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DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES, NEW SOUTH WALES, MAY 1993

NOTE: There was a break in series from November 1990. For more information, see paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes.

MAIN FEATURES

The total number of dwelling units commenced in New South Wales in May 1993 (3,684) was 6% higher than the previous month (3,479) and 8% lower than May 1992 (4,009).

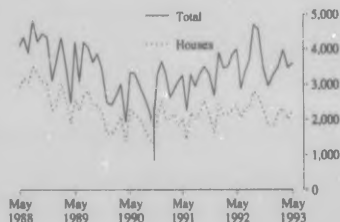
The number of Houses commenced in New South Wales in May 1993 (2,317) was 16% higher than in the previous month (2,001) while in the Sydney Statistical Division the increase was 8%.

The number of dwelling units in Other residential buildings commenced in May 1993 (1,367) was 8% lower than the previous month (1,478).

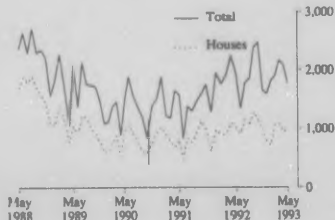
For the eleven months ended May 1993 the total number of dwelling units commenced (40,687) was 8% higher than for the corresponding period in 1992 (37,775).

For the eleven months ended May 1993 the total number of dwelling units in Other residential buildings commenced (15,767) was 16% higher than for the corresponding period in 1992 (13,617). The corresponding increase for Houses was 3%, from 24,158 to 24,920.

DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN NSW



DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN SYDNEY



Indicates a break in series.

INQUIRIES

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NOTES

The statistics on dwelling unit commencements are compiled from data supplied in monthly reports provided by local and other government authorities. The statistics relate to the number of new dwelling units reported as commencements of new houses and new other residential buildings.

Explanatory notes are provided at the back of this publication.

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Unpublished data

The ABS can make available certain dwelling commencements data which are not published, such as floor area, type of other residential building, material of roof and floor, sub-LGA level data and value ranges. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided in the following forms:

- Photocopy
- Microfiche
- Computer printout
- Clerically extracted tabulation

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TABLE 1. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED, NSW
(Number of dwelling units)

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
1989-90	25,048	10,406	35,454	463	2,462	2,925	25,511	12,868	38,379
1990-91	22,328	9,452	31,780	516	1,916	2,432	22,844	11,368	34,212
1991-92	25,183	11,403	36,586	1,033	3,038	4,071	26,216	14,441	40,657
July-May—									
1991-92	23,162	10,680	33,842	996	2,937	3,933	24,158	13,617	37,775
1992-93	24,257	13,466	37,723	663	2,301	2,964	24,920	15,767	40,687
1992—									
May	2,334	1,275	3,609	64	336	400	2,398	1,611	4,009
June	2,021	723	2,744	37	101	138	2,058	824	2,882
July	2,261	937	3,198	58	115	173	2,319	1,052	3,371
August	2,353	1,185	3,538	43	116	159	2,396	1,301	3,697
September	2,730	1,156	3,886	80	745	825	2,810	1,901	4,711
October	2,618	1,703	4,321	19	232	251	2,637	1,935	4,572
November	2,369	1,111	3,380	28	54	82	2,397	1,165	3,462
December	1,753	1,082	2,835	59	69	128	1,812	1,151	2,963
1993—									
January	1,733	1,363	3,096	64	104	168	1,797	1,467	3,264
February	2,124	899	3,023	89	388	477	2,213	1,287	3,500
March	2,237	1,388	3,625	84	275	359	2,321	1,663	3,984
April	1,951	1,420	3,371	50	58	108	2,001	1,478	3,479
May	2,228	1,222	3,450	89	145	234	2,317	1,367	3,684

TABLE 2. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN SELECTED STATISTICAL DIVISIONS
(Number of dwelling units)

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1989-90	10,404	6,075	16,479	161	1,568	1,729	10,565	7,643	18,208
1990-91	9,110	5,527	14,637	226	1,445	1,671	9,336	6,972	16,308
1991-92	10,479	6,612	17,091	600	2,275	2,875	11,079	8,887	19,966
1992—									
May	973	723	1,696	28	217	245	1,001	940	1,941
June	899	335	1,234	21	99	120	920	434	1,354
July	1,107	576	1,683	47	54	101	1,154	630	1,784
August	1,066	667	1,733	20	100	120	1,086	767	1,853
September	1,259	612	1,871	28	490	518	1,287	1,102	2,389
October	1,135	1,231	2,366	14	90	104	1,149	1,321	2,470
November	967	655	1,622	16	25	41	983	680	1,663
December	752	749	1,501	44	60	104	796	809	1,605
1993—									
January	691	1,021	1,712	31	68	99	722	1,089	1,811
February	1,027	536	1,563	46	297	343	1,073	833	1,906
March	1,041	909	1,950	42	166	208	1,083	1,075	2,158
April	918	1,114	2,032	30	36	66	948	1,150	2,098
May	992	735	1,727	34	68	102	1,026	803	1,829

