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**BUILDING STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA : NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS
JUNE QUARTER 1971 (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES)**

Reference No. 3.5

Preliminary estimates of the number of new houses and flats commenced, completed and under construction during the quarter ended 30 June 1971 are shown in the following tables together with comparisons for previous periods and seasonally adjusted figures. Also shown are the latest available statistics of the number of new houses and flats approved. These figures were previously published on 26 July 1971 in the monthly statement Building Approvals : Australia (Reference No. 3.2).

The estimated totals shown for the quarter ended 30 June 1971 have been based on returns obtained from most large builders and a substantial proportion of small builders and owner-builders. Figures for this quarter should be regarded as tentative only and will be revised when final figures are published in greater detail in the Quarterly Bulletin of Building Statistics (Reference No. 3.6), which will be published about the end of September 1971.

The numbers of flats shown relate to individual new flats constructed as separate living units. Only new flats are included, i.e. flats obtained by the conversion of existing buildings are excluded.

Further particulars regarding definitions used, sources of information and the scope of these statistics are shown in the Quarterly Bulletin of Building Statistics and the monthly statement Building Approvals : Australia. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these, and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1971" (Reference No. 1.10) issued on 2 July 1971.

TABLE 1. - NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS : AUSTRALIA

Quarter ended	Approved		Commenced		Completed		Under construction at end of period
	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total
Original							
June 1969	39,653	34,658	36,788	32,518	34,431	30,230	68,180
September "	42,499	37,648	38,651	33,641	34,870	31,106	71,555
December "	41,766	36,416	36,493	31,371	38,823	34,477	68,658
March 1970	34,818	31,575	35,903	32,214	31,762	28,262	72,543
June "	36,850	32,425	33,932	29,973	36,757	32,088	69,376
September "	35,835	30,800	34,755	29,853	36,320	31,711	67,522
December "	36,875	31,480	34,160	29,482	38,405	33,085	62,837
March 1971	r32,297	r28,245	r34,348	r29,585	r31,995	r28,622	r64,893
June "	36,085	31,887	p34,408	p30,593	p34,078	p29,572	p65,018
Seasonally adjusted							
June 1969	38,688	34,132	36,634	32,395	34,072	30,338	..
September "	39,510	34,888	37,290	32,530	34,525	30,822	..
December "	41,666	36,934	36,997	32,031	35,689	31,554	..
March 1970	40,943	36,285	36,840	32,751	35,650	31,387	..
June "	34,502	30,606	33,846	29,880	36,368	32,165	..
September "	33,345	28,603	33,575	28,899	35,931	31,407	..
December "	36,699	31,688	34,545	30,057	35,306	30,286	..
March 1971	r35,477	r30,787	r35,235	r30,077	r35,952	r31,832	..
June "	35,732	31,591	p34,349	p30,509	p33,714	p29,626	..

