

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS
CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

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BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER, 1962

1. Statistics of building approvals have been compiled from (a) permits issued by local government authorities in the areas subject to building control by these authorities, and (b) contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorized by governmental authorities. They relate only to approvals for buildings, as distinct from the construction of roads, bridges, railways, earth works, water storage, etc. Values shown represent the estimated cost when completed (excluding cost of land) of new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings in all States, except New South Wales, where they are included in "alterations and additions". Building is classified as "Private" or "Government" according to ownership.

2. For purposes of comparison, it should be borne in mind that the volume of building approvals is affected from month to month by the number of large projects such as blocks of flats and multi-storey office buildings approved in particular months and also by the administrative arrangements of local government and semi-governmental authorities.

3. During October, 1962, approvals were granted for the construction of 8,276 new houses and flats valued at £27,558,000. The total number of individual living units approved for the three months ended October, 1962, was 25,519 valued at £84,127,000 compared with 21,913 units valued at £73,112,000 for the three months ended October, 1961. New buildings, other than houses and flats, valued at £22,687,000 and alterations and additions valued at £8,416,000 were approved during October, 1962. The total value of all building approved during the three months ended October, 1962, was £170,913,000 which was £13,348,000 more than the total value for the three months ended October, 1961, but £9,050,000 less than the three months ended October, 1960.

4. The following tables show further details of building approvals for October, 1962 in comparison with details for earlier months.

TABLE 1. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Private			Government			Total	
	1960	1961	1962	1960	1961	1962	1961	1962
<u>NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA</u>								
<u>(Individual Living Units)</u>								
January	5,806	4,812	4,842	777	788	517	6,583	5,359
February	7,260	5,084	5,551	1,163	885	921	8,423	5,969
March	9,725	5,107	6,474	1,092	1,234	1,005	10,817	6,341
April	7,314	4,552	5,781	704	819	1,443	8,018	5,371
May	9,541	5,850	6,723	863	1,316	1,772	10,404	7,166
June	8,256	5,363	6,094	1,343	2,699	1,404	9,599	8,062
July	8,106	5,818	7,167	1,285	1,197	1,106	9,391	7,015
August	9,170	6,950	7,338	1,226	775	920	10,396	7,725
September	8,448	5,540	6,631	987	1,483	2,354	9,435	7,023
October	8,187	6,066	7,076	2,382	1,099	1,200	10,569	7,165
Three months ended October	25,805	18,556	21,045	4,595	3,357	4,474	30,400	21,913
November	7,376	6,394		1,286	1,014		8,662	7,408
December	5,299	4,397		1,355	1,531		6,654	5,928
Year ended 31st December	94,488	65,933		14,463	14,840		108,951	80,773

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA (£'000)

January	18,138	15,738	16,360	2,129	2,298	1,604	20,267	18,036	17,964
February	22,438	16,936	18,855	3,312	2,591	2,536	25,750	19,527	21,391
March	29,968	17,172	21,870	3,078	3,067	2,836	33,046	20,239	24,706
April	22,540	15,422	19,465	1,878	2,288	4,011	24,418	17,710	23,476
May	30,620	19,667	22,964	2,647	3,815	4,541	33,267	23,482	27,505
June	27,382	18,270	20,838	4,046	7,928	3,909	31,428	26,198	24,747
July	26,112	19,498	24,542	3,185	3,323	3,018	29,297	22,821	27,560
August	30,494	23,891	25,917	3,326	2,362	2,532	33,820	26,253	28,449
September	26,972	18,732	22,759	2,870	4,369	5,361	29,842	23,101	28,120
October	27,099	20,615	24,197	5,993	3,143	3,361	33,092	23,758	27,558
Three months ended October	84,565	63,238	72,873	12,189	9,874	11,254	96,754	73,112	84,127
November	23,904	21,485		3,531	3,045		27,435	24,530	
December	18,103	14,721		3,612	4,319		21,715	19,040	
Year ended 31st December	303,770	222,147		39,607	42,548		343,377	264,695	

