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

NOTE: The figures for new dwelling units commenced in Campbelltown (C) from July 1991 to March 1992 have been revised. The revised data affects the Sydney Statistical Division and New South Wales totals.

There was a break in series from November 1990. For more information see paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes.

MAIN FEATURES

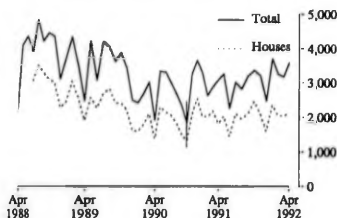
Number of dwelling units commenced

The total number of dwelling units commenced in New South Wales in April 1992 (3,616) was 14 percent higher than the previous month (3,176) and 17% higher than April 1991 (3,093). The number of dwelling units commenced in Sydney Statistical Division in April 1992 (2,220) was 31% higher than the previous month (1,692). The total number of dwelling units commenced in the financial year to April 1992 (31,863) was 11% higher than the corresponding value for the year to April 1991 (28,676).

Number of houses commenced

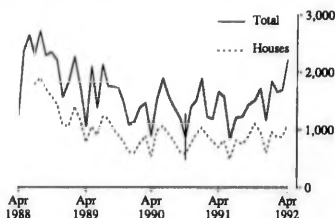
The number of houses commenced in New South Wales in April (2,135) increased by 5% from the March figure of 2,038 while in Sydney Statistical Division there was an increase of 22% (from 884 to 1,082).

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Unpublished data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-April—									
1990-91	18,959	7,866	26,825	401	1,450	1,851	19,360	9,316	28,676
1991-92	19,997	8,338	28,335	927	2,601	3,528	20,924	10,939	31,863
1991—									
April	1,712	1,162	2,874	110	109	219	1,822	1,271	3,093
May	1,965	990	2,955	70	237	307	2,035	1,227	3,262
June	1,404	596	2,000	45	229	274	1,449	825	2,274
July	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

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—									
May	780	627	1,407	40	138	178	820	765	1,585
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

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—									
May	211	51	262	11	33	44	222	84	306
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
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—									
May	209	38	247	—	—	—	209	38	247
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
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—									
May	765	274	1,039	19	66	85	784	340	1,124
June	612	243	855	28	38	66	640	281	921
July	822	193	1,015	34	31	65	856	224	1,080
August	736	229	965	24	2	26	760	231	991
September	829	261	1,090	21	47	68	850	308	1,158
October	809	215	1,024	17	—	17	826	215	1,041
November	673	210	883	21	49	70	694	259	953
December	593	167	760	15	19	34	608	186	794
1992—									
January	914	207	1,121	10	66	76	924	273	1,197
February	730	270	1,000	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

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—						
May	277	1,404	118	125	41	1,965
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
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—						
May	9	58	—	2	1	70
June	1	41	—	—	3	45
July	1	70	1	—	2	74
August	—	70	—	—	4	74
September	1	81	1	1	5	89
October	1	176	3	—	—	180
November	2	175	—	—	—	177
December	1	98	—	—	—	99
1992—						
January	3	26	1	—	—	30
February	—	57	—	—	—	57
March	1	46	—	1	—	48
April	5	94	—	—	—	99
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—						
May	286	1,462	118	127	42	2,035
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

