

BUILDING APPROVALS: AUSTRALIA, JANUARY 1972

Reference No. 3.2

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 authorised by government authorities. They relate only to approvals for building, as distinct from the construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks, water storages, etc.

Values shown represent the estimated cost when completed (excluding cost of land) of new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings.

Alterations and additions of \$10,000 and over are included with new buildings. Alterations and additions of less than \$10,000 are shown separately.

Building is classified as "Private" or "Government" according to ownership.

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.

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

TABLE 1. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

	Number of new houses and flats approved				Total value of all building approved (\$ million)	
	Private		Total : Private and government		Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)		
1971 January	8,326	10,869	9,511	12,410	222.7	258.6
February	8,954	10,040	10,114	11,625	227.6	262.3
March	10,965	9,878	12,672	11,442	259.7	237.1
April	10,231	10,655	11,616	12,419	245.2	264.0
May	10,260	9,865	11,181	10,568	259.1	246.1
June	11,330	11,007	13,222	12,682	254.7	218.3
July	11,465	10,967	12,439	12,075	253.0	246.5
August	12,197	11,324	13,186	r12,190	302.3	305.9
September	11,180	10,297	12,659	11,793	r288.7	r275.3
October	11,089	11,197	12,287	12,044	248.4	248.6
November	11,474	10,815	12,997	12,297	283.6	279.0
December	10,519	11,269	r11,653	r12,137	r243.7	r258.2
1972 January	8,458	11,306	9,247	12,499	189.0	228.5

- (a) In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but additionally of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators - 1971" (Reference No. 1.10) issued on 2 July 1971.

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TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

	Private			Government			Total		
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual living units)									
July	13,251	9,722	11,465	1,778	1,458	974	15,029	11,180	12,439
Aug.	12,246	9,853	12,197	1,526	1,771	989	13,772	11,624	13,186
Sept.	12,151	11,225	11,180	1,547	1,806	1,479	13,698	13,031	12,659
Oct.	12,597	10,828	11,089	1,802	2,141	1,198	14,399	12,969	12,287
Nov.	11,792	10,342	11,474	1,888	1,455	1,523	13,680	11,797	12,997
Dec.	12,027	10,310	10,519	1,660	1,799	r1,134	13,687	12,109	r11,653
Jan.	9,130	8,326	8,458	843	1,185	789	9,973	9,511	9,247
Feb.	11,169	8,954		1,052	1,160		12,221	10,114	
March	11,276	10,965		1,348	1,707		12,624	12,672	
April	12,534	10,231		1,054	1,385		13,588	11,616	
May	9,916	10,260		1,391	921		11,307	11,181	
June	9,974	11,330		1,979	1,892		11,953	13,222	
Year	138,063	122,346		17,868	18,680		155,931	141,026	
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	124,099	99,958	123,218	14,242	12,109	8,377	138,341	112,067	131,594
Aug.	114,906	100,228	132,248	12,047	14,872	8,918	126,953	115,100	141,165
Sept.	115,415	112,671	119,521	12,517	15,878	13,650	127,932	128,549	133,170
Oct.	116,413	111,273	122,508	14,338	19,099	11,609	130,751	130,371	134,118
Nov.	110,195	105,995	124,857	14,691	12,158	13,490	124,886	118,153	138,347
Dec.	115,836	103,985	113,144	14,447	15,108	r10,025	130,285	119,092	r123,471
Jan.	91,421	88,522	93,975	6,945	10,167	7,949	98,366	98,689	101,923
Feb.	113,014	94,266		8,640	10,461		121,654	104,727	
March	109,770	115,858		11,047	15,862		120,817	131,720	
April	124,186	111,117		9,063	12,453		133,249	123,569	
May	98,526	111,045		12,587	8,683		111,113	119,731	
June	104,167	119,169		17,105	16,078		121,272	135,247	
Year	1,337,948	1,274,087		147,669	162,928		1,485,617	1,437,015	
VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	65,727	99,585	74,589	31,398	27,552	29,680	97,125	127,137	104,269
Aug.	51,686	54,276	95,076	22,635	23,909	46,931	74,321	78,186	142,007
Sept.	54,922	60,285	r86,891	41,146	47,039	50,852	96,068	107,324	r137,744
Oct.	58,617	93,035	61,549	46,294	35,317	33,003	104,911	128,352	94,553
Nov.	57,972	84,685	101,031	28,631	32,526	23,991	86,603	117,211	125,023
Dec.	66,225	61,248	58,198	55,546	37,610	r46,464	121,771	98,857	r104,661
Jan.	68,048	54,293	37,384	46,661	57,685	35,850	114,709	111,978	73,235
Feb.	46,912	60,631		32,403	48,392		79,315	109,023	
March	91,007	76,458		32,047	33,552		123,054	110,011	
April	90,269	63,075		34,035	42,386		124,304	105,462	
May	76,140	65,591		37,967	57,031		114,107	122,622	
June	88,693	69,051		55,727	32,929		144,420	101,980	
Year	816,218	842,213		464,490	475,928		1,280,708	1,318,143	