TABLE 2. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN SELECTED STATISTICAL DIVISIONS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1989-90	2,740	977	3,717	28	237	265	2,768	1,214	3,982
1990-91	2,453	763	3,216	45	228	273	2,498	991	3,489
1991-92	3,135	1,446	4,581	128	242	370	3,263	1,688	4,951
1992—									
May	273	130	403	11	45	56	284	175	459
June	236	135	371	10	—	10	246	135	381
July	275	151	426	—	—	—	275	151	426
August	348	208	556	3	—	3	351	208	559
September	326	158	484	5	119	124	331	277	608
October	314	138	452	1	20	21	315	148	463
November	233	101	334	3	—	3	236	101	337
December	222	74	296	2	5	7	224	79	303
1993—									
January	225	105	330	17	—	17	242	105	347
February	251	71	322	11	31	42	262	102	364
March	287	160	447	11	14	25	298	174	472
April	180	125	305	6	4	10	186	129	315
May	269	133	402	6	—	6	275	133	408
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1989-90	2,678	590	3,268	32	198	230	2,710	788	3,498
1990-91	2,300	396	2,696	46	81	127	2,346	477	2,823
1991-92	2,368	553	2,921	94	209	303	2,462	762	3,224
1992—									
May	177	49	226	12	47	59	189	96	285
June	181	59	240	—	—	—	181	59	240
July	212	60	272	—	52	52	212	112	324
August	207	104	311	—	—	—	207	104	311
September	184	89	273	—	32	32	184	121	305
October	223	54	277	—	69	69	223	123	346
November	264	108	372	—	21	21	264	129	393
December	159	74	233	—	—	—	159	74	233
1993—									
January	162	66	228	3	—	3	165	66	231
February	208	102	310	9	35	44	217	137	354
March	119	78	197	2	37	39	121	115	236
April	179	43	222	—	—	—	179	43	222
May	204	109	313	—	—	—	204	109	313
BALANCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES									
1989-90	9,226	2,765	11,991	251	493	730	9,477	3,244	12,720
1990-91	8,465	2,766	11,231	199	162	361	8,664	2,928	11,592
1991-92	9,201	2,792	11,993	211	312	523	9,412	3,104	12,516
1992—									
May	911	373	1,284	13	27	40	924	400	1,324
June	705	194	899	6	2	8	711	196	907
July	667	150	817	11	9	20	678	159	837
August	732	206	938	20	16	36	752	222	974
September	961	297	1,258	47	104	151	1,008	401	1,409
October	946	280	1,226	4	63	67	950	343	1,293
November	805	247	1,052	9	8	17	814	255	1,069
December	620	185	805	13	4	17	633	189	822
1993—									
January	655	171	826	13	36	49	668	207	875
February	638	190	828	23	25	48	661	215	876
March	790	241	1,031	29	58	87	819	299	1,118
April	674	138	812	14	18	32	688	156	844
May	763	245	1,008	49	77	126	812	322	1,134

TABLE 3. HOUSES COMMENCED, BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS, NSW

Period	Double brick (a)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Other and not stated	Total
PRIVATE SECTOR						
1989-90	3,658	17,627	1,806	1,655	302	25,048
1990-91	3,263	15,807	1,480	1,447	331	22,328
1991-92	3,116	18,747	1,239	1,757	324	25,183
1992—						
June	190	1,578	96	133	24	2,021
July	219	1,754	103	148	37	2,261
August	231	1,863	94	138	27	2,353
September	297	2,151	86	165	31	2,730
October	303	1,970	137	175	33	2,618
November	253	1,735	105	146	30	2,269
December	235	1,274	79	132	33	1,753
1993—						
January	228	1,256	82	134	33	1,733
February	210	1,663	65	147	39	2,124
March	291	1,665	101	150	30	2,237
April	264	1,424	101	124	38	1,951
May	328	1,590	94	149	67	2,228
PUBLIC SECTOR						
1989-90	6	427	4	29	2	463
1990-91	18	479	3	8	11	516
1991-92	20	991	9	2	11	1,033
1992—						
June	1	36	—	—	—	37
July	9	49	—	—	—	58
August	3	37	3	—	—	43
September	2	75	1	2	—	80
October	1	18	—	—	—	19
November	2	26	—	—	—	28
December	9	49	—	—	1	59
1993—						
January	1	63	—	—	—	64
February	1	88	—	—	—	89
March	2	82	—	—	—	84
April	11	39	—	—	—	50
May	15	73	—	—	1	89
TOTAL						
1989-90	3,664	18,054	1,809	1,680	304	25,511
1990-91	3,281	16,286	1,482	1,453	342	22,844
1991-92	3,136	19,738	1,248	1,759	335	26,216
1992—						
June	191	1,614	96	133	24	2,058
July	228	1,803	103	148	37	2,319
August	234	1,900	97	138	27	2,396
September	299	2,226	87	167	31	2,810
October	304	1,988	137	175	33	2,637
November	255	1,761	105	146	30	2,297
December	244	1,323	79	132	34	1,812
1993—						
January	229	1,319	82	134	33	1,797
February	211	1,751	65	147	39	2,213
March	293	1,747	101	150	30	2,321
April	275	1,463	101	124	38	2,001
May	343	1,663	94	149	68	2,317

(a) Includes houses constructed with outer walls of stone or concrete.