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

TABLE 4. HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Statistical division	March 1992					Total	April 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	97	726	14	27	3	867	76	888	18	58	7	1,047
Hunter	26	176	16	9	3	230	26	135	13	11	2	187
Illawarra	9	192	14	16	4	235	6	149	5	9	3	172
Richmond-Tweed	6	55	5	14	1	81	7	58	6	21	2	94
Mid-North Coast	17	100	6	14	4	141	26	91	3	8	4	132
Northern	14	48	10	7	4	83	8	40	—	4	4	56
North Western	2	43	8	3	1	57	3	33	5	4	1	46
Central West	23	43	3	2	—	71	21	67	8	5	2	103
South Eastern	29	68	12	19	8	136	24	39	10	13	1	87
Murrumbidgee	2	14	7	1	—	24	1	49	3	1	—	54
Murray	11	47	3	2	1	64	5	48	1	—	—	54
Far West	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	4
New South Wales	236	1,513	98	114	29	1,990	206	1,597	73	134	26	2,036
PUBLIC SECTOR												
Sydney	—	16	—	1	—	17	—	35	—	—	—	35
Hunter	—	19	—	—	—	19	—	25	—	—	—	25
Illawarra	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	5
Richmond-Tweed	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	2
Mid-North Coast	—	4	—	—	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	2
Northern	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	9	—	—	—	9
North Western	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	8	—	—	—	10
Central West	1	2	—	—	—	3	3	2	—	—	—	5
South Eastern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	4
Murrumbidgee	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murray	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New South Wales	1	46	—	1	—	48	5	94	—	—	—	99
TOTAL												
Sydney	97	742	14	28	3	884	76	923	18	58	7	1,082
Hunter	26	195	16	9	3	249	26	160	13	11	2	212
Illawarra	9	193	14	16	4	236	6	154	5	9	3	177
Richmond-Tweed	6	58	5	14	1	84	7	60	6	21	2	96
Mid-North Coast	17	104	6	14	4	145	26	93	3	8	4	134
Northern	14	49	10	7	4	84	8	49	—	4	4	65
North Western	2	43	8	3	1	57	5	41	5	4	1	56
Central West	24	45	3	2	—	74	24	69	8	5	2	108
South Eastern	29	68	12	19	8	136	24	43	10	13	1	91
Murrumbidgee	2	14	7	1	—	24	1	49	3	1	—	54
Murray	11	47	3	2	1	64	5	50	1	—	—	56
Far West	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	4
New South Wales	237	1,559	98	115	29	2,038	211	1,691	73	134	26	2,135

(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		1991		1992											
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.										
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION																												
Botany (M)	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—										
Leichhardt (M)	4	2	2	—	4	3	6	—	—	6	4	—	—	10	2	2	6	8										
Marrickville (M)	1	—	2	—	4	—	20	—	6	—	—	—	10	21	—	8	—	4										
South Sydney (C)	1	—	—	3	—	—	2	5	—	—	69	—	2	3	5	—	3	69										
Sydney (C)—Inner & Remainder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—										
Inner Sydney (SSD)	6	2	4	4	8	3	28	5	11	6	73	12	34	7	15	10	81	15										
Randwick (M)	5	2	13	15	8	1	28	8	36	15	10	50	33	10	49	30	18	51										
Waverley (M)	—	—	1	—	5	3	—	—	70	22	—	12	—	—	71	22	5	15										
Woollahra (M)	4	3	—	6	1	2	10	—	—	—	—	—	14	3	—	6	1	2										
Eastern Suburbs (SSD)	9	5	14	21	14	6	38	8	106	37	10	62	47	13	120	58	24	68										
Hurstville (C)	9	1	4	3	3	8	43	25	3	10	15	17	52	26	7	13	18	25										
Kogarah (M)	4	7	2	1	—	—	4	14	—	8	—	21	8	21	2	9	—	21										
Rockdale (M)	13	3	—	9	3	3	15	—	35	—	25	33	28	3	35	9	28	36										
Sutherland (S)	44	26	77	41	46	25	74	44	47	89	53	18	118	70	124	130	99	43										
St George - Sutherland (SSD)	70	37	83	54	52	36	136	83	85	107	93	89	206	120	168	161	145	125										
Bankstown (C)	13	7	20	13	12	15	24	87	83	229	50	40	37	94	103	242	62	55										
Canterbury (M)	—	5	11	2	1	5	4	24	93	26	13	13	4	29	104	28	14	18										
Canterbury-Bankstown (SSD)	13	12	31	15	13	20	28	111	176	255	63	53	41	123	207	270	76	73										
Fairfield (C)	25	26	25	24	39	26	48	11	12	—	183	110	73	37	37	24	222	136										
Liverpool (C)	225	43	38	97	94	120	59	46	32	13	16	4	284	89	70	110	110	124										
Fairfield-Liverpool (SSD)	250	69	63	121	133	146	107	57	44	13	199	114	357	126	107	134	332	260										
Camden (M)	41	43	28	23	37	35	—	17	1	—	2	—	41	60	29	23	39	35										
Campbelltown (C)	44	36	30	41	81	80	55	6	36	40	24	74	99	42	66	81	105	154										
Wollondilly (S)	20	13	23	16	20	25	—	—	2	2	—	1	20	13	25	18	20	26										
Outer South Western Sydney (SSD)	105	92	81	80	138	140	55	23	39	42	26	75	160	115	120	122	164	215										
Ashfield (M)	—	—	1	2	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	1	2	1	—										
Burwood (M)	2	—	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	17	—	2	—	1	1	18	3										
Concord (M)	3	—	3	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	3	2	4	2										
Drummoyne (M)	1	1	—	3	2	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	1	—	7	2	2										
Strathfield (M)	2	3	3	8	4	3	3	14	2	14	—	—	5	17	5	22	4	3										
Inner Western Sydney (SSD)	8	4	8	16	11	10	11	14	2	18	18	—	19	18	10	34	29	10										

