



BUILDING STATISTICS : NORTHERN TERRITORY
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1974

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

These statistics relate to building operations in the Northern Territory during the September quarter 1974. For comparison, figures for earlier periods are also shown.

2. The details relate to buildings and exclude the construction of roads, railways, bridges, earthworks, water storages, etc. Except in those tables which are specifically labelled "new", all statistics include alterations and additions of \$10,000 and over. New buildings valued at less than \$2,000 and alterations and additions valued at less than \$10,000 are excluded.

3. Because of the increasing activity in constructing dwellings not readily classifiable as houses or flats, the term 'houses and flats' has been replaced with 'dwellings'. In building statistics the term dwelling is used in its limited sense; that it is contained in a building, is private (i.e. not generally accessible to the public) and self-contained (i.e. includes bathing and cooking facilities). The scope of buildings included under each term is statistically comparable.

4. Dwellings have been classified as either 'houses' or 'other dwellings'. For this purpose, a house is defined as a building which has been designed or adapted so that its prime purpose is a single self-contained dwelling unit which is completely detached from other buildings; and occupies (except in such cases as dwellings built for employees or families of the owner or lessee of the land) a separate titled block of land. Dwellings described as flats, semi-detached, home units, villa units, duplexes, etc., are classified as 'other dwellings'. Non-self-contained dwelling units such as might be found in motels, hostels and institutions, are not included as dwellings and the value of this building is included in the appropriate category of other buildings approved. Temporary or makeshift dwellings are excluded from building statistics.

5. The following definitions apply throughout.

Commenced. A building is regarded as having been commenced when work on its foundations has begun. Owing to the difficulty of defining the exact point that this represents in building operations, classifications made by informants may not be entirely uniform.

Completed. A building is regarded as having been completed when the contractor has fulfilled the terms of the contract. As with commencements, the classifications made may not be entirely uniform.

Under Construction. A building is regarded as being under construction if it has been commenced but not completed, whether or not work on the building is actively proceeding.

6. The statistics shown are based on returns received from government authorities, contractors and owner-builders who undertake the erection of buildings. Details obtained from government authorities and building contractors refer to all areas. Details of owner-builders cover only proclaimed health areas.

7. Comparisons as to trend are generally best made by relating complete years or corresponding periods of years, quarterly totals are affected by seasonal influences.

8. **Value of buildings.** Table 2 shows the value (when completed) of buildings commenced, completed and under construction. The values of houses include the estimated value of owner-built houses. The values shown exclude the value of land and represent the estimated value of buildings on completion. The value of new buildings is classified by type of building according to the function a building is intended to serve. A building which is ancillary to other buildings or forms part of a group of related building is classified according to the function of the group as a whole.

Tables 1 and 3 show also the value of work done during the period. The values shown represent the estimated value of work carried out on buildings during the period. For any building the sum of these values obtained during its construction equals the value of the building on completion.

9. **Number of dwellings.** Table 1 shows numbers of dwellings approved, commenced, completed and under construction. The numbers of flats, semi-detached, home units, villa units, duplexes, etc., are

shown as 'other dwellings' and relate to individual self-contained living units.

10. **Private and Government.** Building is classified as private or government according to ownership at date of commencement. Thus government includes buildings erected for the Australian Government either by contractors or by day labour, whether these buildings are for its own use, for rental or for sale after completion. Houses erected for particular persons under government-sponsored home building schemes or with government financial assistance are classified as private.

11. **Persons working on building jobs.** The figures in Table 6 relate to persons working on the jobs of contractors who undertake the erection of buildings and of government authorities which erect buildings on their own account.

They include persons engaged on alterations, additions, repairs and maintenance when these jobs are undertaken by such contractors and authorities. They exclude persons working on owner-built houses, and persons working on jobs of builders who undertake only minor alterations, additions, repairs and maintenance.