TABLE 4. HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Statistical division	April 1993					Total	May 1993					Total
	Double brick (a)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Other and not stated		Double brick (a)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Other and not stated	
PRIVATE SECTOR												
Sydney	105	749	11	42	11	918	128	768	9	57	30	992
Hunter	29	110	14	14	11	180	57	164	26	19	3	269
Illawarra	4	148	8	15	4	179	14	168	4	14	4	204
Richmond — Tweed	8	94	1	10	1	114	8	89	1	17	1	116
Mid-North Coast	40	141	10	26	3	220	36	153	11	16	10	226
Northern	15	31	14	6	1	67	21	35	12	4	1	73
North Western	10	32	6	1	2	51	3	44	7	1	1	56
Central West	24	21	7	3	—	55	20	37	9	3	2	71
South Eastern	10	30	17	4	1	62	24	68	8	16	8	124
Murrumbidgee	14	36	6	1	—	57	9	36	6	—	2	53
Murray	4	30	5	2	4	45	8	28	1	2	2	41
Far West	1	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
New South Wales	264	1,424	101	124	38	1,951	328	1,590	94	149	67	2,228
PUBLIC SECTOR												
Sydney	7	23	—	—	—	30	11	22	—	—	1	34
Hunter	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	6	—	—	—	6
Illawarra	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Richmond — Tweed	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	2
Mid North Coast	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	24	—	—	—	24
Northern	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	—	—	5
North Western	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	7	—	—	—	9
Central West	1	2	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	2
South Eastern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	4
Murrumbidgee	3	2	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	1
Murray	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
New South Wales	11	39	—	—	—	50	15	73	—	—	1	89
TOTAL												
Sydney	112	772	11	42	11	948	139	790	9	57	31	1,026
Hunter	29	116	16	14	11	186	57	170	26	19	3	275
Illawarra	4	148	8	15	4	179	14	168	4	14	4	204
Richmond — Tweed	8	95	1	10	1	115	8	91	1	17	1	118
Mid-North Coast	40	143	10	26	3	222	36	177	11	16	10	250
Northern	15	33	14	6	1	69	21	40	12	4	1	78
North Western	10	33	6	1	2	52	5	51	7	1	1	65
Central West	25	23	7	3	—	58	22	37	9	3	2	73
South Eastern	10	30	17	4	1	62	24	72	8	16	8	128
Murrumbidgee	17	38	6	1	—	62	9	37	6	—	2	54
Murray	4	30	5	2	4	45	8	29	1	2	2	42
Far West	1	2	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	3	4
New South Wales	275	1,463	101	124	38	2,001	343	1,663	94	149	68	2,317

(a) Includes houses constructed with outer walls of stone or concrete.

TABLE 9. NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, BY TYPE IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS MAY 1993

Statistical division	Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. of		Flats, units or apartments in a building of					Unknown or not stated	Total
	1 storey	2 or more storeys	Total	1-2 storeys	3 storeys	4 or more storeys	Total		
	NUMBER								
Sydney	276	108	384	143	64	210	417	2	803
Hunter	109	14	123	10	—	—	10	—	133
Illawarra	51	10	61	48	—	—	48	—	109
Richmond — Tweed	20	—	20	66	—	—	66	—	86
Mid North Coast	35	—	35	29	—	—	29	—	64
Northern	6	—	6	25	—	—	25	—	31
North Western	2	10	12	8	—	—	8	—	20
Central West	12	16	28	5	—	—	5	—	33
South Eastern	9	15	24	50	—	—	50	—	74
Murrumbidgee	—	7	7	2	—	—	2	—	9
Murray	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	3
Far West	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
New South Wales	522	180	702	389	64	210	663	2	1,367
VALUE (\$'000)									
Sydney	19,397	8,230	27,628	11,748	4,560	32,595	48,903	253	76,784
Hunter	6,896	868	7,764	1,400	—	—	1,400	—	9,164
Illawarra	3,136	600	3,736	4,373	—	—	4,373	—	8,109
Richmond — Tweed	1,028	—	1,028	3,715	—	—	3,715	—	4,743
Mid North Coast	2,421	—	2,421	1,610	—	—	1,610	—	4,031
Northern	345	—	345	1,596	—	—	1,596	—	1,941
North Western	100	670	770	525	—	—	525	—	1,295
Central West	649	1,075	1,724	170	—	—	170	—	1,894
South Eastern	500	978	1,477	3,228	—	—	3,228	—	4,706
Murrumbidgee	—	350	350	110	—	—	110	—	460
Murray	—	—	—	170	—	—	170	—	170
Far West	150	—	150	—	—	—	—	—	150
New South Wales	34,620	12,771	47,391	28,645	4,560	32,595	65,800	253	113,445