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			
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION —continued																				
Auburn (M)	4	—	—	—	1	3	17	12	10	—	6	15	21	12	10	—	7	18		
Holroyd (M)	5	2	8	2	1	4	130	62	10	—	6	—	135	61	18	2	7	4		
Parramatta (C)	2	1	12	—	6	3	34	25	133	—	54	156	96	26	145	—	60	159		
Central Western Sydney (SSD)	11	3	20	2	8	10	181	99	153	—	66	171	192	102	173	2	74	181		
Blue Mountains (C)	29	26	26	1	48	62	—	2	—	—	—	5	29	28	26	1	48	67		
Hawkesbury (C)	40	22	41	21	22	33	22	6	10	10	8	7	62	28	51	31	30	40		
Pennrh (C)	58	29	79	70	74	161	—	35	—	6	70	182	58	64	79	76	144	343		
Outer Western Sydney (SSD)	127	77	146	92	144	256	22	43	10	16	78	194	149	120	156	108	222	450		
Baulkham Hills (S)	20	37	41	28	42	75	2	—	—	2	6	22	22	37	41	30	48	97		
Blacktown (C)	158	76	66	93	74	65	114	26	12	73	21	93	272	102	78	166	95	158		
Blacktown — Baulkham Hills (SSD)	178	113	107	121	116	140	116	26	12	75	27	115	294	139	119	196	143	255		
Hunter's Hill (M)	1	1	4	3	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	1	6	5	1	—		
Lane Cove (M)	1	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	—	—		
Mosman (M)	1	—	3	1	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	3	3	—	—		
North Sydney (M)	1	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	4	26	2	2	1	1	6	26	2	3		
Ryde (C)	15	13	5	10	5	—	4	42	34	10	17	10	19	55	39	20	22	10		
Willoughby (C)	2	2	6	5	3	2	—	10	—	2	7	—	2	12	6	7	10	2		
Lower Northern Sydney (SSD)	21	17	22	22	9	3	6	52	40	42	26	12	27	69	62	64	35	15		
Hornsby (S)	38	22	77	56	24	24	2	2	57	53	10	6	40	24	134	109	34	30		
Ku-ring-gai (M)	3	4	7	11	14	10	—	—	32	—	—	—	3	4	39	11	14	10		
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai (SSD)	41	26	84	67	38	34	2	2	89	53	10	6	43	28	173	120	48	40		
Manly (M)	—	—	1	—	4	2	—	22	—	—	13	57	—	22	1	—	17	59		
Warringah (S)	19	15	16	12	14	7	2	2	4	25	4	—	21	17	20	37	18	7		
Manly-Warringah (SSD)	19	15	17	12	18	9	2	24	4	25	17	57	21	39	21	37	35	66		
Gosford (C)	18	44	117	134	88	161	—	21	73	81	80	146	18	65	190	215	168	307		
Wyong (S)	95	84	167	112	94	108	12	7	32	21	22	32	107	91	199	133	116	140		
Gosford-Wyong (SSD)	113	128	284	246	182	269	12	28	105	102	102	178	125	156	389	348	284	447		
SYDNEY (SD)	971	600	964	873	864	1,082	744	575	876	791	808	1,138	1,715	1,175	1,840	1,664	1,692	2,220		