Contractors and authorities are asked to give details of all persons working on their jobs on a specified day, including working principals, men working as or for sub-contractors and men temporarily laid off on account of weather. Because of the intermittent employment of various types of sub-contractors on any particular job, it is sometimes difficult for contractors and authorities to provide precise particulars of the number of sub-contractors and the number of employees of sub-contractors working on their jobs on the specified day. This factor may cause some estimation by persons completing returns and some degree of understatement in the figures shown in the tables. On the other hand, because of frequent movement between jobs by some types of tradesmen (such as electricians) who may work on several jobs on the one day, a small element of duplication may occur.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF BUILDING STATISTICS

Period	Dwellings						Other building		Total value of building \$'000
	Private		Government		Total		Private	Total	
	No.	Value \$'000	No.	Value \$'000	No.	Value \$'000	Value \$'000	Value \$'000	
APPROVED									
1969-70	1,425	18,940	1,109	14,166	2,534	33,106	21,522	35,328	68,434
1970-71	413	5,914	957	12,109	1,370	18,025	15,540	33,270	51,295
1971-72	863	11,061	708	9,962	1,571	21,024	11,739	32,485	54,312
1972-73	786	11,327	626	9,598	1,412	20,923	14,102	41,587	62,513
1973-74	722	12,426	1,310	24,832	2,032	37,256	18,533	62,580	99,832
Quarter 1973									
June	230	3,432	94	1,352	324	4,784	2,737	12,548	17,333
Sept.	198	3,388	157	3,314	355	6,702	2,506	5,309	12,011
Dec.	166	2,751	180	2,862	346	5,611	5,170	10,532	16,143
1974									
March	177	3,025	447	7,498	624	10,523	5,474	29,572	40,091
June	181	3,262	526	11,158	707	14,420	5,383	17,167	31,587
Sept.	127	2,247	178	4,011	305	6,257	1,776	12,443	18,700
COMMENCED									
1969-70	541	6,822	659	8,061	1,200	14,882	19,148	29,143	44,025
1970-71	601	9,342	905	11,334	1,506	20,675	20,018	36,916	57,593
1971-72	1,206	19,792	800	10,896	2,006	30,687	19,255	36,555	67,242
1972-73	819	11,542	709	11,121	1,528	22,663	15,967	50,164	72,827
1973-74	773	13,640	1,026	19,616	1,799	33,257	16,781	49,478	82,735
Quarter 1973									
June	272	3,966	104	1,491	376	5,457	3,278	7,570	13,027
Sept.	249	4,021	174	3,141	423	7,162	3,571	11,151	18,313
Dec.	198	3,282	82	1,388	280	4,671	3,718	9,693	14,364
1974									
March	118	2,129	212	3,855	330	5,984	2,898	7,529	13,513
June	208	4,208	558	11,232	766	15,440	6,594	21,105	36,545
Sept.	133	2,758	526	13,119	659	15,876	1,910	9,193	25,070
COMPLETED									
1969-70	525	6,172	900	11,944	1,425	18,116	14,886	25,290	43,406
1970-71	511	7,401	711	9,223	1,222	16,624	11,168	17,382	34,006
1971-72	1,005	17,370	974	13,120	1,979	30,489	23,365	40,644	71,132
1972-73	717	10,377	704	9,425	1,421	19,803	17,222	31,721	51,524
1973-74	748	11,970	657	10,792	1,405	22,763	13,975	40,762	63,525
Quarter 1973									
June	240	3,225	95	1,486	335	4,711	7,946	13,485	18,196
Sept.	226	3,495	234	3,523	460	7,019	2,017	7,389	14,408
Dec.	135	2,096	168	2,402	303	4,498	3,133	8,281	12,779
1974									
March	192	3,088	159	2,439	351	5,527	5,416	8,348	13,785
June	195	3,291	96	2,428	291	5,719	3,409	16,744	22,463
Sept.	241	3,972	187	3,213	428	7,184	2,565	6,077	13,261

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF BUILDING STATISTICS - continued