NEW OTHER RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED, NSW

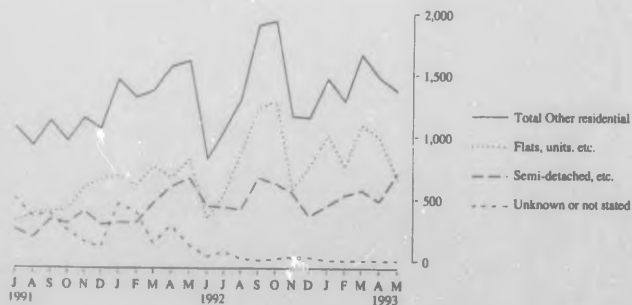


TABLE 6. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1992						1993						1992					
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Botany (M)	4	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Leichhardt (M)	2	2	2	1	—	2	15	18	2	—	18	11	17	20	4	1	18	13
Marrickville (M)	—	—	2	3	2	11	—	—	—	12	278	2	—	—	2	15	280	13
South Sydney (C)	—	1	—	1	1	—	103	15	45	130	8	1	103	16	45	131	9	1
Sydney (C) — Inner & Remainder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	536	—	—	—	—	—	536	—	—	—	—
Inner Sydney SSD	6	3	5	6	3	14	118	569	47	142	304	14	124	572	52	148	307	28
Randwick (M)	12	7	8	11	21	20	24	11	46	68	14	33	36	18	54	79	35	53
Waverley (M)	1	2	1	1	—	2	—	—	2	16	—	191	1	2	3	17	—	193
Woollahra (M)	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	3
Eastern Suburbs SSD	16	9	9	12	21	23	24	11	48	84	14	226	40	20	57	96	35	249
Hurstville (C)	8	5	4	5	4	13	171	12	4	15	27	8	179	17	8	20	31	21
Kogarah (M)	7	1	4	5	5	2	25	—	14	9	10	10	32	1	18	14	15	12
Rockdale (M)	3	2	3	11	5	13	22	12	11	59	—	—	25	14	14	70	5	13
Sutherland (S)	31	28	64	29	43	68	30	35	109	25	116	72	61	63	173	54	159	140
St George — Sutherland SSD	49	36	75	50	57	96	248	59	138	108	153	90	297	95	213	158	210	186
Bankstown (C)	17	25	15	11	18	17	48	54	75	20	33	41	65	79	90	31	51	58
Canterbury (M)	2	2	2	14	9	3	—	2	4	55	2	13	2	4	6	69	11	16
Canterbury — Bankstown SSD	19	27	17	25	27	20	48	56	79	75	35	54	67	83	96	100	62	74
Fairfield (C)	16	30	35	27	32	36	2	11	12	17	20	41	18	41	47	44	52	79
Liverpool (C)	73	99	111	81	54	48	14	44	38	90	23	16	87	143	149	171	77	64
Fairfield — Liverpool SSD	89	129	146	108	86	84	16	55	50	107	43	59	105	184	196	215	170	143
Camden (M)	20	1	17	37	89	70	—	—	—	2	6	6	20	1	17	39	95	76
Campbelltown (C)	27	33	62	80	57	62	14	20	31	27	10	15	41	53	93	107	67	77
Wollondilly (S)	18	18	29	24	26	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	18	29	24	26	11
Outer South Western Sydney SSD	65	52	108	141	172	143	14	20	31	29	16	21	79	72	139	170	188	164
Ashfield (M)	—	1	—	—	2	—	19	10	—	—	—	4	19	11	—	—	2	4
Burwood (M)	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	1	5	2	1	2
Concord (M)	1	1	3	2	1	3	—	—	—	8	—	—	1	1	3	10	1	3
Drummoyle (M)	3	1	2	3	1	1	14	—	—	—	—	5	17	1	2	3	1	6
Strathfield (M)	—	2	—	7	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	2	—	7	3	30
Inner Western Sydney SSD	4	6	5	14	8	10	33	10	5	8	—	35	37	16	10	22	8	45

TABLE 6. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	(Number of dwelling units)																	
	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total							
	1992		1993			1992		1993			1992		1993					
Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION—continued																		
Auburn (M)	6	2	—	1	2	3	40	4	—	—	2	2	46	6	—	1	4	5
Holroyd (M)	10	7	8	21	20	11	21	6	6	9	18	7	31	13	14	30	38	18
Parramatta (C)	4	7	9	10	9	7	6	16	27	28	17	17	10	23	36	38	26	24
Central Western Sydney SSD	20	16	17	32	31	21	67	26	33	37	37	26	87	42	50	69	68	47
Blue Mountains (C)	32	26	40	61	31	34	5	—	2	2	9	—	37	26	42	63	40	34
Hawkesbury (C)	27	28	60	89	31	32	6	17	30	48	10	22	33	45	90	137	41	54
Penrith (C)	64	83	156	139	66	96	23	24	98	22	25	31	87	107	254	161	91	127
Outer Western Sydney SSD	123	137	256	289	128	162	34	41	130	72	44	53	157	178	386	361	172	215
Baulkham Hills (S)	43	24	39	28	31	78	10	10	22	8	6	12	53	34	61	36	37	90
Blacktown (C)	128	72	197	170	139	87	23	22	137	60	53	8	151	94	334	230	192	95
Blacktown—Baulkham Hills SSD	171	96	236	198	170	165	33	32	159	68	59	20	204	128	395	266	229	185
Hunter's Hill (M)	1	3	3	2	3	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	1	5	3	2	3	4
Lane Cove (M)	5	1	4	5	1	4	2	60	—	2	—	2	7	61	4	7	1	6
Mosman (M)	1	3	2	—	—	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	1	11	4	—	—	—
North Sydney (M)	3	1	—	2	4	1	—	—	18	205	77	5	3	1	18	207	81	6
Ryde (C)	20	2	3	14	14	12	15	15	44	4	32	33	35	17	47	18	46	45
Willoughby (C)	3	3	6	2	5	8	22	30	2	—	212	15	25	33	8	2	217	23
Lower Northern Sydney SSD	33	13	18	25	27	27	39	115	66	211	321	57	72	128	84	236	348	84
Hornsby (S)	36	50	43	27	64	72	58	16	21	8	52	54	94	66	64	35	116	126
Ku-ring-gai (M)	15	9	14	3	6	20	7	—	2	—	—	—	22	9	16	3	6	20
Hornsby—Ku-ring-gai SSD	51	59	57	30	70	92	65	16	23	8	52	54	116	75	80	38	122	146
Manly (M)	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	3	1	1	4	4	—	3
Pittwater (M)	7	2	—	11	13	9	—	—	—	4	—	—	7	2	—	15	13	9
Warringah (S)	20	21	6	7	15	10	24	2	—	36	36	8	44	23	6	43	51	18
Northern Beaches SSD	28	24	8	19	28	19	24	2	2	43	36	11	52	26	10	62	64	30
Gosford (C)	56	52	38	72	75	49	14	70	16	70	30	61	70	122	54	142	105	110
Wyong (S)	66	63	78	62	45	101	32	7	6	13	6	22	98	70	84	75	51	123
Gosford—Wyong SSD	122	115	116	134	120	150	46	77	22	83	36	83	168	192	138	217	156	233
SYDNEY SD	796	722	1,873	1,883	948	1,826	889	1,889	833	1,075	1,150	803	1,605	1,811	1,906	2,158	2,898	1,829