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TABLE 2. - NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES : STATES AND TERRITORIES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
APPROVED									
1968-69	32,328	24,326	14,299	7,786	14,479	2,694	857	2,898	99,667
1969-70	31,642	25,588	15,113	8,010	13,965	2,657	1,506	3,169	101,650
1970-71	31,247	24,679	16,391	8,745	11,825	2,581	1,123	3,645	100,226
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	7,323	5,424	3,785	1,764	3,374	594	214	771	23,249
June "	8,076	6,434	3,270	2,077	2,887	746	432	859	24,781
Sept. "	7,854	6,384	4,219	2,443	2,851	660	128	1,089	25,628
Dec. "	8,133	6,628	4,110	2,158	3,111	768	261	900	26,069
March 1971	7,104	5,351	4,049	1,864	2,843	626	394	958	23,189
June "	8,156	6,316	4,003	2,280	3,020	527	340	698	25,340
COMMENCED									
1968-69	30,370	23,580	14,180	7,212	13,848	2,580	923	2,871	95,564
1969-70	30,233	24,575	14,466	7,940	12,999	2,682	850	3,176	96,921
1970-71 p	29,396	25,012	15,513	8,770	12,050	2,539	862	3,674	97,816
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	7,393	5,978	3,651	1,924	3,298	666	255	919	24,084
June "	7,449	5,812	3,433	2,045	2,677	627	215	833	23,091
Sept. "	7,145	6,607	3,647	2,309	2,973	660	283	1,027	24,651
Dec. "	7,472	6,226	3,503	2,542	3,158	722	85	900	24,608
March 1971 r	7,351	5,873	3,903	2,079	3,126	602	232	945	24,111
June " p	7,428	6,306	4,460	1,840	2,793	555	262	802	24,446
COMPLETED									
1968-69	28,794	22,731	14,268	6,954	12,840	2,704	740	2,515	91,546
1969-70	29,579	24,702	14,699	7,504	13,933	2,861	954	3,192	97,524
1970-71 p	28,974	25,145	14,708	8,285	11,949	2,258	747	3,164	95,230
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	6,506	5,359	3,297	1,619	3,338	510	287	832	21,748
June "	7,925	6,124	3,783	1,986	3,221	632	179	871	24,721
Sept. "	7,644	6,408	3,450	1,962	3,298	562	128	766	24,218
Dec. "	7,889	6,930	3,695	2,335	3,356	623	297	827	25,952
March 1971 r	6,167	5,436	3,461	1,908	2,372	460	226	731	20,761
June " p	7,274	6,371	4,102	2,080	2,923	613	96	840	24,299
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1968-69	13,075	11,290	3,562	3,366	6,104	1,372	804	1,547	41,120
1969-70	13,025	10,960	3,329	3,713	5,115	1,163	692	1,522	39,519
1970-71 p	13,006	10,698	4,131	4,174	5,184	1,388	807	1,999	41,387
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	13,617	11,340	3,679	3,660	5,663	1,159	663	1,580	41,361
June "	13,025	10,960	3,329	3,713	5,115	1,163	692	1,522	39,519
Sept. "	12,387	11,125	3,524	4,050	4,764	1,243	849	1,783	39,725
Dec. "	11,827	10,345	3,332	4,251	4,575	1,325	637	1,854	38,146
March 1971 r	12,927	10,808	3,773	4,414	5,314	1,452	641	2,054	41,383
June " p	13,006	10,698	4,131	4,174	5,184	1,388	807	1,999	41,387

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TABLE 3. - NUMBER OF NEW FLATS : STATES AND TERRITORIES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
APPROVED									
1968-69	22,230	14,073	2,488	2,591	6,192	438	483	299	48,794
1969-70	23,317	14,781	2,807	4,496	6,672	781	1,028	401	54,283
1970-71	18,586	9,671	4,438	5,169	1,893	616	247	246	40,866
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	5,159	2,791	617	1,210	1,491	116	80	105	11,569
June "	5,115	3,559	881	1,187	763	222	125	217	12,069
Sept. "	4,516	2,733	991	1,014	677	212	42	22	10,207
Dec. "	5,362	2,649	975	1,296	327	95	83	19	10,806
March 1971	4,111	2,844	1,021	1,330	434	148	42	178	10,108
June "	4,597	2,445	1,451	1,529	455	161	80	27	10,745
COMMENCED									
1968-69	18,416	14,117	2,586	2,100	5,366	364	488	301	43,738
1969-70	21,471	13,505	2,438	3,526	5,839	641	350	288	48,058
1970-71 p	18,909	9,885	3,571	4,260	1,754	747	432	297	39,855
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	5,531	3,165	669	854	1,241	121	47	191	11,819
June "	4,859	2,993	682	925	1,143	80	83	76	10,841
Sept. "	4,129	3,060	745	971	735	317	103	44	10,104
Dec. "	4,806	2,388	712	1,021	354	131	139	1	9,552
March 1971 r	4,721	2,379	1,062	1,133	482	166	114	180	10,237
June " p	5,253	2,058	1,052	1,135	183	133	76	72	9,962
COMPLETED									
1968-69	16,362	13,775	2,863	1,741	3,491	366	469	74	39,141
1969-70	18,774	13,992	2,436	2,657	5,596	502	471	260	44,688
1970-71 p	20,377	11,711	3,128	3,990	4,999	667	362	334	45,568
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	4,690	2,753	504	619	1,268	71	54	55	10,014
June "	4,915	3,647	646	792	1,608	184	188	56	12,036
Sept. "	5,238	3,444	797	841	1,488	128	38	128	12,102
Dec. "	5,304	3,140	717	1,259	1,699	125	136	73	12,453
March 1971 r	5,034	2,851	729	900	1,359	140	137	84	11,234
June " p	4,801	2,276	885	990	453	274	51	49	9,779
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1968-69	10,684	9,158	896	1,155	4,237	246	417	267	27,060
1969-70	13,122	8,399	898	2,036	4,466	384	249	303	29,857
1970-71 p	11,349	6,428	1,340	2,339	1,124	481	309	261	23,631
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	13,225	9,148	862	1,908	4,943	466	358	272	31,182
June "	13,122	8,399	898	2,036	4,466	384	249	303	29,857
Sept. "	11,975	8,016	845	2,171	3,681	579	311	219	27,797
Dec. "	11,381	7,149	840	1,963	2,295	599	315	149	24,691
March 1971 r	10,984	6,622	1,173	2,194	1,394	622	284	237	23,510
June " p	11,349	6,428	1,340	2,339	1,124	481	309	261	23,631