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		
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Cessnock (C)	20	13	12	7	17	19	—	—	14	—	—	—	20	13	26	7	17	19
Lake Macquarie (C)	69	47	111	31	104	23	14	39	52	57	66	2	83	86	163	88	170	25
Maitland (C)	19	33	21	35	20	32	10	8	4	15	4	2	29	41	25	50	24	34
Newcastle (C)—Inner & Remainder	24	17	33	22	23	14	41	24	37	21	19	16	65	41	70	43	42	30
Port Stephens (S)	43	48	34	58	60	56	18	17	8	14	31	10	61	65	42	72	91	66
Newcastle (SSD)	175	158	211	153	224	144	83	88	115	107	120	30	258	246	326	260	344	174
Dungog (S)	5	5	14	6	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	14	6	2	4
Gloucester (S)	4	2	3	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	3	3	—	4
Great Lakes (S)	—	76	8	12	2	49	—	36	15	—	—	39	—	112	23	12	2	88
Merriwa (S)	—	—	3	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	2	—
Murrumbidgee (S)	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
Muswellbrook (S)	9	3	7	6	17	9	—	—	—	—	2	—	9	3	7	6	19	9
Stoke (S)	6	7	2	7	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	7	2	7	2	2
Singleton (S)	12	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	8	—	—	—	—
Hunter SD Balance (SSD)	36	101	37	38	25	68	—	36	15	—	4	39	36	137	52	38	29	107
HUNTER (SD)	211	259	248	191	249	212	83	124	130	107	124	69	294	383	378	298	373	281
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Kiama (M)	11	5	19	11	15	20	—	—	5	—	—	—	11	5	24	11	15	20
Shellharbour (M)	37	11	35	54	48	23	3	4	34	2	11	18	40	15	69	56	59	41
Wollongong (C)	47	28	35	31	51	32	12	—	20	18	13	10	59	28	55	49	64	42
Wollongong (SSD)	95	44	89	96	114	75	15	4	59	20	24	28	110	48	148	116	138	103
Shoalhaven (C)	93	63	110	81	85	62	12	2	11	4	18	18	105	65	121	85	103	80
Wingecarribee (S)	33	20	22	75	37	40	—	—	—	12	1	—	33	20	22	87	38	40
Illawarra SD Balance (SSD)	126	83	132	156	122	102	12	2	11	16	19	18	138	85	143	172	141	120
ILLAWARRA (SD)	221	127	221	252	236	177	27	6	70	36	43	46	248	133	291	288	279	223