Period	Dwellings						Other building		Total value of building
	Private		Government		Total		Private	Total	
	No.	Value \$'000	No.	Value \$'000	No.	Value \$'000	Value \$'000	Value \$'000	\$'000
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1969-70	377	4,640	564	7,452	941	12,092	11,070	17,576	29,668
1970-71	439	6,429	751	9,366	1,190	15,795	19,402	37,176	52,971
1971-72	585	8,020	604	8,185	1,189	16,205	14,275	33,283	49,487
1972-73	634	9,215	600	9,845	1,234	19,060	11,710	50,648	69,708
1973-74	610	11,407	989	18,785	1,599	30,191	14,349	77,624	107,816
Quarter									
1973									
June	634	9,215	600	9,845	1,234	19,060	11,710	50,648	69,708
Sept.	638	10,214	540	9,630	1,178	19,844	13,096	53,384	73,228
Dec.	688	11,329	474	8,733	1,162	20,062	13,591	55,407	75,469
1974									
March	614	10,604	527	10,150	1,141	20,754	11,084	73,306	94,060
June	610	11,407	989	18,785	1,599	30,191	14,349	77,624	107,816
Sept.	484	10,276	1,328	29,296	1,812	39,572	13,067	82,115	121,686
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD									
1969-70	..	6,391	..	10,651	..	17,043	16,314	26,514	43,557
1970-71	..	8,935	..	11,528	..	20,463	17,173	26,984	47,446
1971-72	..	18,508	..	12,039	..	30,546	20,975	42,558	73,104
1972-73	..	10,758	..	11,089	..	21,848	15,819	38,684	60,531
1973-74	..	13,741	..	11,356	..	25,099	13,841	38,583	63,682
Quarter									
1973									
June	..	3,364	..	2,682	..	6,046	3,532	10,252	16,298
Sept.	..	4,243	..	3,352	..	7,595	4,560	10,728	18,324
Dec.	..	2,974	..	3,138	..	6,112	3,746	8,993	15,104
1974									
March	..	2,847	..	1,443	..	4,291	2,024	9,458	13,749
June	..	3,677	..	3,423	..	7,101	3,511	9,404	16,505
Sept.	..	3,617	..	7,083	..	10,701	2,896	10,085	20,786
VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE									
1969-70	..	2,547	..	4,482	..	7,029	6,805	10,069	17,098
1970-71	..	2,980	..	4,283	..	7,263	9,155	20,088	27,352
1971-72	..	3,694	..	4,242	..	7,937	7,024	14,629	22,566
1972-73	..	4,832	..	4,313	..	9,144	6,688	28,517	37,661
1973-74	..	5,643	..	12,608	..	18,251	9,652	57,864	76,115
Quarter									
1973									
June	..	4,832	..	4,313	..	9,144	6,688	28,517	37,661
Sept.	..	5,184	..	4,269	..	9,453	5,661	28,043	37,496
Dec.	..	5,511	..	2,636	..	8,147	5,588	29,401	37,548
1974									
March	..	5,027	..	5,048	..	10,075	6,472	46,190	56,264
June	..	5,643	..	12,608	..	18,251	9,652	57,864	76,115
Sept.	..	5,038	..	19,249	..	24,287	8,461	58,768	83,055

TABLE 2. - VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) BY CLASS OF BUILDING
(\$'000)