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TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA - continued

	Private			Government			Total		
	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
VALUE OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	189,826	199,543	197,808	45,640	39,661	38,057	235,466	239,204	235,863
Aug.	166,592	154,504	227,324	34,682	38,781	55,850	201,274	193,286	283,171
Sept.	170,337	172,956	r206,412	53,663	62,917	64,502	224,000	235,873	r270,915
Oct.	175,030	204,308	184,057	60,632	54,416	44,612	235,662	258,723	228,671
Nov.	168,167	190,680	225,888	43,322	44,684	37,481	211,489	235,364	263,370
Dec.	182,061	165,233	171,342	69,993	52,718	r56,489	252,054	217,949	r227,832
Jan.	159,469	142,815	131,359	53,606	67,852	43,801	213,075	210,667	175,158
Feb.	159,926	154,897		41,043	58,853		200,969	213,750	
March	200,777	192,316		43,094	49,414		243,871	241,731	
April	214,455	174,192		43,098	54,839		257,553	229,031	
May	174,666	176,636		50,554	65,714		225,220	242,353	
June	192,860	188,221		72,832	49,007		265,692	237,226	
Year	2,154,166	2,116,301		612,159	638,856		2,766,325	2,755,157	
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (LESS THAN \$10,000) APPROVED									
July	13,633	15,287	16,622	680	479	541	14,313	15,765	17,162
Aug.	13,413	14,040	18,596	323	476	529	13,736	14,517	19,126
Sept.	14,442	16,109	17,337	348	321	451	14,790	16,432	17,787
Oct.	15,183	16,319	19,308	311	397	381	15,494	16,716	19,689
Nov.	14,135	16,455	19,810	469	311	410	14,604	16,767	20,223
Dec.	11,626	13,721	15,561	320	292	323	11,946	14,012	15,884
Jan.	10,777	11,607	13,587	433	402	214	11,210	12,010	13,800
Feb.	13,003	13,521		315	312		13,318	13,834	
March	14,612	17,560		655	421		15,267	17,982	
April	15,766	15,770		381	397		16,147	16,167	
May	13,450	16,269		396	436		13,846	16,705	
June	13,661	17,066		478	380		14,139	17,447	
Year	163,701	183,724		5,109	4,624		168,810	188,354	
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	203,459	214,829	214,429	46,320	40,139	38,599	249,779	254,968	253,027
Aug.	180,005	168,546	245,921	35,005	39,255	56,378	215,010	207,804	302,299
Sept.	184,779	189,064	r223,750	54,011	63,237	64,953	238,790	252,302	r288,703
Oct.	190,213	220,627	203,365	60,943	54,812	44,994	251,156	275,440	248,360
Nov.	182,302	207,133	245,699	43,791	44,994	37,894	226,093	252,127	283,591
Dec.	193,687	178,952	186,903	70,313	53,009	r56,811	264,000	231,962	r243,715
Jan.	170,246	154,421	144,945	54,039	68,255	44,015	224,285	222,677	188,959
Feb.	172,929	168,416		41,358	59,166		214,287	227,582	
March	215,389	209,878		43,749	49,836		259,138	259,713	
April	230,221	189,962		43,479	55,234		273,700	245,197	
May	188,116	192,908		50,950	66,152		239,066	259,059	
June	206,521	205,285		73,310	49,387		279,831	254,671	
Year	2,317,867	2,300,021		617,268	643,476		2,935,135	2,943,503	

