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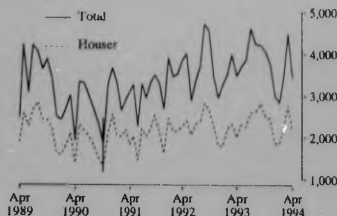
DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES, NEW SOUTH WALES, APRIL 1994

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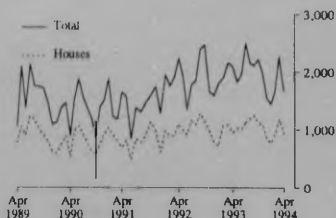
MAIN FEATURES

- The total number of dwelling units commenced in New South Wales in April 1994 (3,492) was 22% lower than the previous month (4,489) and 0.3% lower than April 1993 (3,479).
- The number of houses commenced in New South Wales in April 1994 (2,219) was 20% lower than in the previous month (2,772) while for the Sydney Statistical Division the decrease was 17% (from 1,188 to 981).
- The number of dwelling units in other residential buildings commenced in April 1994 (1,273) was 26% lower than the previous month (1,717).
- The number of private sector dwelling units commenced in New South Wales in the ten months to April 1994 (35,951) was 5% higher than the corresponding period last financial year, while public sector decreased by 18% to 2,229.
- The number of private sector other residential dwelling units commenced in Sydney Statistical Division in April 1994 (623) is the lowest figure since February 1993.

DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN NSW



DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN SYDNEY



Indicates a break in series.

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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Unpublished data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:

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- Microfiche
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- Computer generated maps displaying dwelling commenced data
- 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
1991-92	25,183	11,403	36,586	1,033	3,038	4,071	26,216	14,441	40,657
1992-93	26,439	14,671	41,110	739	2,700	3,439	27,178	17,371	44,549
July-April--									
1992-93	22,029	12,244	34,273	574	2,156	2,730	22,603	14,400	37,003
1993-94	23,289	12,662	35,951	650	1,579	2,229	23,939	14,223	38,160
1993--									
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
June	2,182	1,205	3,387	76	399	475	2,258	1,604	3,862
July	2,410	1,592	4,002	189	424	613	2,599	2,016	4,615
August	2,501	1,369	3,870	121	237	358	2,622	1,606	4,228
September	2,818	1,346	4,164	4	49	53	2,822	1,395	4,217
October	2,466	1,437	3,903	17	134	151	2,483	1,553	4,036
November	2,428	1,268	3,696	22	39	61	2,450	1,307	3,757
December	1,868	1,063	2,931	11	54	65	1,879	1,117	2,996
1994--									
January	1,815	937	2,752	31	56	87	1,846	993	2,839
February	2,183	1,139	3,322	64	107	171	2,247	1,246	3,493
March	2,652	1,430	4,082	120	287	407	2,772	1,717	4,489
April	2,148	1,081	3,229	71	192	263	2,219	1,273	3,492

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									
1991-92	10,479	6,612	17,091	600	2,275	2,875	11,079	8,887	19,966
1992-93	11,919	9,464	21,383	382	1,758	2,140	12,301	11,222	23,523
1992--									
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
June	964	659	1,623	30	304	334	994	963	1,957
July	1,035	1,120	2,155	95	254	349	1,130	1,374	2,504
August	1,110	816	1,926	84	142	226	1,194	958	2,152
September	1,245	828	2,073	3	41	44	1,248	869	2,114
October	1,120	984	2,104	3	115	118	1,123	1,099	2,222
November	1,094	850	1,944	2	39	41	1,096	889	1,985
December	864	638	1,502	1	54	55	865	692	1,557
1994--									
January	765	625	1,390	10	48	58	775	673	1,448
February	908	692	1,600	22	50	72	930	742	1,672
March	1,138	877	2,015	50	209	259	1,188	1,086	2,274
April	947	623	1,570	34	124	158	981	747	1,728