Period	Dwellings			Other building										Total other building	Total
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total	Hotels, etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Education	Religion	Health	Entertainment and recreation	Miscellaneous		
COMMENCED															
1969-70	11,750	3,132	14,882	3,387	979	5,426	2,286	3,621	4,756	70	318	467	7,834	29,143	44,025
1970-71	15,906	4,769	20,675	7,767	2,284	1,666	4,127	2,095	7,603	355	4,045	1,384	5,590	36,916	57,593
1971-72	23,955	6,732	30,687	3,936	5,571	1,844	8,167	2,900	7,320	177	955	963	4,722	36,555	67,242
1972-73	17,197	5,465	22,663	7,186	1,551	3,877	3,224	5,106	7,270	115	15,324	730	5,783	50,164	72,827
1973-74	27,917	5,340	33,257	3,641	1,627	4,415	9,247	4,311	10,011	181	10,830	917	4,299	49,478	82,735
Quarter 1973															
June	3,207	2,250	5,457	653	367	581	1,217	3,152	73	115	466	613	334	7,570	13,027
Sept.	5,559	1,603	7,162	685	883	1,018	316	551	3,289	181	1,762	606	1,861	11,151	18,313
Dec.	3,911	760	4,671	1,356	213	731	429	2,169	4,499	..	..	154	142	9,693	14,364
1974															
March	5,382	602	5,984	1,356	27	..	3,770	629	..	..	1,141	20	586	7,529	13,513
June	13,065	2,375	15,440	244	504	2,666	4,732	962	2,223	..	7,927	137	1,710	21,105	36,545
Sept.	13,528	2,348	15,876	644	461	717	628	728	2,984	..	1,908	..	1,123	9,193	25,070
COMPLETED															
1969-70	13,779	4,337	18,116	2,051	1,300	2,880	3,973	1,557	5,290	..	924	351	6,967	25,290	43,406
1970-71	12,724	3,900	16,624	1,508	849	4,153	1,808	3,158	3,250	162	297	486	1,715	17,382	34,006
1971-72	25,196	5,295	30,489	7,566	3,316	2,953	5,061	2,512	5,330	366	4,665	1,578	7,299	40,644	71,132
1972-73	15,439	4,365	19,803	6,037	3,309	2,301	5,322	2,175	6,478	104	2,154	828	3,012	31,721	51,524
1973-74	17,809	4,954	22,763	6,526	1,053	3,141	6,447	2,689	13,390	42	2,451	1,284	3,740	40,762	63,525
Quarter 1973															
June	3,245	1,466	4,711	2,545	2,493	656	2,466	496	3,401	10	1,025	35	357	13,485	18,196
Sept.	5,512	1,507	7,019	144	232	1,192	675	1,308	482	..	404	24	2,929	7,389	14,408
Dec.	3,670	829	4,498	893	437	1,114	529	781	3,013	42	320	646	507	8,281	12,779
1974															
March	3,933	1,593	5,527	3,728	187	519	1,006	447	1,531	..	645	65	220	8,348	13,875
June	4,694	1,025	5,719	1,761	197	316	4,237	153	8,364	..	1,082	549	84	16,744	22,463
Sept.	4,939	2,245	7,184	801	1,026	618	614	1,179	11	..	615	364	850	6,077	13,261
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD															
1969-70	9,766	2,326	12,092	2,137	740	4,010	2,868	2,523	2,885	90	..	395	1,927	17,576	29,668
1970-71	12,665	3,130	15,795	8,555	2,176	1,734	5,176	1,557	7,208	303	3,744	1,270	5,452	37,176	52,971
1971-72	12,326	3,879	16,205	4,880	4,329	585	7,907	1,989	9,054	119	638	909	2,873	33,283	49,487
1972-73	14,173	4,887	19,060	6,123	773	2,437	5,857	4,976	9,832	115	14,029	835	5,672	50,648	69,708
1973-74	24,253	5,939	30,191	3,131	1,455	3,654	9,355	4,470	6,921	90	41,235	513	6,800	77,624	107,816
Quarter 1973															
June	14,173	4,887	19,060	6,123	773	2,437	5,857	4,976	9,832	115	14,029	835	5,672	50,648	69,708
Sept.	14,331	5,514	19,844	6,678	1,425	2,199	5,976	2,254	12,686	216	15,405	1,417	5,128	53,384	73,228
Dec.	14,686	5,376	20,062	7,122	1,212	1,829	6,116	3,680	14,172	90	15,380	944	4,862	55,407	75,469
1974															
March	16,241	4,512	20,754	4,750	1,057	1,304	8,883	3,943	12,741	90	34,375	924	5,239	73,306	94,060
June	24,253	5,939	30,191	3,131	1,455	3,654	9,355	4,470	6,921	90	41,235	513	6,800	77,624	107,816
Sept.	33,483	6,089	39,572	3,094	646	3,298	9,369	4,151	9,888	90	44,333	181	7,063	82,115	121,686