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TABLE 3. - BUILDING APPROVALS, STATES
(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual living units)									
Year 1969-70	54,959	40,369	17,920	12,506	20,637	3,436	2,534	3,570	155,931
1970-71	49,773	34,350	20,819	13,914	13,718	3,191	1,370	3,891	141,026
1971 January	3,380	1,685	1,470	1,038	1,340	228	35	335	9,511
February	3,384	2,640	1,462	1,011	1,004	199	21	393	10,114
March	4,451	2,870	2,138	1,145	933	347	380	408	12,672
April	3,967	2,751	1,616	1,306	1,444	231	60	241	11,616
May	4,236	2,779	1,559	1,063	946	217	140	241	11,181
June	4,490	3,231	2,279	1,440	1,085	234	220	243	13,222
July	4,689	2,972	2,232	988	952	243	39	324	12,439
August	4,645	3,170	2,230	1,229	974	228	213	497	13,186
September	4,037	3,406	2,121	1,347	949	350	149	300	12,659
October	4,029	3,005	2,127	1,106	1,098	276	126	520	12,287
November	4,183	3,447	2,255	1,226	1,199	283	66	338	12,997
December	3,900	2,921	2,010	1,108	1,177	252	66	219	11,653
1972 January	3,603	1,872	1,456	874	779	206	233	224	9,247

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (\$'000)

Year 1969-70	521,068	364,916	164,271	103,718	224,768	32,175	33,106	41,595	1,485,617
1970-71	527,774	336,044	200,029	120,051	152,889	30,656	18,025	51,547	1,437,015
1971 January	35,751	17,179	14,710	8,279	16,003	2,194	407	4,166	98,689
February	37,642	26,273	14,274	8,615	10,743	1,867	408	4,905	104,727
March	49,147	29,669	19,551	9,703	10,646	3,308	4,822	4,874	131,720
April	42,502	28,508	15,866	11,098	19,001	2,267	954	3,373	123,569
May	48,424	28,239	15,896	9,370	10,184	2,151	2,038	3,429	119,731
June	47,666	32,532	22,096	12,323	11,836	2,364	2,892	3,538	135,247
July	49,480	31,516	22,812	9,224	10,870	2,585	633	4,474	131,594
August	52,420	32,745	22,378	10,980	11,490	2,476	2,839	5,837	141,165
September	44,306	35,149	21,136	12,099	11,289	3,482	1,859	3,850	133,170
October	45,745	31,425	22,992	10,104	12,586	2,910	1,681	6,675	134,118
November	46,801	35,645	22,660	11,924	13,161	2,951	755	4,450	138,347
December	42,260	30,285	20,232	10,266	13,798	2,666	748	2,916	123,171
1972 January	39,906	20,642	15,011	8,700	8,917	2,115	3,129	3,503	101,923

VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)

Year 1969-70	454,023	319,218	141,739	85,334	155,913	27,364	35,328	61,789	1,280,708
1970-71	489,269	289,864	173,539	89,303	154,791	37,388	33,270	50,719	1,318,143
1971 January	35,838	22,281	13,993	9,330	10,618	6,283	2,899	10,736	111,978
February	24,066	38,828	19,875	5,164	17,084	2,092	1,273	841	109,023
March	38,084	25,144	11,697	11,741	9,434	5,910	1,827	6,174	110,011
April	43,454	25,485	13,189	5,742	11,131	3,404	1,007	2,050	105,462
May	56,558	26,042	11,494	10,042	9,919	2,073	2,479	4,015	122,622
June	31,429	21,704	13,663	6,603	11,418	2,301	10,699	4,163	101,980
July	37,936	26,031	11,973	10,214	14,696	975	880	1,564	104,269
August	55,376	39,666	12,669	13,675	12,776	5,651	1,418	776	142,007
September	38,916	43,515	12,226	16,957	13,567	3,120	1,210	8,233	137,744
October	32,065	19,600	10,586	8,795	15,871	4,103	1,495	2,038	94,553
November	58,078	28,349	10,289	9,244	6,673	1,670	2,563	8,157	125,023
December	53,242	27,687	12,728	13,757	4,237	1,215	938	857	104,651
1972 January	24,345	15,522	8,442	5,226	13,863	1,688	3,647	502	73,235