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									
1991-92	3,135	1,446	4,581	128	242	370	3,263	1,688	4,951
1992-93	3,214	1,594	4,808	69	199	268	3,283	1,793	5,076
1993—									
April	180	125	305	6	4	10	186	129	315
May	269	133	402	6	—	6	275	133	408
June	284	170	454	4	16	20	288	186	474
July	415	180	595	14	24	38	429	204	633
August	360	138	498	8	25	33	368	163	531
September	387	163	550	4	6	10	391	169	560
October	367	191	558	3	17	20	370	208	578
November	275	113	388	—	—	—	275	113	388
December	228	105	333	—	—	—	228	105	333
1994—									
January	241	137	378	14	—	14	255	137	392
February	324	169	493	25	8	33	349	177	526
March	359	214	573	27	14	41	386	228	614
April	244	99	343	9	—	9	253	99	352
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1991-92	2,368	553	2,921	94	209	303	2,462	762	3,224
1992-93	2,310	939	3,249	26	246	272	2,336	1,185	3,521
1993—									
April	179	43	222	—	—	—	179	43	222
May	204	109	313	—	—	—	204	109	313
June	189	52	241	12	—	12	201	52	253
July	211	62	273	28	27	55	239	89	328
August	207	98	305	1	23	24	208	121	329
September	329	66	395	—	—	—	329	66	395
October	223	92	315	—	—	—	223	92	315
November	218	90	308	1	—	1	219	90	309
December	145	113	258	—	—	—	145	113	258
1994—									
January	77	10	87	—	8	8	77	18	95
February	231	63	294	—	—	—	231	63	294
March	127	38	165	23	37	60	150	75	225
April	147	72	219	8	—	8	155	72	227
BALANCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES									
1991-92	9,201	2,792	11,993	211	312	523	9,412	3,104	12,516
1992-93	8,996	2,674	11,670	262	497	759	9,258	3,171	12,429
1993—									
April	674	138	812	14	18	32	688	156	844
May	763	245	1,008	49	77	126	812	322	1,134
June	745	324	1,069	30	79	109	775	403	1,178
July	749	230	979	52	119	171	801	349	1,150
August	824	317	1,141	28	47	75	852	364	1,216
September	857	289	1,146	—	2	2	857	291	1,148
October	756	170	926	11	2	13	767	172	939
November	841	215	1,056	19	—	19	860	215	1,075
December	631	207	838	10	—	10	641	207	848
1994—									
January	732	165	897	7	—	7	739	165	904
February	720	215	935	17	49	66	737	264	1,001
March	1,028	301	1,329	20	27	47	1,048	328	1,376
April	810	287	1,097	20	68	88	830	355	1,185

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						
1991-92	3,116	18,747	1,239	1,757	324	25,183
1992-93	3,203	19,857	1,133	1,763	483	26,439
1993—						
April	264	1,424	101	124	38	1,951
May	328	1,590	94	149	67	2,228
June	344	1,512	86	155	85	2,182
July	313	1,698	91	192	116	2,410
August	365	1,723	97	192	124	2,501
September	347	2,114	115	168	74	2,818
October	327	1,796	96	186	61	2,466
November	303	1,817	101	148	59	2,428
December	279	1,335	78	132	44	1,868
1994—						
January	265	1,298	73	141	38	1,815
February	253	1,656	91	146	37	2,183
March	395	1,984	86	145	42	2,652
April	262	1,654	76	118	38	2,148
PUBLIC SECTOR						
1991-92	20	991	9	2	11	1,033
1992-93	67	658	9	2	3	739
1993—						
April	11	39	—	—	—	50
May	15	73	—	—	1	89
June	11	59	5	—	1	76
July	29	137	1	2	20	189
August	21	98	—	—	2	121
September	—	4	—	—	—	4
October	1	16	—	—	—	17
November	7	15	—	—	—	22
December	4	7	—	—	—	11
1994—						
January	5	26	—	—	—	31
February	5	59	—	—	—	64
March	7	113	—	—	—	120
April	2	69	—	—	—	71
TOTAL						
1991-92	3,136	19,738	1,248	1,759	335	26,216
1992-93	3,270	20,515	1,142	1,765	486	27,178
1993—						
April	275	1,463	101	124	38	2,001
May	343	1,663	94	149	68	2,317
June	355	1,571	91	155	86	2,258
July	342	1,835	92	194	136	2,599
August	386	1,821	97	192	126	2,622
September	347	2,118	115	168	74	2,822
October	328	1,812	96	186	61	2,483
November	310	1,832	101	148	59	2,450
December	283	1,342	78	132	44	1,879
1994—						
January	270	1,324	73	141	38	1,846
February	258	1,715	91	146	37	2,247
March	402	2,097	86	145	42	2,772
April	264	1,723	76	118	38	2,219