TABLE 3. - VALUE OF WORK DONE BY OWNERSHIP AND CLASS OF BUILDING

Period	Houses	Other dwellings	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education	Health	Other classes (a)	Total
PRIVATE									
1969-70	3,724	2,667	862	2,944	2,401	687	57	9,366	22,707
1970-71	5,694	3,243	1,459	2,143	2,689	886	..	9,997	26,109
1971-72	13,487	5,021	3,633	1,406	3,977	562	25	11,369	39,482
1972-73	6,309	4,449	3,114	2,815	2,857	77	280	6,677	26,577
1973-74	9,219	4,525	1,697	2,164	1,701	31	..	8,252	27,584
Quarter 1973									
June	1,862	1,502	625	666	376	31	..	1,834	6,896
Sept.	2,494	1,750	351	748	571	6	..	2,884	8,803
Dec.	2,176	798	501	490	411	5	..	2,340	6,720
1974									
March	1,878	970	264	234	307	11	..	1,209	4,872
June	2,671	1,007	581	692	412	9	..	1,819	7,189
Sept.	2,322	1,295	363	441	529	43	..	1,519	6,513
GOVERNMENT									
1969-70	9,632	1,019	220	1,913	726	4,367	438	2,538	20,850
1970-71	10,007	1,522	118	852	395	3,648	1,023	3,773	21,337
1971-72	11,150	889	25	567	2,670	8,936	4,112	5,273	33,623
1972-73	10,520	569	..	529	2,845	8,878	3,656	6,957	33,955
1973-74	10,658	697	18	1,315	1,552	9,490	6,357	6,008	36,098
Quarter 1973									
June	2,543	139	..	175	804	2,407	1,679	1,655	9,402
Sept.	3,237	115	..	226	446	1,901	1,742	1,853	9,520
Dec.	2,773	364	..	396	515	1,879	1,239	1,216	8,384
1974									
March	1,408	35	..	192	199	4,315	1,266	1,462	8,878
June	3,240	183	18	501	392	1,395	2,110	1,477	9,316
Sept.	6,717	367	46	165	660	1,331	2,979	2,009	14,273
TOTAL									
1969-70	13,357	3,685	1,082	4,859	3,126	5,054	495	11,901	43,557
1970-71	15,700	4,765	1,577	2,995	3,083	4,534	1,023	13,773	47,446
1971-72	24,636	5,909	3,659	1,973	6,647	9,498	4,137	16,645	73,104
1972-73	16,829	5,018	3,114	3,344	5,702	8,955	3,936	13,633	60,531
1973-74	19,876	5,223	1,714	3,480	3,254	9,521	6,357	14,259	63,682
Quarter 1973									
June	4,405	1,641	625	841	1,180	2,438	1,679	3,487	16,298
Sept.	5,730	1,865	351	974	1,017	1,907	1,742	4,737	18,324
Dec.	4,949	1,163	501	886	927	1,884	1,239	3,556	15,104
1974									
March	3,286	1,005	264	426	506	4,326	1,266	2,670	13,749
June	5,911	1,190	598	1,194	804	1,404	2,110	3,296	16,505
Sept.	9,039	1,662	409	606	1,189	1,374	2,979	3,528	20,786

(a) Comprises hotels, etc., other business premises, religion, entertainment and recreation and miscellaneous.

TABLE 4. - NUMBER AND VALUE OF HOUSES COMPLETED BY
CONTRACT BUILDERS FOR PRIVATE OWNERSHIP
CLASSIFIED BY VALUE OF HOUSE AND MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS

Value of house	Brick, concrete and stone	Brick- veneer	Timber	Asbestos- cement	Other	Total houses
1973-74						
NUMBER OF HOUSES (a)						
Under - \$ 8,000	..	..	..	2	1	3
\$ 8,000 - \$ 9,999	..	..	..	1	2	3
\$10,000 - \$11,999	..	1	..	1	..	2
\$12,000 - \$13,999	1	..	1	3	3	8
\$14,000 - \$15,999	15	2	..	3	2	22
\$16,000 - \$17,999	4	..	1	11	1	17
\$18,000 - \$19,999	4	3	..	27	..	34
\$20,000 - \$21,999	5	2	..	10	1	18
\$22,000 and over	16	8	3	10	2	39
Total	45	16	5	68	12	146
TOTAL VALUE OF HOUSES (\$'000) (a)						
Under - \$ 8,000	..	..	..	8	6	14
\$ 8,000 - \$ 9,999	..	..	..	9	17	26
\$10,000 - \$11,999	..	10	..	10	..	20
\$12,000 - \$13,999	12	..	12	38	41	103
\$14,000 - \$15,999	225	30	..	46	32	332
\$16,000 - \$17,999	66	..	16	181	16	279
\$18,000 - \$19,999	75	56	..	487	..	618
\$20,000 - \$21,999	101	44	..	202	20	367
\$22,000 and over	416	235	87	273	55	1,066
Total	895	375	115	1,254	188	2,825
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NUMBER OF HOUSES (b)						
Under - \$ 8,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
\$ 8,000 - \$ 9,999	..	..	..	1	..	1
\$10,000 - \$11,999	..	..	..	..	..	..
\$12,000 - \$13,999	..	..	..	..	..	..
\$14,000 - \$15,999	..	..	..	..	..	..
\$16,000 - \$17,999	3	..	..	1	..	4
\$18,000 - \$19,999	2	..	..	4	..	6
\$20,000 - \$21,999	2	..	..	11	..	13
\$22,000 and over	8	9	..	2	3	22
Total	15	9	..	19	3	46
TOTAL VALUE OF HOUSES (\$'000) (b)						
Under - \$ 8,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
\$ 8,000 - \$ 9,999	..	..	..	9	..	9
\$10,000 - \$11,999	..	..	..	..	..	..
\$12,000 - \$13,999	..	..	..	..	..	..
\$14,000 - \$15,999	..	..	..	..	..	..
\$16,000 - \$17,999	48	..	..	17	..	65
\$18,000 - \$19,999	36	..	..	73	..	109
\$20,000 - \$21,999	40	..	..	220	..	260
\$22,000 and over	266	276	..	58	82	682
Total	390	276	..	377	82	1,125

(a) Includes alterations and additions in this issue. In following issues alterations and additions will be excluded so that the whole table is on a comparable basis. (b) Excludes alterations and additions.

TABLE 5. - NUMBER OF DWELLINGS COMPLETED
GREATER DARWIN, ALICE SPRINGS AND OTHER RECORDED AREAS (a)

Period		Greater Darwin (b)	Alice Springs	Other recorded areas	Total
Year ended -					
30 June	1970	1,050	247	128	1,425
30 June	1971	685	263	274	1,222
30 June	1972	1,071	227	681	1,979
30 June	1973	933	245	243	1,421
30 June	1974	1,066	136	203	1,405
Quarter ended -					
June	1973	235	55	45	335
September	1973	408	22	30	460
December	1973	188	67	48	303
March	1974	300	22	29	351
June	1974	170	25	96	291
September	1974	386	15	27	428

(a) Includes alterations and additions. (b) Area as defined in the Schedule to the Darwin Acquisition Act (No. 24 of 1945).

TABLE 6. - NUMBER OF PERSONS WORKING ON BUILDING JOBS
(Excludes persons working on owner-built houses)

Period		Occupation						Total
		Carpenters	Brick-layers	Painters	Electricians	Plumbers	Builders' labourers	
At -								
30 June	1970	476	134	134	89	126	344	1,668
30 June	1971	731	176	174	122	174	477	2,643
30 June	1972	614	177	150	123	136	339	1,875
29 June	1973	598	183	120	170	170	485	2,152
28 September	1973	576	178	138	177	165	444	2,130
15 December	1973	560	167	145	178	158	474	2,075
29 March	1974	400	120	136	111	134	356	1,571
28 June	1974	511	223	168	161	163	432	2,044
30 September	1974	738	210	177	192	212	518	2,508
Period		Occupational status -			Type of building work -			Total
		Contractors	Sub-contractors	Wage earners	Dwellings	Repairs and maintenance	Other building work (a)	
At -								
30 June	1970	79	290	1,299	667	45	956	1,668
30 June	1971	66	346	2,231	1,300	69	1,274	2,643
30 June	1972	47	323	1,505	774	72	1,029	1,875
29 June	1973	79	322	1,751	661	17	1,474	2,152
28 September	1973	74	460	1,596	647	9	1,430	2,130
15 December	1973	78	449	1,548	624	21	1,474	2,075
29 March	1974	67	311	1,198	397	108	1,066	1,571
28 June	1974	75	405	1,564	707	139	1,198	2,044
30 September	1974	71	391	2,046	868	135	1,505	2,508

(a) Includes persons working on alterations and additions carried out by builders of new buildings.

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