TABLE 3. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES - continued
(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1969-70	975,091	684,134	306,010	189,052	380,681	59,539	68,434	103,384	2,766,325
1970-71	1,017,043	625,908	373,568	209,354	307,680	68,043	51,295	102,266	2,755,157
1971 January	71,589	39,460	28,703	17,609	26,621	8,477	3,306	14,902	210,667
February	61,708	65,101	34,149	13,779	27,827	3,959	1,481	5,746	213,750
March	87,231	54,813	31,248	21,444	20,080	9,218	6,649	11,048	241,731
April	85,956	53,993	29,055	16,840	30,132	5,671	1,961	5,423	229,031
May	104,982	54,281	27,390	19,412	20,103	4,224	4,517	7,444	242,353
June	79,095	54,236	35,759	18,926	23,254	4,664	13,591	7,701	237,226
July	87,416	57,547	34,785	19,438	25,566	3,560	1,513	6,038	235,863
August	107,796	72,411	35,047	24,655	24,266	8,127	4,257	6,612	283,171
September	83,222	78,664	33,362	29,056	24,856	6,602	3,069	12,084	270,915
October	77,810	51,025	33,578	18,899	28,457	7,013	3,176	8,713	228,671
November	104,879	63,994	32,949	21,168	19,834	4,621	3,318	12,607	263,370
December	95,502	57,972	32,960	14,023	18,035	3,881	1,686	2,773	227,632
1972 January	64,251	36,164	23,453	13,926	22,780	3,803	6,776	4,005	175,158
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (LESS THAN \$10,000) APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1969-70	68,135	47,788	15,640	16,665	14,427	2,736	957	2,462	168,810
1970-71	78,755	51,987	16,916	17,268	15,905	3,056	1,057	3,410	188,354
1971 January	4,990	3,065	1,043	1,315	1,057	208	66	266	12,010
February	5,579	3,899	1,312	1,318	1,121	255	79	271	13,834
March	7,355	5,328	1,549	1,593	1,500	290	45	322	17,982
April	6,802	4,625	1,564	1,192	1,327	284	100	273	16,167
May	7,306	4,310	1,412	1,588	1,394	294	66	335	16,705
June	7,751	4,394	1,754	1,559	1,366	242	117	264	17,447
July	7,331	4,749	1,474	1,531	1,289	293	49	446	17,162
August	8,615	5,258	1,577	1,623	1,362	293	66	332	19,126
September	7,034	5,085	1,752	1,812	1,396	366	49	293	17,787
October	8,469	5,588	1,600	1,659	1,553	399	80	341	19,689
November	8,623	5,600	1,610	1,974	1,571	407	95	343	20,223
December	6,783	4,592	1,192	1,440	1,243	238	63	333	15,884
1972 January	6,356	3,463	1,011	1,341	1,023	190	112	304	13,800
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1969-70	1,043,226	731,922	321,650	205,717	395,108	62,275	69,391	105,846	2,935,135
1970-71	1,095,797	677,895	390,481	226,622	323,585	71,096	52,351	105,676	2,943,503
1971 January	76,579	42,525	29,746	18,924	27,678	8,685	3,372	15,168	222,677
February	67,287	69,000	35,461	15,097	28,948	4,213	1,560	6,017	227,583
March	94,586	60,141	32,797	23,037	21,580	9,507	6,694	11,371	259,713
April	92,757	58,618	30,618	18,032	31,459	5,956	2,064	5,696	245,197
May	112,288	58,591	28,802	21,000	21,497	4,519	4,583	7,779	259,059
June	86,846	58,630	37,512	20,485	24,620	4,906	13,708	7,964	254,671
July	94,747	62,296	36,260	20,969	26,855	3,853	1,562	6,485	253,027
August	116,411	77,669	36,624	26,278	25,628	8,420	4,325	6,944	302,299
September	90,257	83,749	35,115	30,868	26,252	6,968	3,117	12,377	288,703
October	86,279	56,613	35,178	20,558	30,010	7,413	3,255	9,054	248,360
November	113,502	69,594	34,558	23,142	21,405	5,027	3,413	12,950	283,591
December	102,285	62,564	34,151	15,463	19,278	4,119	1,749	4,106	243,715
1972 January	70,608	39,627	24,465	15,267	23,803	3,992	6,888	4,309	188,959

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TABLE 4. - TOTAL VALUE OF PRIVATE BUILDING APPROVED, BY TYPE OF BUILDING : AUSTRALIA
(\$'000)