TABLE 6. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS — continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1992						1993						1992					
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Cessnock (C)	18	11	21	21	14	32	—	2	—	2	—	10	18	13	21	23	14	42
Lake Macquarie (C)	43	75	66	48	23	111	20	19	12	36	23	83	63	94	78	84	46	194
Maitland (C)	37	23	25	31	24	43	4	—	5	10	17	4	41	23	30	41	41	47
Newcastle (C) — Inner & Remainder	25	32	31	71	36	10	27	26	44	67	65	20	52	58	75	138	101	30
Port Stephens (S)	56	62	57	53	34	31	19	22	13	31	12	14	75	84	70	84	46	45
Newcastle SSD	179	203	200	224	131	227	70	69	74	146	117	131	249	272	274	370	248	358
Dungog (S)	7	2	6	5	10	9	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	2	6	5	10	11
Gloucester (S)	4	2	2	2	1	5	3	—	—	—	4	—	7	2	2	2	5	5
Great Lakes (S)	12	21	24	27	13	4	4	34	20	18	4	—	16	55	44	45	17	4
Merriwa (S)	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	1
Murrumbidgee (S)	1	2	3	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	2	—	2
Muswellbrook (S)	9	5	13	14	13	14	2	2	2	2	—	—	11	7	15	16	13	14
Scone (S)	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—
Singleton (S)	5	5	13	24	18	13	—	—	6	8	4	—	5	5	19	32	22	13
Hunter SD Balance SSD	45	39	62	74	55	48	9	36	28	28	12	2	54	75	90	102	67	50
HUNTER SD	224	242	262	298	186	275	79	105	102	174	129	133	303	347	364	472	315	408
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Kiama (M)	7	16	15	17	6	14	2	—	—	36	—	2	9	16	15	53	6	16
Shellharbour (M)	60	24	35	8	30	38	10	17	31	—	11	35	70	41	66	8	41	73
Wollongong (C)	22	33	71	41	47	44	51	41	104	73	30	18	73	74	175	114	77	62
Wollongong SSD	89	73	121	66	83	96	63	58	135	109	41	55	152	131	256	175	124	151
Shoalhaven (C)	48	63	70	34	65	73	11	8	2	—	2	52	59	71	72	34	67	125
Wingecarribee (S)	22	29	26	21	31	35	—	—	6	—	—	2	22	29	26	27	31	37
Illawarra SD Balance SSD	70	92	96	55	96	108	11	8	2	6	2	54	81	100	98	61	98	162
ILLAWARRA SD	159	165	217	121	179	284	74	66	137	115	43	109	233	231	354	236	222	313

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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1992						1993						1992					
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
RICHMOND — TWEED STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Tweed (S) Pt A	11	12	25	45	40	20	27	14	11	28	12	17	38	26	36	73	52	37
Tweed Heads SSD	11	12	25	45	40	20	27	14	11	28	12	17	38	26	36	73	52	37
Ballina (S)	13	17	26	36	25	24	6	19	34	23	9	18	19	36	60	59	34	42
Byron (S)	17	20	16	15	7	31	—	11	7	—	6	37	17	31	23	15	13	68
Casino (M)	6	1	2	4	3	6	6	—	—	6	—	—	12	1	2	10	3	6
Kyogle (S)	6	6	1	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	1	3	3	1
Lismore (C)	10	12	21	19	23	13	6	4	20	20	5	2	16	16	41	39	28	15
Richmond River (S)	13	4	4	3	—	—	2	4	6	—	—	—	15	8	10	3	—	—
Tweed (S) Pt B	10	9	12	17	14	23	—	12	9	14	5	12	10	21	21	31	19	35
Richmond — Tweed SD Balance SSD	75	69	82	97	75	98	20	50	76	63	25	69	95	119	158	160	100	167
RICHMOND — TWEED SD	86	81	107	142	115	118	47	64	87	91	37	86	133	145	194	233	152	284
MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bellingen (S)	8	6	7	8	6	9	5	—	—	—	10	—	13	6	7	8	16	9
Coffs Harbour (C)	27	23	40	70	58	71	16	21	7	13	12	16	43	44	47	83	70	87
Copmanhurst (S)	1	1	—	5	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	5	4	1
Grafton (C)	2	3	2	4	2	9	4	2	2	—	—	2	6	5	4	4	2	11
Maclean (S)	12	7	10	14	12	20	—	2	2	—	10	8	12	9	12	14	22	28
Nambucca (S)	8	11	11	8	8	15	4	—	7	2	—	4	12	11	18	10	8	19
Nymboida (S)	3	4	4	5	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	4	5	7	3
Ullmarra (S)	1	3	5	9	5	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	5	9	11
Clarence SSD	62	58	79	123	102	136	31	25	18	15	32	33	93	83	97	138	134	169
Greater Taree (C)	22	21	4	47	17	37	13	20	—	30	6	18	35	41	4	77	23	55
Hastings (M)	44	74	32	47	91	60	10	26	19	8	6	13	54	100	51	55	97	73
Kempsey (S)	17	16	29	13	12	17	1	—	4	6	2	—	18	16	33	19	14	17
Hastings SSD	83	111	65	107	120	114	24	46	23	44	14	31	107	157	88	151	134	145
MID — NORTH COAST SD	145	149	144	230	222	250	55	71	41	59	46	64	200	240	185	289	268	314