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

TABLE 4. HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

	March 1994					April 1994						
Statistical division	Double brick (a)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Other and not stated	Total	Double brick (a)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Other and not stated	Total
PRIVATE SECTOR												
Sydney	150	933	9	29	17	1,138	113	782	9	33	10	947
Hunter	53	273	11	18	4	359	19	204	10	6	5	244
Illawarra	7	112	—	5	3	127	6	117	14	7	3	147
Richmond-Tweed	12	116	10	35	1	174	15	163	1	27	8	214
Mid-North Coast	33	179	6	17	3	238	40	165	10	17	3	235
Northern	20	28	15	10	3	76	16	33	6	2	3	60
North Western	7	27	5	3	6	48	5	35	6	5	—	51
Central West	49	110	8	3	1	171	19	19	5	5	3	51
South Eastern	39	67	12	14	4	136	19	67	9	14	2	111
Murrumbidgee	11	63	8	8	—	90	2	16	6	2	—	26
Murray	14	76	1	3	—	94	7	53	—	—	1	61
Far West	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
New South Wales	395	1,984	86	145	42	2,652	262	1,654	76	118	38	2,148
PUBLIC SECTOR												
Sydney	4	46	—	—	—	50	—	34	—	—	—	34
Hunter	—	27	—	—	—	27	—	9	—	—	—	9
Illawarra	—	23	—	—	—	23	—	8	—	—	—	8
Richmond-Tweed	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	5	—	—	—	5
Mid-North Coast	3	4	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	6	—	—	—	6
North Western	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
Central West	—	2	—	—	—	2	2	3	—	—	—	5
South Eastern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Murrumbidgee	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murray	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New South Wales	7	113	—	—	—	120	2	69	—	—	—	71
TOTAL												
Sydney	154	979	9	29	17	1,188	113	816	9	33	10	981
Hunter	53	300	11	18	4	386	19	213	10	6	5	253
Illawarra	7	135	—	5	3	150	6	125	14	7	3	155
Richmond-Tweed	12	119	10	35	1	177	15	168	1	27	8	219
Mid-North Coast	36	183	6	17	3	245	40	165	10	17	3	235
Northern	20	34	15	10	3	82	16	39	6	2	3	66
North Western	7	27	5	3	6	48	5	38	6	5	—	54
Central West	49	112	8	3	1	173	21	22	5	5	3	56
South Eastern	39	67	12	14	4	136	19	68	9	14	2	112
Murrumbidgee	11	65	8	8	—	92	2	16	6	2	—	26
Murray	14	76	1	3	—	94	7	53	—	—	1	61
Far West	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
New South Wales	402	2,097	86	145	42	2,772	264	1,723	76	118	38	2,219

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

TABLE 5. NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, BY TYPE IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS
APRIL 1994

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	266	199	465	225	57	—	282	—	747
Hunter	54	8	62	37	—	—	37	—	99
Illawarra	36	13	49	5	—	12	23	—	72
Richmond-Tweed	32	30	62	66	7	—	73	—	135
Mid North Coast	59	11	70	40	—	—	40	—	110
Northern	5	3	8	6	—	—	6	—	14
North Western	2	6	8	16	—	—	16	—	24
Central West	2	—	2	6	—	—	6	—	8
South Eastern	10	—	10	25	5	—	30	—	40
Murrumbidgee	—	—	—	21	—	—	21	—	21
Murray	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	3
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New South Wales	466	270	736	450	69	18	537	—	1,273
VALUE (\$'000)									
Sydney	18,896	18,748	37,644	13,806	3,521	—	17,327	—	54,971
Hunter	3,774	1,000	4,774	2,693	—	—	2,693	—	7,467
Illawarra	2,246	690	2,936	230	—	1,200	1,430	—	4,366
Richmond-Tweed	2,081	1,970	4,051	4,388	658	—	5,046	—	9,097
Mid North Coast	4,095	902	4,997	3,227	—	—	3,227	—	8,224
Northern	282	380	662	331	—	—	331	—	993
North Western	146	450	596	1,028	—	—	1,028	—	1,624
Central West	129	—	129	320	—	—	320	—	449
South Eastern	775	—	775	1,645	320	—	1,965	—	2,740
Murrumbidgee	—	—	—	1,297	—	—	1,297	—	1,297
Murray	—	—	—	154	—	—	154	—	154
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New South Wales	32,425	24,140	56,566	29,119	4,499	1,200	34,818	—	91,384