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			
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
RICHMOND-TWEED STATISTICAL DIVISION																								
Tweed (S) Pt A	31	14	30	14	6	4	32	16	54	4	2	2	63	30	84	18	8	6						
Tweed Heads (SSD)	31	14	30	14	6	4	32	16	54	4	2	2	63	30	84	18	8	6						
Ballina (S)	16	14	29	16	22	30	4	6	6	6	28	32	20	20	35	22	50	62						
Byron (S)	15	13	29	24	27	31	2	2	7	8	14	—	17	15	36	32	41	31						
Casino (M)	6	1	1	4	1	4	—	2	2	7	—	—	6	3	3	11	1	4						
Kyogle (S)	4	3	11	6	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	11	6	1	3						
Lismore (C)	14	11	10	11	18	11	6	4	20	—	19	4	20	15	30	11	37	15						
Richmond River (S)	3	1	15	16	5	7	2	5	10	29	—	4	5	6	25	45	5	11						
Tweed (S) Pt B	17	13	14	10	4	6	6	2	5	2	—	—	23	15	19	12	4	6						
Richmond-Tweed SD Balance (SSD)	75	56	109	87	78	92	20	21	50	52	61	40	95	77	159	139	139	132						
RICHMOND-TWEED (SD)	106	70	139	101	84	96	52	37	104	56	63	42	158	107	243	157	147	138						
MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISION																								
Bellingen (S)	3	11	22	14	12	9	—	—	—	1	2	3	11	22	14	13	11							
Coffs Harbour (C)	27	11	35	41	29	52	6	8	5	9	8	7	33	19	40	50	37	59						
Copmanhurst (S)	1	—	3	2	4	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	3	2	8	—						
Grafton (C)	3	3	3	—	4	3	4	—	—	2	4	15	7	3	3	2	8	18						
Maclean (S)	12	6	16	39	11	4	6	—	6	6	2	—	18	6	22	45	13	4						
Nambucca (S)	11	3	29	—	18	10	—	—	2	—	1	47	11	3	31	—	19	57						
Nymboida (S)	6	—	4	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	4	4	7	—						
Ullmarra (S)	11	4	5	1	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	4	5	1	6	6						
Clarence (SSD)	74	38	117	101	91	84	16	8	13	17	20	71	90	46	130	118	111	155						
Greater Taree (C)	19	23	26	5	6	—	10	9	4	6	—	—	29	32	30	11	6	—						
Hastings (M)	2	94	24	66	37	46	37	37	21	12	4	13	39	131	45	78	41	59						
Kempsey (S)	10	12	19	14	11	4	4	6	8	11	—	—	14	18	27	25	11	4						
Hastings (SSD)	31	129	69	85	54	50	51	52	33	29	4	13	82	181	102	114	58	63						
MID-NORTH COAST (SD)	105	167	186	186	145	134	67	60	46	46	24	84	172	227	232	232	169	218						

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		
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Barraba (S)	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	—	—
Bingara (S)	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—
Gunnedah (S)	2	1	5	—	4	2	—	—	—	2	—	4	2	1	5	2	4	6
Inverell (S) Pt A	—	2	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	3
Manilla (S)	—	1	4	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	3	2	1
Nundle (S)	—	1	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	2
Parry (S)	9	5	11	11	9	8	—	—	—	—	—	5	9	5	11	11	9	13
Quirindi (S)	3	1	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	1	—	2
Tamworth (C)	21	14	22	21	24	9	4	4	3	13	12	—	25	18	25	34	36	9
Yallaro (S)	—	1	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	2
Northern Slopes (SSD)	36	29	53	37	43	29	4	4	3	15	12	9	40	33	56	52	55	38
Armidale (C)	8	7	7	1	6	13	—	6	2	—	2	8	8	13	9	1	8	21
Dumaresq (S)	3	1	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	1	1	2
Glen Innes (M)	1	2	1	1	7	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	1	7	3
Guyra (S)	—	2	4	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	2	5	—
Inverell (S) Pt B	8	3	1	7	4	4	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	4	2	5	—
Severn (S)	2	2	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	8	3	1	11	4	4
Tenterfield (S)	2	4	2	4	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	3	—	—
Uralla (S)	—	—	11	2	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	4	3	2
Walcha (S)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	2	5	3
Northern Tablelands (SSD)	24	21	30	19	31	27	2	6	2	6	2	8	26	27	32	25	33	35
Moree Plains (S)	6	6	3	5	9	9	3	3	—	2	—	3	9	9	3	7	9	12
Narrabri (S)	1	4	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	5	1	1	—
North Central Plain (SSD)	7	10	8	6	10	9	3	3	—	2	—	3	10	13	8	8	10	12
NORTHERN (SD)	67	60	91	62	84	65	9	13	5	23	14	20	76	73	96	85	98	85