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Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1992						1993						1992					
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Barraba (S)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Bingara (S)	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1
Gunnedah (S)	8	6	3	1	4	3	2	—	—	—	—	2	10	6	3	1	4	5
Inverell (S) Pt A	—	2	1	6	2	2	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	2	1	18	2	2
Manilla (S)	—	1	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	3	—
Nundle (S)	4	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	2	—
Parry (S)	8	5	6	9	13	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	5	6	9	13	11
Quirindi (S)	3	2	—	6	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	6	2	1
Tamworth (C)	19	20	22	16	13	22	2	3	—	7	14	9	21	23	22	23	27	31
Yallaro (S)	1	2	2	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	1	3
Northern Slopes SSD	44	41	35	41	41	43	4	3	—	19	14	11	48	44	35	60	55	54
Armidale (C)	10	7	8	11	8	3	3	4	2	—	—	—	13	11	10	11	8	3
Dumaresq (S)	1	—	1	3	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	—	5
Glen Innes (M)	3	—	—	2	4	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	3	—	4	2	4	2
Guyra (S)	3	1	1	2	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	2	4	2
Inverell (S) Pt B	5	3	3	10	1	3	—	—	—	4	—	—	5	3	3	14	1	3
Severn (S)	2	1	5	1	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	5	1	3	2
Tenterfield (S)	3	4	5	5	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	4	5	5	2	5
Urala (S)	1	2	1	4	—	3	—	—	6	—	—	—	1	2	7	4	—	3
Walcha (S)	3	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	1	1	—
Northern Tablelands SSD	31	18	25	39	23	23	3	4	12	4	—	2	34	22	37	43	23	25
Moree Plains (S)	4	4	7	6	1	7	—	—	2	—	3	7	4	4	9	6	4	14
Narrabri (S)	2	—	3	4	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	11	2	—	3	4	4	16
North Central Plain SSD	6	4	10	10	5	12	—	—	2	—	3	18	6	4	12	10	8	30
NORTHERN SD	81	63	78	90	69	78	7	7	14	23	17	31	88	70	84	113	86	109

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	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total						
	1992					1993					1992					1993			
Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		
NORTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																			
Coolah (S)	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	
Coonabarabran (S)	1	1	2	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	3	7	2	
Dubbo (C)	25	18	25	40	21	40	4	12	11	10	4	8	29	30	36	50	25	48	
Gilgandra (S)	—	4	2	3	2	2	—	—	—	3	6	—	—	4	2	6	8	2	
Mudgee (S)	12	11	8	12	11	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	6	—	
Narromine (S)	6	5	1	11	3	—	—	2	—	2	—	12	12	11	8	14	11	20	
Wellington (S)	1	2	5	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	7	1	11	5	—	
Central Macquarie SSD	45	42	43	73	41	56	4	14	11	15	17	20	49	56	54	88	59	76	
Bogan (S)	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	
Coonamble (S)	—	—	—	—	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	3	
Walgett (S)	1	1	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	2	1	
Warren (S)	3	—	3	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	2	1	1	
Macquarie — Barwon SSD	4	2	3	4	6	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	3	4	6	5	
Bourke (S)	2	3	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	4	—	
Brewarrina (S)	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Cobar (S)	1	—	—	—	1	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	1	2	
Upper Darling SSD	3	3	—	—	5	4	6	—	—	—	—	—	9	3	—	—	5	4	
NORTH WESTERN SD	52	47	46	77	52	65	12	14	11	15	17	20	64	61	57	92	69	85	

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	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bathurst (C)	28	6	20	17	24	29	3	—	14	8	4	6	31	6	34	25	28	35
Blayney (S) Pt A	—	1	2	1	1	1	4	—	—	—	2	—	4	1	2	1	3	1
Cabonne (S) Pt A	1	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	6	—	—
Evans (S) Pt A	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Orange (C)	14	17	13	5	5	15	—	2	—	14	2	22	14	19	13	19	7	37
Bathurst — Orange SSD	43	25	36	30	30	45	7	2	14	22	8	28	50	27	50	52	38	73
Blayney (S) Pt B	1	—	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	2
Cabonne (S) Pt B	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Evans (S) Pt B	—	1	3	1	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	3	5
Greater Lithgow (C)	5	9	8	11	6	6	—	—	5	3	—	—	5	9	13	14	6	6
Oberon (S)	3	3	4	5	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	4	5	1	1
Rylstone (S)	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—
Central Tablelands (excl. Bathurst — Orange) SSD	10	13	17	23	10	14	2	—	5	3	—	—	12	13	22	26	10	14
Bland (S)	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
Cabonne (S) Pt C	2	—	5	4	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	4	3	4
Cowra (S)	5	8	6	6	9	3	—	2	—	—	3	—	5	10	6	6	12	3
Forbes (S)	4	3	3	4	3	1	—	13	—	—	—	—	4	16	3	4	3	1
Lachlan (S)	1	2	1	4	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	2	1	4	2	7
Parkees (S)	5	4	3	2	—	2	—	—	—	6	—	—	5	4	3	8	—	2
Weddin (S)	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—
Lachlan SSD	17	17	21	22	18	14	—	15	—	6	3	5	17	32	21	28	21	19
CENTRAL WEST SD	70	55	74	75	58	73	9	17	19	31	11	33	79	72	93	106	69	106

