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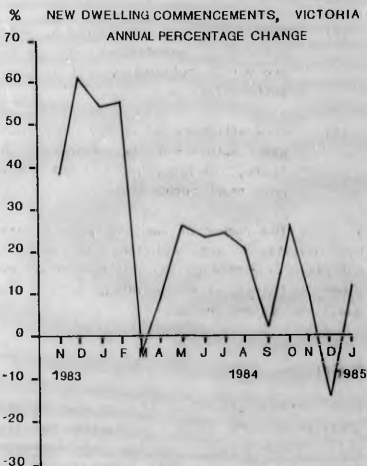
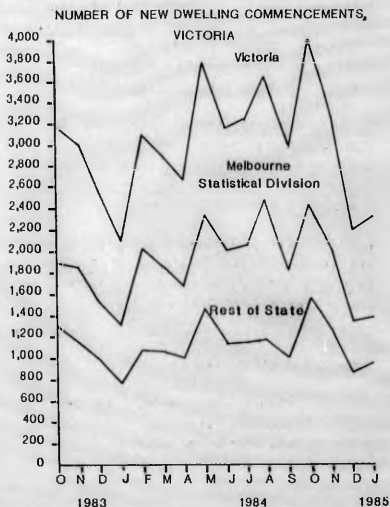
INQUIRIES

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

MAIN FEATURES

For the month of January 1985 the estimated number of dwelling unit commencements (2,330) was 6 per cent higher than in December 1984 (2,200) and 12 per cent higher than in January 1984 (2,074).

The number of estimated new dwelling commencements for the period July 1984-January 1985 was 12 per cent higher than that for the corresponding period in 1983-1984.



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of the number of new dwelling units reported by approving authorities as having commenced in each local government area.

The figures for October 1984 to January 1985 are preliminary and subject to revision as a result of revised or additional information subsequently provided by local and other government authorities.

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

Scope and coverage

2. The statistics were compiled from monthly reports, provided by local and other government authorities, of commencements of new houses and new other dwellings for which:

- (a) building permits were issued by local government authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities; or
- (b) contracts were let or day labour work was authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government, and local government authorities.

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

Definitions

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

Comparability of statistics

5. Because of the difference in data sources, collection methodologies, and timing

of notification of commencements, care should be exercised in comparing quarterly data derived from monthly dwelling unit commencements statistics with the quarterly dwelling unit commencements statistics from the Building Activity Survey.

Unpublished data and related publications

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

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

Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0) (monthly)
Building Approvals, Victoria (8731.2) (monthly)
Building Approvals by Local Government Areas, Victoria (8732.2) (quarterly)
Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities, Victoria (8741.2) (quarterly)
Building Activity, Australia (8752.0) (\$1.10; \$1.90 incl. postage) (quarterly)
Building Activity, Victoria (8752.2) (quarterly)
Construction (Other Than Building) Activity, Australia (8761.0) (quarterly)