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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991		1992				1991		1992				1991		1992			
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
NORTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Coolah (S)	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—
Coonabarabran (S)	—	—	4	2	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	4	2
Dubbo (C)	75	21	17	9	34	26	34	4	2	—	8	8	109	25	19	9	42	34
Gilgandra (S)	1	—	1	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	—	2
Mudgee (S)	7	7	25	11	12	6	5	—	18	—	3	3	12	7	43	11	15	9
Narromine (S)	2	5	4	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	4	3	2	—
Wellington (S)	1	1	3	3	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	3	4	1
Central Macquarie (SSD)	86	39	54	31	56	37	39	4	20	—	11	11	125	43	74	31	67	48
Bogan (S)	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Coonamble (S)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Walgett (S)	1	2	—	4	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	4	—	15
Warren (S)	—	1	5	—	—	2	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	1	15	—	—	2
Macquarie-Barwon (SSD)	2	4	5	4	—	15	—	—	10	—	—	2	2	4	15	4	—	17
Bourke (S)	1	—	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	3
Brewarrina (S)	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—
Cobar (S)	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1
Upper Darling (SSD)	2	—	2	4	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	4	1	4
NORTH WESTERN (SD)	90	43	61	39	57	56	39	4	30	—	11	13	129	47	91	39	68	69

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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings								Total			
	1991			1992			1991				1992				1991		1992	
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bathurst (C)	10	8	32	12	23	9	—	—	2	5	—	—	10	8	34	17	23	9
Blayney (S) Pt A	5	1	5	2	—	3	—	—	—	5	—	—	5	1	5	7	—	3
Cabonne (S) Pt A	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	1
Evans (S) Pt A	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	2
Orange (C)	12	37	40	40	14	51	5	7	—	21	—	4	17	44	40	61	14	55
Bathurst-Orange (SSD)	28	47	81	54	37	66	5	7	2	31	—	4	33	54	83	85	37	70
Blayney (S) Pt B	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—
Cabonne (S) Pt B	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—
Evans (S) Pt B	2	1	1	3	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	3	1	3
Greater Lithgow (C)	7	4	11	9	11	7	—	—	—	—	—	8	7	4	11	9	11	15
Oberon (S)	4	3	3	5	3	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	9	3	3	5	3	7
Rylstone (S)	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	—	—
Central Tablelands (excl. Bathurst-Orange) (SSD)	16	12	16	22	15	17	5	—	—	—	—	8	21	12	16	22	15	25
Bland (S)	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3
Cabonne (S) Pt C	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	—
Cowra (S)	1	1	7	5	6	7	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	1	7	5	11	7
Forbes (S)	—	—	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	2
Lachlan (S)	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Parkes (S)	2	7	5	3	15	11	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	7	5	3	15	13
Weddin (S)	1	1	2	1	1	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	1	6	1	1	2
Lachlan (SSD)	7	11	18	13	22	25	—	—	4	2	5	2	7	11	22	15	27	27
CENTRAL WEST (SD)	51	70	115	89	74	108	10	7	6	33	5	14	61	77	121	122	79	122

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	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Queanbeyan (C)	7	36	15	23	24	5	8	37	5	55	27	—	15	73	20	78	51	5
Queanbeyan (SSD)	7	36	15	23	24	5	8	37	5	55	27	—	15	73	20	78	51	5
Boorowa (S)	—	—	1	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	2
Crookwell (S)	2	—	1	2	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	2	5	1
Goulburn (C)	5	4	9	5	5	4	8	—	4	—	—	—	13	4	13	5	5	4
Gunning (S)	2	1	4	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	4	2	2	2
Harden (S)	1	—	4	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	2	2	2
Milwara (S)	6	1	15	7	12	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	15	7	12	4
Tallaganda (S)	1	2	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	2	2	—
Yarrowlumla (S)	7	4	19	16	14	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	4	19	16	14	11
Yass (S)	4	11	6	5	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	11	6	5	2	6
Young (S)	8	3	4	9	3	3	—	2	7	4	—	—	8	5	11	13	3	3
Southern Tablelands (excl. Queanbeyan) (SSD)	36	26	66	52	48	35	8	2	11	4	—	—	44	28	77	56	48	35
Bega Valley (S)	9	14	16	29	19	14	—	2	—	6	—	9	9	16	16	35	19	23
Eurobodalla (S)	101	22	54	32	39	34	50	6	26	25	14	20	151	28	80	57	53	54
Lower South Coast (SSD)	110	36	70	61	58	48	50	8	26	31	14	29	160	44	96	92	72	77
Bombala (S)	1	—	5	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	1	1	3
Cooma-Monaro (S)	5	5	—	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	5	—	6	5	2
Snowy River (S)	7	3	5	6	—	—	8	4	—	—	—	—	2	15	7	5	6	—
Snowy (SSD)	13	8	10	13	6	3	8	4	—	—	—	4	21	12	10	13	6	7
SOUTH EASTERN (SD)	166	106	161	149	136	91	74	51	42	90	41	33	240	157	203	239	177	124