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	1992					1993					1992					1993				
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		
SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																				
Queanbeyan (C)	8	25	21	6	6	20	6	4	13	15	1	16	14	29	34	21	7	36		
Queanbeyan SSD	8	25	21	6	6	20	6	4	13	15	1	16	14	29	34	21	7	36		
Boorowa (S)	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1		
Crookwell (S)	1	2	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	2	1		
Coulburn (C)	10	2	9	7	4	5	—	7	—	—	—	—	5	10	9	9	7	4		
Gunning (S)	1	2	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	2	1		
Harden (S)	—	2	3	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	2	—	3		
Mulwange (S)	9	11	4	6	4	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	9	13	4	6	4	5		
Tallaganda (S)	—	1	4	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	3	2	2		
Yarrowlumla (S)	12	10	10	—	7	16	2	—	—	—	—	—	14	10	10	—	7	16		
Yass (S)	12	12	10	11	12	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	15	12	12	10	13	18		
Young (S)	8	7	3	3	3	7	5	2	4	—	—	2	13	9	7	3	3	9		
Southern Tablelands (excl. Queanbeyan) SSD	53	49	48	33	37	44	7	11	4	2	—	22	60	60	52	35	37	66		
Bega Valley (S)	13	13	14	17	8	30	—	7	4	2	20	13	13	13	21	21	10	50		
Eurobodalla (S)	22	44	37	35	7	32	38	9	12	4	—	2	60	53	49	39	7	34		
Lower South Coast SSD	35	57	51	52	15	62	38	9	19	8	2	22	73	66	70	60	17	84		
Bombala (S)	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—		
Cooma — Monaro (S)	4	4	4	5	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	14	4	4	4	5	3	16		
Snowy River (S)	4	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	4	4	4	—	—	—		
Snowy SSD	8	8	7	5	4	2	—	—	2	—	—	14	8	8	9	5	4	16		
SOUTH EASTERN SD	104	139	127	96	62	128	51	24	38	25	3	74	155	163	165	121	65	202		

TABLE 6. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total									
	1992					1993					1992					1993				
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		
MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISION																				
Coolamon (S)	—	—	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	1		
Cootamundra (S)	2	5	1	3	3	2	—	—	—	6	—	—	2	5	1	9	3	2		
Gundagai (S)	1	—	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	2		
Junee (S)	1	3	2	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	—	2	3		
Lockhart (S)	2	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	1	1		
Narrandera (S)	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	3	—		
Temora (S)	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	2		
Tumut (S)	2	5	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	1	1	1	—		
Wagga Wagga (C)	32	47	29	39	44	31	—	6	2	23	—	2	32	53	31	62	44	33		
Central Murrumbidgee SSD	42	61	40	45	53	42	—	6	2	32	2	2	42	67	42	77	55	44		
Carrathool (S)	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—		
Griffith (C)	3	10	6	1	2	3	5	—	—	—	6	7	8	10	6	1	8	10		
Hay (S)	—	2	1	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	1	2		
Leeton (S)	3	3	5	11	4	6	—	—	—	3	4	—	3	3	5	14	8	6		
Murrumbidgee (S)	1	2	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	1	1		
Lower Murrumbidgee SSD	7	17	13	14	9	12	5	—	—	5	10	7	12	17	13	19	19	19		
MURRUMBIDGEE SD	49	78	53	59	62	54	5	6	2	37	12	9	54	84	55	96	74	63		

TABLE 6. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1992		1993				1992		1993				1992		1993			
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Albury (C)	16	17	15	19	15	15	3	2	—	10	8	3	19	19	15	29	23	18
Hume (S)	6	1	3	3	6	8	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	1	3	3	8	8
Albury SSD	22	18	18	22	21	23	3	2	—	10	10	3	25	20	18	32	31	26
Corowa (S)	7	6	4	4	5	4	—	2	—	5	—	—	7	8	4	9	5	4
Culcairn (S)	2	1	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	1	4	—
Holbrook (S)	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	1
Tumbarumba (S)	2	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	4	—
Urana (S)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Upper Murray (excl. Albury) SSD	13	9	8	5	13	5	—	2	—	5	—	—	13	11	8	10	13	5
Berrigan (S)	2	3	3	6	1	4	—	—	3	—	3	—	2	3	6	6	4	4
Conargo (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deniliquin (M)	2	—	5	4	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	4	3	4
Jerilderie (S)	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Murray (S)	2	2	3	3	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	3	3	2
Wakool (S)	3	3	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	1	2
Windouran (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central Murray SSD	9	8	11	13	8	13	—	—	3	—	3	—	9	8	14	13	11	13
Balranald (S)	1	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	1
Wentworth (S)	1	1	2	4	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	1	2	7	3	—
Murray—Darling SSD	2	1	3	6	3	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	1	3	9	3	1
MURRAY SD	46	36	40	46	45	42	3	4	3	18	13	3	49	40	43	64	58	45
FAR WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Broken Hill (C)	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1
Central Darling (S)	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	5
Unincorp. Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FAR WEST SD	—	—	—	3	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	3	6
NEW SOUTH WALES																		
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,812	1,797	2,213	2,320	2,001	2,317	1,151	1,467	1,287	1,663	1,478	1,367	2,963	3,264	3,500	3,983	3,479	3,684

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of the number of new dwelling units reported by approving authorities as having commenced.

2. As from November 1990 the data have been compiled using an 'as reported' method. Previously, data were revised for up to five months as councils notified the ABS of commencements occurring before the reference month. A comparison of data compiled using the two methods showed that, while the actual numbers may vary (both on the high and the low side), the trends were very similar. It is not possible for all the previous data to be compiled under the new method, nor can future data be compiled under the old method. Therefore there is a break in series. The advantages of the new method are that there are generally no revised data and that NSW data are more comparable with similar series issued by other States. However, if there are significant reporting delays, previous monthly data will be revised.