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

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- nil or rounded to zero

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

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total	Houses	Other dwellings	Total	Houses	Other dwellings	Total
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1981-82	11,655	2,903	14,558	250	302	552	11,905	3,205	15,110
1982-83	12,130	2,928	15,058	856	540	1,396	12,986	3,468	16,454
1983-84	16,860	3,725	20,585	1,036	268	1,304	17,896	3,993	21,889
1983 - December	1,163	274	1,437	98	36	134	1,261	310	1,571
1984 - January	1,086	158	1,244	65	2	67	1,151	160	1,311
February	1,627	309	1,936	79	21	100	1,706	330	2,036
March	1,480	283	1,763	75	14	89	1,555	297	1,852
April	1,365	241	1,606	67	3	70	1,432	244	1,676
May	1,802	465	2,267	84	7	91	1,886	472	2,358
June	1,531	410	1,941	65	-	65	1,596	410	2,006
July r	1,631	386	2,017	78	-	78	1,709	386	2,095
August r	1,781	439	2,220	228	26	254	2,009	465	2,474
September r	1,315	350	1,665	100	-	100	1,415	350	1,765
October (a)	1,970	360	2,330	80	40	120	2,050	400	2,450
November (a)	1,630	340	1,970	50	-	50	1,680	350	2,020
December (a)	1,070	250	1,320	20	10	30	1,090	260	1,350
1985 - January (a)	1,110	220	1,330	30	20	50	1,140	240	1,380
REST OF STATE									
1981-82	6,964	1,452	8,416	362	430	792	7,326	1,882	9,208
1982-83	7,068	1,292	8,360	1,145	300	1,445	8,213	1,592	9,805
1983-84	10,108	1,549	11,657	900	287	1,187	11,008	1,836	12,844
1983 - December	763	148	911	62	5	67	825	153	978
1984 - January	608	133	741	16	6	22	624	139	763
February	866	117	983	45	39	84	911	156	1,067
March	889	95	984	62	9	71	951	104	1,055
April	842	114	956	28	12	40	870	126	996
May	1,094	256	1,350	82	9	91	1,176	265	1,441
June	890	151	1,041	89	-	89	979	151	1,130
July r	864	164	1,028	123	6	129	987	170	1,157
August r	941	149	1,090	86	2	88	1,027	151	1,178
September r	835	99	934	40	26	66	875	125	1,000
October (a)	1,280	210	1,490	50	10	60	1,320	230	1,550
November (a)	1,080	140	1,220	20	20	40	1,100	160	1,260
December (a)	730	100	830	20	10	20	750	110	860
1985 - January (a)	760	150	910	40	10	40	800	150	950
TOTAL VICTORIA									
1981-82	18,619	4,355	22,974	612	732	1,344	19,231	5,087	24,318
1982-83	19,198	4,220	23,418	2,001	840	2,841	21,199	5,060	26,259
1983-84	26,968	5,274	32,242	1,936	555	2,491	28,904	5,829	34,733
1983-84 July-Jan.	14,583	2,833	17,416	1,260	441	1,701	15,843	3,274	19,117
1984-85 July-Jan. (a)	16,990	3,360	20,350	960	180	1,130	17,950	3,540	21,490
1983 - December	1,926	422	2,348	160	41	201	2,086	463	2,549
1984 - January	1,694	291	1,985	81	8	89	1,775	299	2,074
February	2,493	426	2,919	124	60	184	2,617	486	3,103
March	2,369	378	2,747	137	23	160	2,506	401	2,907
April	2,207	355	2,562	95	15	110	2,302	370	2,672
May	2,896	721	3,617	166	16	182	3,062	737	3,799
June	2,421	561	2,982	154	-	154	2,575	561	3,136
July r	2,495	550	3,045	201	-	201	2,696	556	3,252
August r	2,722	586	3,310	314	28	342	3,036	616	3,652
September r	2,150	449	2,599	140	26	166	2,290	475	2,765
October (a)	3,250	570	3,820	130	60	180	3,380	630	4,000
November (a)	2,710	480	3,190	70	20	90	2,780	510	3,280
December (a)	1,800	350	2,150	40	10	50	1,840	370	2,200
1985 - January (a)	1,870	370	2,240	70	30	90	1,930	400	2,330

(a) Preliminary estimates. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 units.

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

Statistical Division	Sector	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1983		1984		1985	
					Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Nov.(a)	Dec.(a)	Jan.(a)
Melbourne	Private	11,655	12,130	16,860	1,495	1,163	1,086	1,630	1,070	1,110
	Public	250	856	1,036	98	98	65	50	20	30
	Total	11,905	12,986	17,896	1,593	1,261	1,151	1,680	1,090	1,140
Barwon	Private	1,078	1,245	1,987	198	163	92	200	r120	120
	Public	25	122	147	22	15	2	-	10	-
	Total	1,103	1,367	2,134	220	178	94	200	r130	120
South Western	Private	408	345	380	46	27	23	40	30	40
	Public	55	57	33	3	1	-	-	-	-
	Total	463	402	413	49	28	23	40	30	40
Central Highlands	Private	599	679	965	85	84	61	130	80	80
	Public	27	134	207	7	6	2	-	-	-
	Total	626	813	1,172	92	90	63	100	80	80
Wimmera	Private	161	125	203	11	6	15	10	10	10
	Public	2	29	32	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	163	154	235	11	6	15	10	10	10
Northern Mallee	Private	373	289	426	35	23	25	40	30	30
	Public	79	108	39	3	3	4	-	-	-
	Total	452	397	465	38	26	29	40	30	30
Loddon-Campaspe	Private	878	949	1,393	122	82	98	140	120	120
	Public	4	246	137	16	7	3	-	-	10
	Total	882	1,195	1,530	138	89	101	140	120	120
Goulburn	Private	893	769	1,014	87	67	64	140	80	90
	Public	20	146	59	11	4	1	10	-	-
	Total	913	915	1,073	98	71	65	150	90	90
North Eastern	Private	517	456	601	63	47	32	70	50	40
	Public	32	94	26	-	4	-	-	-	-
	Total	549	550	627	63	51	32	70	50	40
East Gippsland	Private	506	489	616	55	48	44	80	40	40
	Public	9	81	75	8	7	-	-	-	-
	Total	515	570	691	63	55	44	80	40	50
Central Gippsland	Private	971	931	1,327	129	98	77	150	80	100
	Public	107	112	116	26	14	2	-	-	20
	Total	1,078	1,043	1,443	155	112	79	150	80	110
East Central	Private	580	791	1,196	111	118	77	130	100	90
	Public	2	16	29	6	1	2	-	-	-
	Total	582	807	1,225	117	119	79	130	100	90
Total Victoria	Private	18,619	19,198	26,968	2,437	1,926	1,694	2,710	1,800	1,870
	Public	612	2,001	1,936	200	160	81	70	40	70
	Total	19,231	21,199	28,904	2,637	2,086	1,775	2,780	1,840	1,930

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