NEW OTHER RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED, NSW

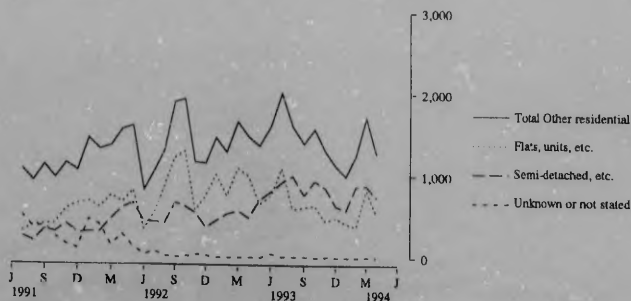


TABLE 6. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1993		1994				1993		1994				1993		1994			
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Botany (A)	2	1	—	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	63	—	4	1	—	—	67	—
Leichhardt (A)	5	4	—	1	6	2	2	60	—	2	23	—	7	64	—	3	29	2
Marrickville (A)	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	12	—	6	2	—	—	13	—	6	4	1
South Sydney (C)	—	1	—	1	—	—	3	6	—	—	8	—	3	7	—	1	8	—
Sydney (C)—Inner and Remainder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inner Sydney SSD	7	7	—	2	12	3	7	78	—	8	96	—	14	85	—	10	108	3
Randwick (A)	16	8	3	3	6	3	67	94	13	29	19	12	83	102	16	32	25	15
Waverley (A)	2	1	1	1	2	2	—	—	—	2	—	10	2	1	1	3	2	12
Woolahra (A)	3	3	—	—	3	3	—	16	—	—	—	—	3	3	16	—	3	3
Eastern Suburban SSD	21	12	4	4	11	8	67	94	29	31	19	22	88	106	33	35	30	30
Hurstville (C)	3	3	10	16	17	9	—	2	32	143	12	3	3	12	48	160	21	—
Kogarah (A)	7	14	8	1	—	—	7	39	—	16	—	14	14	47	1	16	—	—
Rockdale (A)	9	5	8	3	10	8	9	—	2	8	21	18	5	10	5	18	29	—
Sutherland Shire (A)	70	58	64	77	45	25	72	48	157	201	86	8	142	106	221	278	131	33
St George—Sutherland SSD	89	80	90	97	72	42	88	48	200	235	253	41	177	128	290	332	325	83
Bankstown (C)	17	28	38	21	41	21	55	48	5	26	68	12	72	76	43	47	109	33
Canterbury (A)	13	5	4	4	8	7	34	2	—	—	15	56	47	7	4	4	23	63
Canterbury—Bankstown SSD	30	33	42	25	49	28	89	50	5	26	83	68	119	83	47	51	132	96
Fairfield (C)	30	29	39	11	—	—	80	38	9	17	—	33	70	68	38	56	11	33
Liverpool (C)	69	102	69	118	114	55	48	38	19	43	36	48	117	140	88	161	150	103
Fairfield—Liverpool SSD	99	131	108	129	114	135	86	47	36	43	69	118	185	178	144	172	183	253
Camden (A)	67	47	11	43	28	51	2	2	—	—	5	2	69	49	11	43	24	53
Campbelltown (C)	102	52	39	58	35	44	26	26	18	18	4	28	128	78	57	76	39	72
Wollondilly (A)	13	8	12	31	64	15	—	—	—	4	7	—	13	8	12	35	71	15
Outer South Western Sydney SSD	182	107	62	132	127	110	28	28	18	22	17	30	210	135	80	154	144	140
Ashfield (A)	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	54	—	—	—	—	1	54
Burwood (A)	4	—	2	4	5	3	—	3	—	15	—	4	4	3	2	19	5	7
Concord (A)	3	—	2	3	4	2	12	18	—	2	—	—	15	18	2	5	4	2
Drummoyne (A)	—	1	—	1	5	2	—	—	—	11	18	17	—	1	—	12	23	19
Strathfield (A)	8	3	1	1	2	1	2	—	—	—	14	—	10	3	1	1	16	1
Inner Western Sydney SSD	15	4	5	9	17	8	14	21	—	28	32	75	29	25	5	37	49	83

