29            | -                                   | 29                           | 250    | 20                                  | 270                          |
| June (a)                       | 170            | -                                   | 170                          | 5             | -                                   | 5                            | 170    | -                                   | 170                          |
| July (a)                       | 160            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | 2             | -                                   | 2                            | 160    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| August (a)                     | 160            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | -             | 113                                 | 113                          | 160    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| September (a)                  | 90             | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | -             | 49                                  | 49                           | 90     | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| October (a)                    | 150            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | 4             | 22                                  | 26                           | 150    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| November (a)                   | 130            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | 13            | 56                                  | 69                           | 140    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| December (a)                   | 90             | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | 12            | 28                                  | 40                           | 100    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION |                |                                     |                              |               |                                     |                              |        |                                     |                              |
| 1983-84                        | 2,282          | 294                                 | 2,576                        | 153           | 131                                 | 284                          | 2,435  | 425                                 | 2,860                        |
| 1984-85                        | 2,229          | 356                                 | 2,585                        | 52            | 175                                 | 227                          | 2,281  | 531                                 | 2,812                        |
| 1985-86 (a) (b)                | 2,140          | 330                                 | 2,470                        | 26            | 232                                 | 258                          | 2,170  | 560                                 | 2,730                        |
| 1985-86: July to Dec.          | 1,155          | 159                                 | 1,314                        | 23            | 51                                  | 74                           | 1,178  | 210                                 | 1,388                        |
| 1986-87: July to Dec. (a)      | 950            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | 86            | -                                   | 86                           | 1,030  | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| 1985: October                  | 184            | 12                                  | 196                          | -             | 10                                  | 10                           | 184    | 22                                  | 206                          |
| November                       | 181            | 23                                  | 204                          | -             | -                                   | -                            | 181    | 23                                  | 204                          |
| December                       | 137            | 17                                  | 154                          | 1             | 24                                  | 25                           | 138    | 41                                  | 179                          |
| 1986: January (a)              | 170            | 50                                  | 220                          | -             | 38                                  | 38                           | 170    | 90                                  | 260                          |
| February (a)                   | 160            | 50                                  | 210                          | -             | 33                                  | 33                           | 160    | 80                                  | 240                          |
| March (a) (b)                  | 180            | 20                                  | 190                          | 1             | -                                   | 1                            | 180    | 20                                  | 190                          |
| April (a) (b)                  | 140            | 30                                  | 170                          | 2             | -                                   | 2                            | 140    | 30                                  | 170                          |
| May (a) (b)                    | 160            | 10                                  | 170                          | -             | 59                                  | 59                           | 160    | 70                                  | 230                          |
| June (a)                       | 180            | 10                                  | 190                          | -             | 51                                  | 51                           | 180    | 60                                  | 240                          |
| July (a)                       | 190            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | 18            | -                                   | 18                           | 200    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| August (a)                     | 110            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | 62            | -                                   | 62                           | 170    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| September (a)                  | 150            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | 4             | -                                   | 4                            | 150    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| October (a)                    | 170            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | -             | -                                   | -                            | 170    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| November (a)                   | 140            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | -             | -                                   | -                            | 140    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |
| December (a)                   | 190            | n.p.                                | n.p.                         | 2             | -                                   | 2                            | 190    | n.p.                                | n.p.                         |

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TABLE 2. DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES  
IN SELECTED STATISTICAL DIVISIONS AND SUBDIVISIONS (continued)  
(NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS)

See Explanatory Note 11. Figures for January 1986 and later periods are subject to revision.

| Period                               | Private sector |                                   |                            | Public sector |                                   |                            | Total  |                                   |                            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                      | Houses         | Other<br>residential<br>buildings | Total<br>dwelling<br>units | Houses        | Other<br>residential<br>buildings | Total<br>dwelling<br>units | Houses | Other<br>residential<br>buildings | Total<br>dwelling<br>units |
| MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISION |                |                                   |                            |               |                                   |                            |        |                                   |                            |
| 1983-84                              | 2,188          | 468                               | 2,656                      | 127           | 58                                | 185                        | 2,315  | 526                               | 2,841                      |
| 1984-85                              | 2,240          | 427                               | 2,667                      | 184           | 2                                 | 186                        | 2,424  | 429                               | 2,853                      |
| 1985-86 (a) (b)                      | 1,950          | 240                               | 2,190                      | 70            | 28                                | 98                         | 2,020  | 270                               | 2,290                      |
| 1985-86: July to Dec.                | 1,121          | 140                               | 1,261                      | 36            | 28                                | 64                         | 1,157  | 168                               | 1,325                      |
| 1986-87: July to Dec. (a)            | 800            | n.p.                              | n.p.                       | 77            | 34                                | 111                        | 880    | n.p.                              | n.p.                       |
| 1985: October                        | 208            | 30                                | 238                        | -             | -                                 | -                          | 208    | 30                                | 238                        |
| November                             | 185            | 24                                | 209                        | 15            | 28                                | 43                         | 200    | 52                                | 252                        |
| December                             | 103            | 16                                | 119                        | -             | -                                 | -                          | 103    | 16                                | 119                        |
| 1986: January (a)                    | 130            | 10                                | 140                        | -             | -                                 | -                          | 130    | 10                                | 140                        |
| February (a)                         | 140            | 30                                | 180                        | 4             | -                                 | 4                          | 150    | 30                                | 180                        |
| March (a) (b)                        | 150            | -                                 | 150                        | -             | -                                 | -                          | 150    | -                                 | 150                        |
| April (a) (b)                        | 140            | 30                                | 170                        | -             | -                                 | -                          | 140    | 30                                | 170                        |
| May (a) (b)                          | 140            | -                                 | 150                        | 10            | -                                 | 10                         | 160    | -                                 | 160                        |
| June (a)                             | 120            | 10                                | 140                        | 20            | -                                 | 20                         | 140    | 10                                | 160                        |
| July (a)                             | 140            | n.p.                              | n.p.                       | 27            | -                                 | 27                         | 170    | n.p.                              | n.p.                       |
| August (a)                           | 120            | n.p.                              | n.p.                       | -             | -                                 | -                          | 120    | n.p.                              | n.p.                       |
| September (a)                        | 160            | n.p.                              | n.p.                       | 6             | 22                                | 28                         | 170    | n.p.                              | n.p.                       |
| October (a)                          | 160            | n.p.                              | n.p.                       | 16            | -                                 | 16                         | 180    | n.p.                              | n.p.                       |
| November (a)                         | 120            | n.p.                              | n.p.                       | 28            | 12                                | 40                         | 150    | n.p.                              | n.p.                       |
| December (a)                         | 100            | n.p.                              | n.p.                       | -             | -                                 | -                          | 100    | n.p.                              | n.p.                       |

(a) Preliminary estimates. Figures for private sector and total dwelling units are rounded to the nearest 10 units. (b) See Explanatory Note 4.

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