TABLE 1. - (Continued) - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1960	1961	1962	1960	1961	1962	1960	1961	1962
VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA (£'000)									
January	8,377	8,356	8,295	2,328	2,468	6,548	10,705	10,824	14,843
February	7,689	9,376	11,693	4,512	5,617	6,115	12,201	14,993	17,808
March	11,568	9,772	11,908	6,588	7,033	9,313	18,156	16,805	21,221
April	8,913	6,459	11,525	7,542	3,391	8,514	16,455	9,850	20,039
May	14,970	15,710	15,663	4,853	7,400	5,220	19,823	23,110	20,883
June	13,642	9,241	8,873	6,914	10,303	7,585	20,556	19,544	16,458
July	12,668	8,720	16,610	9,698	5,393	10,995	22,366	14,113	27,605
August	13,448	14,745	14,844	4,385	6,193	4,699	17,833	20,938	19,543
September	12,631	12,156	9,977	11,846	11,201	9,827	24,477	23,357	19,804
October	12,981	7,888	14,745	6,216	11,496	7,942	19,197	19,384	22,687
Three months ended October	39,060	34,789	39,566	22,447	28,890	22,468	61,507	63,679	62,034
November	20,306	15,142		6,983	7,650		27,289	22,792	
December	12,410	9,854		4,651	6,881		17,061	16,735	
Year ended 31st December	149,603	127,419		76,516	85,026		226,119	212,445	

VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA

(£'000)									
January	4,805	4,781	4,682	528	919	1,148	5,333	5,700	5,830
February	4,956	5,607	5,178	602	1,251	457	5,558	6,858	5,635
March	7,574	5,766	7,041	1,166	774	907	8,740	6,540	7,948
April	5,829	4,890	5,418	693	759	583	6,522	5,649	6,001
May	6,685	5,855	6,344	808	604	908	7,493	6,459	7,252
June	5,978	5,059	5,513	737	1,134	1,287	6,715	6,193	6,800
July	6,519	5,568	6,627	693	1,189	746	7,212	6,757	7,373
August	6,568	6,774	7,426	900	648	386	7,468	7,422	7,812
September	6,424	6,277	7,580	577	484	944	7,001	6,761	8,524
October	6,480	6,124	7,850	753	467	566	7,233	6,591	8,416
Three months ended October	19,472	19,175	22,856	2,230	1,599	1,896	21,702	20,774	24,752
November	6,096	6,530		525	356		6,621	6,886	
December	4,987	4,020		479	202		5,466	4,222	
Year ended 31st December	72,901	67,251		8,461	8,787		81,362	76,038	

TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED : AUSTRALIA

(£'000)									
January	31,320	28,875	29,337	4,985	5,685	9,300	36,305	34,560	38,637
February	35,083	31,919	35,726	8,426	9,459	9,108	43,509	41,378	44,834
March	49,110	32,710	40,819	10,832	10,874	13,056	59,942	43,584	53,875
April	37,282	26,771	36,408	10,113	6,438	13,108	47,395	33,209	49,516
May	52,275	41,232	44,971	8,308	11,819	10,669	60,583	53,051	55,640
June	47,002	32,570	35,224	11,697	19,365	12,781	58,699	51,935	48,005
July	45,299	33,786	47,779	13,576	9,905	14,759	58,875	43,691	62,538
August	50,510	45,470	48,187	8,611	9,203	7,617	59,121	54,613	55,804
September	46,027	37,165	40,316	15,293	16,054	16,132	61,320	53,219	56,448
October	46,560	34,627	46,792	12,962	15,106	11,869	59,522	49,733	58,661
Three months ended October	143,097	117,202	135,295	36,866	40,363	35,618	179,963	157,565	170,913
November	50,306	43,157		11,039	11,051		61,345	54,208	
December	35,500	28,595		8,742	11,402		44,242	39,997	
Year ended 31st December	526,274	416,817		124,584	136,361		650,858	553,178	

TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES

(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual Living Units)									
Year - 1960	42,956	30,053	12,965	11,587	6,672	2,730	380	1,608	108,951
1961	32,060	19,513	10,559	8,138	6,216	2,400	453	1,434	80,773
1960 - September	3,835	2,366	1,158	937	606	253	12	268	9,435
October	3,733	2,773	1,213	1,920	606	217	26	81	10,569
November	3,267	2,182	972	1,161	567	228	9	276	8,662
December	2,560	1,738	799	762	427	208	26	134	6,654
1961 - January	2,427	1,051	828	627	333	154	73	107	5,600
February	2,830	1,261	727	462	411	177	74	27	5,969
March	2,667	1,495	834	671	407	179	21	67	6,341
April	2,205	1,240	869	391	440	147	49	30	5,371
May	2,928	1,693	1,177	466	498	192	34	178	7,166
June	2,492	2,112	920	1,345	635	185	12	361	8,062
July	2,968	1,630	949	603	505	217	13	130	7,015
August	3,029	2,016	996	610	558	278	30	208	7,725
September	2,613	1,668	815	1,101	554	213	12	47	7,023
October	2,836	1,883	960	487	619	219	60	101	7,165
November	2,861	1,848	865	784	684	228	45	93	7,408
December	2,204	1,616	619	591	572	211	30	85	5,928
1962 - January	2,234	1,217	684	484	426	149	42	123	5,359
February	2,121	1,857	828	675	660	183	81	67	6,472
March	2,733	1,966	973	629	722	293	60	103	7,479
April	3,199	1,614	901	670	494	200	24	122	7,224
May	3,131	2,013	940	1,300	603	238	31	239	8,495
June	2,711	2,077	1,222	602	486	215	43	142	7,498
July	3,211	2,306	898	763	616	237	10	232	8,273
August	3,318	2,108	960	802	592	210	70	198	8,258
September	2,862	2,115	786	2,239	583	234	23	143	8,985
October	2,829	2,639	948	695	765	222	93	85	8,276
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (£'000)									
Year - 1960	129,822	103,307	37,062	35,110	20,134	8,861	1,407	7,674	343,377
1961	101,125	69,682	31,511	26,324	19,256	7,947	1,957	6,893	264,695
1960 - September	11,561	7,814	3,493	2,921	1,941	821	48	1,243	29,842
October	11,731	9,815	3,486	4,996	1,861	651	77	475	33,092
November	10,085	7,462	2,722	3,422	1,648	748	39	1,309	27,435
December	7,866	6,527	2,344	2,057	1,510	675	72	664	21,715
1961 - January	7,562	3,754	2,471	1,848	1,007	552	298	544	18,036
February	8,863	4,552	2,090	1,594	1,304	599	367	158	19,527
March	7,968	5,500	2,403	2,102	1,220	571	84	391	20,239
April	6,700	4,759	2,523	1,399	1,344	528	246	211	17,710
May	9,140	6,082	3,458	1,600	1,531	658	160	853	23,482
June	7,937	7,434	2,871	3,907	1,868	661	48	1,470	26,198
July	9,169	5,764	2,879	1,951	1,594	746	56	664	22,821
August	10,373	7,181	2,942	2,084	1,702	946	120	905	26,253
September	8,388	5,810	2,488	3,676	1,795	660	34	250	23,101
October	9,018	6,802	2,943	1,694	1,940	675	201	485	23,758
November	9,216	6,488	2,582	2,634	2,181	735	204	490	24,530
December	6,791	5,556	1,861	1,835	1,770	616	139	472	19,040
1962 - January	7,470	4,218	2,066	1,583	1,369	453	193	612	17,964
February	6,800	6,527	2,534	2,233	2,015	633	290	359	21,391
March	8,654	6,953	2,948	2,259	2,177	917	259	539	24,706
April	9,844	5,661	2,764	2,337	1,595	613	73	589	23,476
May	9,920	7,185	3,048	3,485	1,935	764	143	1,025	27,505
June	8,483	7,068	3,721	2,205	1,638	717	213	702	24,747
July	10,385	8,247	2,892	2,498	1,985	729	49	775	27,560
August	10,702	7,809	3,086	2,833	2,060	707	294	958	28,449
September	9,167	7,607	2,513	5,327	1,903	787	106	710	28,120
October	8,971	9,097	2,056	2,407	2,367	772	386	502	27,558