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							
	1993		1994						1993		1994						1993		1994					
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.						
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION—continued																								
Auburn (A)	3	—	2	1	3	1	8	—	2	—	—	—	11	—	4	1	3	1						
Holroyd (A)	7	14	2	—	8	5	10	32	—	—	12	—	17	46	2	—	20	5						
Parramatta (C)	28	19	1	25	20	14	130	45	—	70	16	93	158	64	1	95	36	107						
Central Western Sydney SSD	38	33	5	26	31	20	148	77	2	70	28	93	186	110	7	96	59	113						
Blue Mountains (C)	24	14	65	25	34	32	—	—	—	2	2	4	24	14	65	27	36	36						
Hawkesbury (C)	6	20	36	10	—	129	2	10	17	20	—	38	8	30	53	30	—	167						
Parrith (C)	43	67	36	55	105	58	18	8	48	24	43	23	61	75	84	79	148	81						
Outer Western Sydney SSD	73	101	137	90	139	219	20	18	65	46	45	65	93	119	202	136	184	284						
Baulkham Hills (A)	49	16	25	48	88	45	26	8	26	24	91	70	75	24	51	72	179	115						
Blacktown (C)	148	131	105	146	193	156	70	15	75	63	59	38	218	146	180	209	252	194						
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SSD	197	147	130	194	281	201	96	23	101	87	150	108	293	170	231	281	431	309						
Hunter's Hill (A)	4	1	—	8	3	2	2	—	4	—	4	2	6	1	4	8	7	4						
Lane Cove (A)	5	4	2	5	8	6	10	—	9	—	12	2	15	4	11	5	20	8						
Mosman (A)	—	—	—	1	5	2	6	2	—	—	15	2	6	2	—	1	20	4						
North Sydney (A)	4	—	6	4	1	—	8	47	21	6	88	—	12	47	27	10	89	—						
Ryde (C)	12	8	7	2	50	10	24	14	24	—	18	11	36	22	31	2	68	21						
Willoughby (C)	4	3	7	7	16	5	8	2	—	27	2	—	12	5	7	34	18	5						
Lower Northern Sydney SSD	29	16	22	27	83	25	58	65	58	33	139	17	87	81	80	60	222	42						
Hornsby (A)	39	18	16	43	76	48	36	16	54	45	38	18	75	34	70	88	114	66						
Ku-ring-gai (A)	19	19	11	13	16	7	18	—	—	22	—	—	37	19	11	35	16	7						
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SSD	58	37	27	56	92	55	54	16	54	67	38	18	112	53	81	123	130	73						
Manly (A)	11	5	2	—	3	—	4	—	2	—	—	26	15	5	4	—	3	26						
Pittwater (A)	8	3	1	7	1	1	14	—	2	—	—	—	22	3	3	7	1	1						
Warringah (A)	25	11	11	10	22	23	26	24	10	16	50	12	51	35	21	26	72	35						
Northern Beaches SSD	44	19	14	17	26	24	44	24	14	16	50	38	68	43	28	33	76	62						
Gosford (C)	106	70	48	44	40	33	20	79	23	8	22	28	126	149	71	52	62	61						
Wyong (A)	108	68	81	78	94	70	70	24	68	22	45	26	178	92	149	100	139	96						
Gosford-Wyong SSD	214	138	129	122	134	103	90	103	91	30	67	54	304	241	220	152	201	157						
SYDNEY SD	1,096	865	775	930	1,188	981	889	692	673	742	1,046	747	1,985	1,557	1,448	1,672	2,274	1,728						