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TABLE 4. - NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS : STATES AND TERRITORIES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
APPROVED									
1968-69	54,558	38,399	16,787	10,377	20,671	3,132	1,340	3,197	143,461
1969-70	54,959	40,369	17,920	12,506	20,637	3,438	2,534	3,570	155,933
1970-71	49,833	34,350	20,819	13,914	13,718	3,197	1,370	3,891	141,092
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	12,482	8,215	4,402	2,974	4,865	710	294	876	34,818
June "	13,191	9,993	4,151	3,264	3,650	968	557	1,076	36,850
Sept. "	12,370	9,117	5,210	3,457	3,528	872	170	1,111	35,835
Dec. "	13,495	9,277	5,085	3,454	3,438	863	344	919	36,875
March 1971	11,215	7,195	5,070	3,194	3,277	774	436	1,136	32,297
June "	12,753	8,761	5,454	3,809	3,475	688	420	725	36,085
COMMENCED									
1968-69	48,786	37,697	16,766	9,312	19,214	2,944	1,411	3,172	139,302
1969-70	51,704	38,080	16,904	11,466	18,838	3,323	1,200	3,464	144,979
1970-71 p	48,305	34,897	19,084	13,030	13,804	3,286	1,294	3,971	137,671
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	12,924	9,143	4,320	2,778	4,539	787	302	1,110	35,903
June "	12,308	8,805	4,115	2,970	3,820	707	298	909	33,932
Sept. "	11,274	9,667	4,392	3,280	3,708	977	386	1,071	34,755
Dec. "	12,278	8,614	4,215	3,563	3,512	853	224	901	34,160
March 1971 r	12,072	8,252	4,965	3,212	3,608	768	346	1,125	34,348
June " p	12,681	8,364	5,512	2,975	2,976	688	338	874	34,408
COMPLETED									
1968-69	45,156	36,506	17,131	8,695	16,331	3,070	1,209	2,589	130,687
1969-70	48,453	38,694	17,135	10,161	19,529	3,363	1,425	3,452	142,212
1970-71 p	49,351	36,856	17,836	12,275	16,948	2,925	1,109	3,498	140,798
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	11,196	8,112	3,801	2,238	4,606	581	341	887	31,762
June "	12,840	9,771	4,429	2,778	4,829	816	367	927	36,757
Sept. "	12,882	9,852	4,247	2,803	4,786	690	166	894	36,320
Dec. "	13,193	10,070	4,412	3,594	5,055	748	433	900	38,405
March 1971 r	11,201	8,287	4,190	2,808	3,731	600	363	815	31,995
June " p	12,075	8,647	4,987	3,070	3,376	587	147	889	34,078
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1968-69	23,759	20,448	4,458	4,521	10,341	1,618	1,221	1,814	68,180
1969-70	26,147	19,359	4,227	5,749	9,581	1,547	941	1,825	69,376
1970-71 p	24,355	17,126	5,471	6,513	6,308	1,869	1,116	2,260	65,018
Quarter ended -									
March 1970	26,842	20,488	4,541	5,568	10,606	1,625	1,021	1,852	72,543
June "	26,147	19,359	4,227	5,749	9,581	1,547	941	1,825	69,376
Sept. "	24,362	19,141	4,369	6,221	8,445	1,822	1,160	2,002	67,522
Dec. "	23,208	17,494	4,172	6,214	6,870	1,924	952	2,003	62,837
March 1971 r	23,911	17,430	4,946	6,608	6,708	2,074	925	2,291	64,893
June " p	24,355	17,126	5,471	6,513	6,308	1,869	1,116	2,260	65,018