Scope and coverage

3. The statistics were compiled from the monthly reports, provided by local and other government authorities, of commencements of new houses and new other residential buildings for which:

- (a) building permits were issued by local government authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities;
- (b) contracts were let or day labour work was authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government or local government authorities; and
- (c) are valued at \$10,000 or more.

4. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, and through the construction of new 'non-residential buildings' (i.e. buildings other than residential buildings) is not included.

Definitions

5. A *dwelling unit* is defined as a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long-term residential use. Units (whether self-contained or not) within buildings offering institutional care (such as hospitals) or temporary accommodation (such as motels, hostels and holiday apartments) are not defined as dwelling units.

6. A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Dwellings can be either houses or other residential buildings as follows:

- (a) a house is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Thus detached 'granny flats' and detached dwelling units

(such as caretakers' residences) associated with other buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics;

- (b) an *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit (e.g. a block of townhouses, a duplex, or an apartment building).

7. *Commencement*. For the purpose of this statistical series, a job is regarded as being commenced on the date when it is reported that:

- (a) the job is first inspected by a local government or other government authority building inspector or surveyor, whether the work is passed or not. In general, the first inspection is undertaken at the foundations or footings stage of construction; or
- (b) the job is determined as commenced by a building inspector or surveyor.

8. *Ownership*. The ownership of a residential building is classified at the time of approval as either 'private sector' or 'public sector' according to the expected ownership of the completed building.

9. Values data are derived by aggregation of the estimated completed value of building work as reported on approval documents. These estimates exclude value of land and landscaping but include site preparation. For houses, these estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of the building. However, for other residential buildings and non-residential buildings these estimates can and often do differ significantly from the completed value of the building.

10. From July 1992, an expanded functional classification of buildings based on the Dwelling Structure Classification (DSC) has been introduced by the ABS to provide more detailed information on residential building approvals.

11. The DSC has been developed by the ABS to provide a standard classification of the different types of dwelling structures (houses, flats, townhouses, etc.). The DSC will be implemented across all major collections of housing data in the ABS. The DSC has the same overall scope as the classification used in previous collections but provides more detail than previously available to reflect the current interest in medium to high density housing.

12. In particular, for Building Approvals and Dwelling Commencements, DSC allows new other residential building to be classified as follows:

- (a) Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. (dwellings having their own private grounds and no other dwellings above or below) with:

- (i) one storey; or
- (ii) two or more storeys.

- (b) Flats, units or apartments, etc. (dwellings not having their own private grounds and usually sharing a common entrance, foyer or stairwell) in a building of:

- (i) one or two storeys;
- (ii) three storeys; or
- (iii) four or more storeys.

13. More details on the DSC are contained in the ABS *Information Paper, Dwelling Structure Classification (DSC)* (1296.0).

Statistical areas of New South Wales

14. This bulletin contains data presented according to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). Under this classification, statistical areas are defined as follows:

- (a) *Statistical Local Areas (SLAs)*. These geographical areas are in most cases either identical with, or have been aggregated to, the previously published whole or part of legal Local Government Areas (LGAs) as defined under the (State) Local Government Act 1919 and comprising cities (C), municipalities (M) and shires (S). In other cases, they are identical to each previously published unincorporated area. In aggregate, SLAs cover the whole of the State without gaps or overlaps. In some cases legal LGAs overlap Statistical Subdivision boundaries and therefore comprise two SLAs (Part A and Part B) or three SLAs in the case of Cabonne (S) (Part A, Part B and Part C).

- (b) *Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs)*. These consist of one or more SLAs and form the intermediate size spatial unit for the presentation of regional data.

- (c) *Statistical Divisions (SDs)*. These consist of one or more Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs). Where SSDs are not shown for statistical purposes, statistical local areas are shown ordered alphabetically within statistical divisions. The divisions are designed to be relatively homogeneous regions characterised by identifiable social and economic units within the region, under the unifying influence of one or more major towns or cities.

- (d) *Statistical Districts*. To provide comparable statistics over a period of time, statistical districts have been defined around selected urban centres, with a population of 25,000 or more, experiencing urban growth beyond the legal local government area boundaries. Those districts are intended to contain the anticipated urban spread over the next 20 years. In some cases, Statistical District boundaries are identical to those of particular Statistical

Subdivisions (e.g. Newcastle SSD and Wollongong SSD included in Table 5 of this publication).

15. Further information concerning statistical areas is contained in the publication *Regional Statistics, New South Wales*, 1989 issue (1304.1) and in the publication *Australian Standard Geographical Classification* (1216.0).

General

16. For purposes of comparison over time, it should be noted that statistics of dwelling commencements are affected from month to month by large projects (such as blocks of flats) commenced in particular months, and also by the administrative arrangements of government authorities.

Comparability of statistics

17. 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—published in *Building Activity, New South Wales* (8752.1).

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

NEW SOUTH WALES

Building Approvals, New South Wales (monthly) (8731.1)

Building Activity, New South Wales (quarterly) (8752.1)

AUSTRALIA

Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (monthly) (5609.0)

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (monthly) (6408.0)

Building Approvals, Australia (monthly) (8731.0)

Building Activity, Australia (quarterly) (8752.0)

Engineering Construction Survey, Australia (quarterly) (8762.0)

Symbols and other usages

C	City
M	Municipality
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
S	Shire
SD	Statistical Division
SLA	Statistical Local Area
SSD	Statistical Subdivision
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

19. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.



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