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							
	1993				1994				1993				1994				1993				1994			
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.						
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION																								
Cessnock (C)	9	15	32	12	5	—	—	12	2	—	2	2	9	27	34	12	7	2						
Lake Macquarie (C)	106	78	69	131	117	57	51	71	39	57	62	18	157	149	108	188	179	75						
Maitland (C)	42	41	27	22	35	18	29	8	8	—	19	7	71	49	35	22	54	25						
Newcastle (C)—Inner and Remainder	2	18	34	67	69	45	2	6	66	63	81	32	4	24	100	130	150	77						
Port Stephens (A)	29	34	48	63	109	62	14	2	8	27	60	10	43	36	56	90	169	72						
Newcastle SSD	188	186	210	295	335	182	96	99	123	147	228	69	284	285	333	442	563	251						
Dungog (A)	7	8	5	4	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	8	5	4	4	5						
Gloucester (A)	6	—	—	4	3	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	6	—	2	4	3	2						
Great Lakes (A)	24	13	12	15	21	33	9	—	—	18	—	25	33	13	12	33	21	58						
Murrumbidgee (A)	2	2	3	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	2	1	2						
Murrumbidgee (A)	3	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	1	2	4	—	—						
Muswellbrook (A)	11	2	10	3	5	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	11	4	10	3	5	4						
Scone (A)	19	3	1	8	8	1	8	2	—	4	—	—	27	5	1	12	8	1						
Singleton (A)	15	13	12	16	9	24	—	2	12	6	—	5	15	15	24	22	9	29						
Hunter SD Balance SSD	87	42	45	54	51	71	17	6	14	30	—	30	104	48	59	84	51	101						
HUNTER SD	275	228	255	349	386	253	113	105	137	177	228	99	588	333	392	526	614	352						
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION																								
Kiama (A)	14	9	9	9	16	9	10	4	—	—	4	2	24	13	9	9	20	11						
Shellharbour (A)	54	38	15	24	32	17	25	70	2	7	15	15	79	108	17	31	47	32						
Wollongong (C)	85	37	26	51	44	58	30	22	6	31	48	48	115	59	32	82	92	106						
Wollongong SSD	153	84	50	84	92	84	65	96	8	38	67	65	218	180	58	122	159	149						
Shoalhaven (C)	45	57	11	121	7	56	11	17	10	25	8	5	56	74	21	146	15	61						
Wingecarribe (A)	21	4	16	26	51	15	14	—	—	—	—	2	35	4	16	26	51	17						
Illawarra SD Balance SSD	66	61	27	147	58	71	25	17	10	25	8	7	91	78	37	172	66	78						
ILLAWARRA SD	219	145	77	231	150	155	90	113	18	63	75	72	309	258	95	294	225	227						

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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1993		1994				1993		1994				1993		1994			
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
RICHMOND-TWEED STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Tweed (A) Pt A	31	23	37	51	20	59	19	18	34	31	6	64	50	41	71	82	26	123
Tweed Heads SSD	31	23	37	51	20	59	19	18	34	31	6	64	50	41	71	82	26	123
Ballina (A)	17	2	42	21	47	36	12	—	21	26	58	32	29	2	63	47	105	68
Byron (A)	—	1	28	41	37	42	—	—	10	14	6	—	—	1	38	55	43	42
Casino (A)	11	5	4	8	3	2	2	2	—	2	4	—	13	7	4	10	7	2
Kyogle (A)	6	1	3	4	25	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	3	4	25	4
Lismore (C)	15	14	23	17	21	22	7	2	12	13	7	7	22	16	35	30	28	29
Richmond River (A)	5	9	6	5	10	5	—	—	2	2	2	—	5	9	6	7	12	5
Tweed (A) Pt II	14	16	9	21	14	49	4	—	6	8	4	32	18	16	15	29	18	81
Richmond-Tweed SD Balance SSD	68	48	115	117	157	160	25	4	49	65	81	71	93	52	164	182	238	231
RICHMOND-TWEED SD	99	71	152	168	177	219	44	22	83	96	87	135	143	93	235	264	264	354
MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bellingen (A)	5	1	4	13	20	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	4	13	20	10
Coffs Harbour (C)	50	44	64	46	42	68	6	4	11	8	19	31	56	48	75	54	61	99
Copmanhurst (A)	—	6	2	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	2	1	2
Grafton (C)	7	—	5	2	4	1	3	7	—	2	10	8	10	7	5	4	14	9
Macleay (A)	5	—	13	5	11	—	8	—	2	15	6	—	13	—	15	20	17	—
Nambucca (A)	5	10	14	5	14	7	—	4	—	2	2	—	5	14	14	7	16	7
Nymbada (A)	9	4	8	1	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	4	8	1	2	7
Ulmara (A)	7	5	1	3	3	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	5	1	3	3	8
Clarence SSD	88	70	111	77	97	103	17	15	13	27	37	39	105	85	124	104	134	142
Greater Taree (C)	20	8	17	7	2	25	4	—	3	2	—	17	24	8	20	9	2	42
Hastings (A)	71	50	21	61	130	98	4	32	—	49	82	49	75	82	21	110	212	147
Kempsey (A)	10	4	11	14	16	9	2	—	—	—	—	5	12	4	11	14	16	14
Hastings SSD	101	62	49	82	148	132	10	32	3	51	82	71	111	94	52	133	230	203
MID-NORTH COAST SD	189	132	160	159	245	235	27	47	16	78	119	110	216	179	176	237	364	345