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(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (£'000)									
(Excluding Alterations and Additions)									
Year - 1960	79,479	70,499	25,145	20,321	14,519	7,118	1,583	7,455	226,119
1961	75,624	51,213	24,603	27,355	15,833	8,154	1,780	7,883	212,445
1960 - September	8,614	4,559	4,116	1,625	1,044	900	124	3,495	24,477
October	7,576	5,716	2,187	1,743	1,261	259	46	409	19,197
November	5,224	10,049	2,524	6,591	1,640	735	72	454	27,289
December	8,098	4,524	2,017	619	1,028	302	12	461	17,061
1961 - January	3,634	2,795	1,797	656	1,511	231	30	170	10,824
February	4,067	4,047	1,203	4,554	498	379	61	184	14,993
March	4,504	4,970	2,059	2,949	1,549	431	126	217	16,805
April	2,594	2,909	1,708	711	863	697	227	141	9,850
May	6,824	5,163	5,080	3,565	1,302	612	87	477	23,110
June	6,518	3,828	2,147	3,557	1,421	521	256	1,296	19,544
July	5,344	3,082	1,454	1,146	1,355	944	598	190	14,113
August	7,916	5,078	1,700	2,771	1,418	1,575	60	420	20,938
September	9,921	5,266	1,939	1,293	2,082	1,166	85	1,605	23,357
October	8,873	4,559	1,435	1,403	1,809	440	151	710	19,384
November	9,076	5,488	1,776	3,420	659	349	77	1,947	22,792
December	6,353	4,028	2,301	1,330	1,366	809	22	526	16,735
1962 - January	6,295	5,306	1,072	722	589	650	127	82	14,843
February	4,388	5,608	1,975	3,432	652	700	29	1,024	17,608
March	6,204	5,051	3,135	1,261	1,087	1,500	182	2,801	21,221
April	7,993	6,897	1,966	1,496	897	220	128	442	20,039
May	4,960	8,256	2,562	2,096	1,247	610	115	1,037	20,883
June	4,401	5,479	2,093	1,414	1,539	494	230	808	16,458
July	11,906	6,306	2,899	3,452	2,056	762	10	214	27,605
August	5,091	8,012	2,432	1,276	1,309	895	113	415	19,543
September	7,296	6,716	1,675	2,360	938	513	186	120	19,804
October	8,107	5,697	2,202	3,856	1,266	509	31	1,019	22,687

TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (£'000)
(Including Alterations and Additions)

Year - 1960	249,608	193,060	72,600	62,108	37,767	16,903	3,128	15,684	650,858
1961	216,353	138,583	64,388	59,539	38,319	16,988	3,834	15,174	553,178
1960 - September	23,684	13,912	8,413	5,244	3,291	1,796	174	4,806	61,320
October	22,787	17,405	6,589	7,312	3,375	1,007	133	914	59,522
November	18,333	19,186	6,040	10,632	3,591	1,589	119	1,855	61,345
December	18,884	12,303	4,874	3,061	2,732	1,052	123	1,213	44,242
1961 - January	14,429	7,650	4,883	2,974	2,708	851	328	737	34,560
February	16,948	9,910	4,035	6,570	2,069	1,057	428	361	41,378
March	15,850	12,022	5,226	5,567	2,996	1,071	221	631	43,584
April	12,377	8,907	4,849	2,470	2,442	1,287	476	401	33,209
May	19,053	12,872	9,421	5,644	3,128	1,331	249	1,353	53,051
June	17,155	13,037	5,697	8,042	3,608	1,292	309	2,795	51,935
July	18,102	10,455	4,997	3,559	3,214	1,776	693	895	43,691
August	22,352	13,955	5,374	5,391	3,409	2,587	183	1,362	54,613
September	22,017	12,457	5,069	5,577	4,145	1,921	126	1,907	53,219
October	21,122	13,062	5,119	3,594	4,067	1,191	363	1,215	49,733
November	21,886	13,603	5,021	6,592	3,160	1,150	291	2,505	54,208
December	15,062	10,653	4,697	3,559	3,373	1,474	167	1,012	39,997
1962 - January	17,184	10,740	3,587	2,718	2,203	1,159	325	721	38,637
February	13,662	13,664	5,165	6,117	2,929	1,428	332	1,537	44,834
March	19,280	13,511	6,920	4,186	3,545	2,557	459	3,417	53,875
April	20,637	14,024	5,569	4,381	2,752	897	207	1,049	49,516
May	17,970	17,114	6,471	6,541	3,585	1,477	315	2,167	55,640
June	16,140	14,410	6,531	4,171	3,451	1,286	481	1,535	48,005
July	26,078	16,326	6,572	6,523	4,359	1,556	72	1,052	62,538
August	19,784	17,652	6,408	4,647	3,779	1,685	429	1,420	55,804
September	21,246	15,991	5,039	8,372	3,172	1,378	301	949	56,448
October	21,401	16,818	6,182	6,860	4,017	1,373	439	1,571	58,661

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