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TABLE 5. - NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES, (BY TYPE OF BUILDER) AND FLATS, BY OWNERSHIP : AUSTRALIA

Period	Private				Government			
	Houses			Flats	Total	Houses	Flats	Total
	Contract-built	Owner-built	Total					
APPROVED								
1968-69	..	..	85,837	45,890	131,727	13,830	2,904	16,734
1969-70	..	..	87,979	50,085	138,064	13,671	4,198	17,869
1970-71	..	..	85,408	37,060	122,468	14,818	3,862	18,680
Quarter ended -								
March 1970	..	..	20,659	10,916	31,575	2,590	653	3,243
June "	..	..	21,355	11,070	32,425	3,426	999	4,425
Sept. "	..	..	21,494	9,306	30,800	4,134	901	5,035
Dec. "	..	..	21,664	9,796	31,460	4,385	1,010	5,395
March 1971	..	..	219,913	28,332	248,245	3,276	776	4,052
June "	..	..	22,317	9,570	31,887	3,023	1,175	4,198
COMMENCED								
1968-69	71,416	11,139	82,555	41,211	123,766	13,009	2,527	15,536
1969-70	72,179	11,024	83,203	43,996	127,199	13,718	4,062	17,780
1970-71 p	71,356	11,870	83,226	36,287	119,513	14,590	3,568	18,158
Quarter ended -								
March 1970	18,132	2,687	20,819	11,395	32,214	3,265	424	3,609
June "	17,441	2,591	20,032	9,941	29,973	3,059	900	3,959
Sept. "	18,045	2,740	20,785	9,068	29,853	3,866	1,036	4,902
Dec. "	17,403	3,110	20,513	8,969	29,482	4,095	583	4,678
March 1971 r	17,510	2,849	20,359	9,226	29,585	3,752	1,011	4,763
June " p	18,398	3,171	21,569	9,024	30,593	2,877	938	3,815
COMPLETED								
1968-69	67,505	11,734	79,239	36,723	115,962	12,307	2,418	14,725
1969-70	72,398	11,914	84,312	41,621	125,933	13,212	3,067	16,279
1970-71 p	69,932	11,246	81,178	41,812	122,990	14,052	3,756	17,808
Quarter ended -								
March 1970	16,326	2,663	18,989	9,273	28,262	2,759	741	3,500
June "	18,381	2,646	21,027	11,061	32,088	3,694	975	4,669
Sept. "	17,885	2,614	20,499	11,212	31,711	3,719	890	4,609
Dec. "	18,765	3,264	22,029	11,056	33,085	3,923	1,397	5,320
March 1971 r	15,442	2,623	18,065	10,557	28,622	2,696	677	3,373
June " p	17,840	2,745	20,585	8,987	29,572	3,714	792	4,506
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD								
1968-69	21,989	11,183	33,172	24,196	57,368	7,948	2,364	10,812
1969-70	21,406	9,599	31,005	25,974	56,979	8,514	3,883	12,397
1970-71 p	22,528	9,812	32,340	19,877	52,217	9,047	3,754	12,801
Quarter ended -								
March 1970	22,431	9,740	32,171	27,216	59,387	9,190	3,966	13,156
June "	21,406	9,599	31,005	25,974	56,979	8,514	3,883	12,397
Sept. "	21,492	9,591	31,083	23,760	54,843	8,642	4,037	12,679
Dec. "	20,013	9,324	29,337	21,485	50,822	8,809	3,206	12,015
March 1971 r	22,041	9,472	31,513	19,901	51,414	9,870	3,609	13,479
June " p	22,528	9,812	32,340	19,877	52,217	9,047	3,754	12,801

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