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(Number of dwelling units)

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	1993		1994			1993		1994			1993		1994					
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Barraba (A)	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—
Bingara (A)	—	1	—	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	2	4	2
Gunnedah (A)	3	4	4	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	4	3	1	1
Inverell (A) Pt A	3	2	—	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	4	1	2
Manilla (A)	3	2	2	3	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	2	3	5	1
Mundle (A)	4	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	1	—	—	1
Parry (A)	11	9	6	9	8	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	9	6	9	8	9
Quirindi (A)	3	2	1	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	3	3	1
Tamworth (C)	6	10	6	9	13	14	4	—	—	5	—	2	10	10	6	14	13	16
Yaliaroi (A)	—	4	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	2	1
Northern Slopes SSD	33	36	20	35	39	32	4	—	—	5	2	2	37	36	20	40	41	34
Armidale (C)	—	2	—	—	16	13	—	—	—	—	11	5	—	2	—	—	27	18
Dumaresq (A)	2	—	2	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	2	1	1
Glen Innes (A)	5	2	3	1	2	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	5	2	3	3	2	3
Guyra (A)	1	3	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	2	2
Inverell (A) Pt B	5	4	2	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	2	1	2	2
Severn (A)	2	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	4	2	—
Tenterfield (A)	3	4	8	3	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	8	3	4	4
Uralla (A)	1	1	3	2	6	1	3	—	—	—	—	4	4	1	3	2	6	5
Walcha (A)	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Northern Tablelands SSD	19	16	19	13	35	28	3	—	—	2	11	9	22	16	19	15	46	37
Moree Plains (A)	2	1	5	3	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	5	3	2	6
Narrabri (A)	—	—	—	7	6	3	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	7	6	3
North Central Plain SSD	2	1	5	10	8	6	—	20	—	—	—	3	2	21	5	10	8	9
NORTHERN SD	54	53	44	58	82	66	7	20	—	7	13	14	61	73	44	65	95	80

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	1993		1994				1993		1994				1993		1994			
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
NORTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Coolah (A)	2	1	1	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	3	2	1
Coonabarabran (A)	2	4	1	3	1	2	14	—	—	2	—	—	16	4	1	5	1	2
Dubbo (C)	50	20	16	24	11	33	14	8	6	2	2	24	64	28	22	26	13	57
Gilgandra (A)	3	—	2	1	6	5	—	—	—	6	—	—	3	—	2	7	6	5
Mudgee (A)	8	—	4	6	10	7	—	—	—	3	5	—	8	—	4	9	15	7
Narromine (A)	2	1	1	1	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	1	4	2
Wellington (A)	4	4	1	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	1	1	5	—
Central Macquarie SSD	71	30	26	39	39	50	28	8	6	13	7	24	99	38	32	52	46	74
Bogan (A)	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	—
Coonamble (A)	1	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	3	—
Walgett (A)	2	1	1	3	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	3	4	2
Warren (A)	—	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	—
Macquarie-Barwon SSD	3	5	2	8	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	2	8	8	2
Bourke (A)	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Brewarrina (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cobar (A)	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
Upper Darling SSD	—	1	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	2
NORTH WESTERN SD	74	36	29	47	48	54	28	8	6	13	7	24	102	44	35	60	55	78