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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991		1992				1991		1992				1991		1992			
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Coolamon (S)	1	2	1	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	2	3
Cootamundra (S)	1	—	3	1	3	1	—	—	—	4	2	—	1	—	3	5	5	1
Gundagai (S)	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Junee (S)	3	—	6	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	6	3	2	1
Lockhart (S)	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Narrandera (S)	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—
Temora (S)	2	1	1	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	1	1	1	—
Tumut (S)	3	6	6	2	5	2	—	3	4	2	—	—	3	9	10	4	5	6
Wagga Wagga (C)	50	38	47	42	—	42	—	4	3	8	—	16	50	42	50	50	—	58
Central Murrumbidgee (SSD)	61	49	65	53	13	49	3	7	7	14	2	20	64	56	72	67	15	69
Carrathool (S)	2	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	2	—
Griffith (C)	4	2	11	1	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	11	1	4	5
Hay (S)	2	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	2	—
Leeton (S)	2	2	3	4	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	3	4	1	—
Murrumbidgee (S)	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
Lower Murrumbidgee (SSD)	10	4	15	10	11	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	13	4	15	10	11	5
MURRUMBIDGEE (SD)	71	53	80	63	24	54	6	7	7	14	2	20	77	60	87	77	26	74

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		
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Albury (C)	9	11	55	24	36	39	2	7	22	8	—	2	11	18	77	32	36	41
Hume (S)	4	4	5	3	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	5	3	4	2
Albury (SSD)	13	15	60	27	40	41	2	7	22	8	—	2	15	22	82	35	40	43
Corowa (S)	3	8	9	7	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	8	9	7	7	1
Culcairn (S)	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	1
Holbrook (S)	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—
Tumbarumba (S)	4	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	6	—	—	—
Urana (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Upper Murray (excl. Albury) (SSD)	8	12	16	7	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	12	16	7	8	2
Berrigan (S)	3	2	1	1	3	5	—	—	6	—	—	—	3	2	7	1	3	5
Conargo (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deniliquin (M)	6	2	9	2	5	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	6	2	9	4	5	3
Jerilderie (S)	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Murray (S)	5	2	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	1	1	2	—
Wakool (S)	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—
Windouran (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central Murray (SSD)	14	6	12	6	12	8	—	—	6	2	—	—	14	6	18	8	12	8
Balranald (S)	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
Wentworth (S)	1	2	3	4	4	4	—	—	5	—	—	—	1	2	8	4	4	4
Murray-Darling (SSD)	2	3	3	4	4	5	—	—	5	—	—	—	2	3	8	4	4	5
MURRAY (SD)	37	36	91	44	64	56	2	7	33	10	—	2	39	43	124	54	64	58
FAR WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Broken Hill (C)	1	1	—	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	1	—	1	4	4
Central Darling (S)	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—
Unincorp. Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FAR WEST (SD)	1	3	—	2	1	4	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	3	—	2	4	4
NEW SOUTH WALES																		
NEW SOUTH WALES	2,097	1,594	2,357	2,051	2,038	2,135	1,113	891	1,349	1,206	1,138	1,481	3,210	2,485	3,706	3,257	3,176	3,616

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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