Period	Houses	Flats	Hotels, hostels, etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises
Year 1969-70	986,727	351,221	97,066	92,883	172,954	231,181	99,142
1970-71	1,002,412	271,675	87,687	93,596	198,681	226,678	91,427
1971 January	69,799	18,723	4,571	5,105	9,633	13,827	7,940
February	76,795	17,471	6,232	11,560	15,815	10,243	7,362
March	90,898	24,959	11,064	4,995	17,512	26,668	7,904
April	88,059	23,058	5,824	7,433	17,549	14,801	4,893
May	86,862	24,183	4,164	13,154	17,825	13,634	6,841
June	93,768	25,401	7,614	6,341	22,280	13,968	7,946
July	97,628	25,590	7,688	8,449	17,831	14,447	14,458
August	103,216	29,032	7,295	7,747	15,787	45,178	7,891
September	93,451	26,071	11,780	12,853	12,021	r30,540	6,896
October	100,276	22,231	5,170	6,962	13,615	16,773	7,298
November	98,888	25,969	6,666	13,110	12,815	45,583	11,331
December	85,658	27,488	3,471	5,769	12,289	21,595	5,280
1972 January	74,569	19,405	3,997	7,275	7,736	6,395	4,818

Period	Education	Reli- gion	Health	Entertain- ment and recreation	Miscel- laneous	Alterations and addi- tions (a)	TOTAL
Year 1969-70	29,763	13,536	22,654	33,947	23,092	163,701	2,317,867
1970-71	33,038	10,770	27,460	37,739	35,151	183,724	2,300,021
1971 January	4,818	846	2,082	1,802	3,670	11,607	154,421
February	1,642	580	360	2,616	4,225	13,521	168,416
March	1,382	847	1,150	2,511	2,424	17,560	209,878
April	1,339	779	6,711	2,524	1,224	15,770	189,962
May	2,973	727	1,727	2,445	2,099	16,269	192,908
June	1,253	1,001	2,883	3,470	2,298	17,066	205,285
July	2,624	910	1,981	3,488	2,715	16,622	214,429
August	2,681	1,259	3,474	1,694	2,072	18,596	245,921
September	2,593	830	1,791	4,414	3,173	17,337	223,750
October	1,763	1,365	1,569	2,675	4,356	19,308	203,365
November	4,273	634	2,094	3,150	1,376	19,810	245,659
December	3,015	586	1,399	3,320	1,476	15,561	186,903
1972 January	1,059	802	1,601	3,120	582	13,587	144,945

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TABLE 5. - TOTAL VALUE OF GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED, BY TYPE OF BUILDING : AUSTRALIA
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Period	Houses	Flats	Hotels, hostels, etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises
Year 1969-70	116,364	31,305	9,411	553	14,583	63,105	54,564
1970-71	132,605	30,323	4,095	1,047	24,803	99,689	41,541
1971 January	7,655	2,512	17	136	1,481	26,178	4,825
February	6,652	3,809	257	..	1,000	21,235	1,878
March	15,492	370	206	160	2,294	2,838	3,104
April	8,304	4,149	101	64	479	2,176	4,000
May	8,008	676	337	133	1,987	2,080	4,410
June	12,029	4,048	162	53	1,386	6,600	2,881
July	6,374	2,003	565	107	231	2,053	1,421
August	7,800	1,118	700	5,348	1,097
September	10,740	2,910	99	90	4,756	9,071	7,920
October	8,771	2,838	886	151	804	2,441	4,094
November	11,817	1,672	..	16	1,086	1,574	2,656
December	r 8,416	1,609	..	41	r 569	1,141	1,656
1972 January	7,325	624	92	88	662	2,589	2,720

Period	Educ- ation	Reli- gion	Health	Entertain- ment and recreation	Miscel- laneous	Alterations and addi- tions (a)	TOTAL
Year 1969-70	177,135	..	77,524	11,226	56,389	5,109	617,268
1970-71	178,099	..	48,906	12,964	64,780	4,624	643,476
1971 January	16,503	..	4,382	550	3,610	402	68,255
February	13,288	..	6,846	404	3,483	312	59,166
March	15,289	..	6,662	516	2,482	421	49,836
April	22,132	..	4,847	975	7,613	397	55,234
May	21,386	..	5,319	279	21,101	436	66,152
June	13,355	..	2,738	692	5,058	380	49,387
July	14,678	..	4,831	914	4,880	541	38,599
August	29,375	..	7,885	508	2,017	529	56,378
September	19,320	..	6,241	496	2,861	451	64,953
October	15,593	..	6,025	933	2,078	381	44,994
November	13,187	..	1,919	361	3,192	410	37,894
December	16,981	..	22,743	80	3,253	323	r 56,811
1972 January	20,355	..	6,587	421	2,336	214	44,015

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