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(Number of dwelling units)

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	1993		1994				1993		1994				1993		1994			
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bathurst (C)	51	46	25	17	27	13	22	4	—	8	8	—	73	50	25	25	35	13
Blayney (A) Pt A	1	1	—	2	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	2	5	4
Cabonne (A) Pt A	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Evans (A) Pt A	3	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	1	—	—
Orange (C)	—	18	—	2	92	12	—	2	—	—	35	—	—	20	—	2	127	12
Bathurst-Orange SSD	56	68	25	22	124	27	22	6	—	8	43	2	78	74	25	30	167	29
Blayney (A) Pt B	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Cabonne (A) Pt B	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Evans (A) Pt B	2	4	1	2	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	1	2	5	2
Greater Lithgow (C)	8	8	9	7	11	8	—	—	—	—	5	4	8	8	9	7	16	12
Oberon (A)	—	2	3	12	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	12	4	5
Rylstone (A)	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Central Tablelands (ex. 1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bathurst-Orange SSD	10	14	14	24	21	18	—	—	—	—	5	4	10	14	14	24	26	22
Bland (A)	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1
Cabonne (A) Pt C	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Cowra (A)	11	2	7	10	15	5	—	4	—	2	8	2	11	6	7	12	23	7
Forbes (A)	2	4	3	7	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	3	7	6	5
Lachlan (A)	2	4	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	3	—	3	—
Parkes (A)	24	32	45	—	—	—	4	14	9	10	—	—	28	46	54	10	—	—
Wodden (A)	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
Lachlan SSD	40	45	59	17	28	11	4	18	9	12	8	2	44	63	68	29	35	13
CENTRAL WEST SD	106	127	98	63	173	56	26	24	9	20	56	8	132	151	107	83	229	64

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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses								Other residential buildings								Total							
	1993		1994			1993		1994			1993		1994			1993		1994						
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.						
SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																								
Queanbeyan (C)	45	50	6	5	28	14	33	28	5	2	9	9	78	78	11	7	37	23						
Queanbeyan SSD	45	50	6	5	28	14	33	28	5	2	9	9	78	78	11	7	37	23						
Roorua (A)	2	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	1	1						
Crookwell (A)	1	1	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	3						
Goulburn (C)	6	6	15	6	4	3	5	—	—	—	—	6	11	6	15	6	4	9						
Gunning (A)	11	1	6	2	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	6	2	4	2						
Harden (A)	1	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	2	—						
Mulwaree (A)	4	5	5	4	8	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	5	4	8	6						
Talleganda (A)	—	2	3	3	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	5	3	2	1						
Yarrowlumla (A)	9	3	6	10	12	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	3	6	10	12	5						
Yass (A)	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—						
Young (A)	9	7	1	3	3	5	6	—	—	—	5	—	15	7	1	3	8	5						
Southern Tablelands (excl. Queanbeyan) SSD	43	32	36	29	18	26	13	—	2	—	5	6	56	32	38	29	43	32						
Bega Valley (A)	37	9	15	29	38	17	5	2	2	3	—	6	42	11	17	32	38	23						
Eurobodalla (A)	23	3	80	25	19	44	—	—	5	—	—	15	23	3	85	25	19	59						
Lower South Coast SSD	60	12	95	54	57	61	5	2	7	3	—	21	65	14	102	57	57	82						
Bombala (A)	1	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	1						
Cooma-Monaro (A)	3	4	1	6	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	3	6	3	3						
Snowy River (A)	22	11	13	8	8	7	8	6	4	—	6	4	30	17	17	8	14	11						
Snowy SSD	26	16	16	14	13	11	8	6	4	—	6	4	34	22	20	14	19	15						
SOUTH EASTERN SD	174	110	153	102	136	112	59	36	18	5	20	40	233	146	171	107	156	152						

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					
	1993			1994			1993			1994			1993			1994		
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Coolamon (A)	—	3	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	5	—
Cootamundra (A)	4	2	5	2	3	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	4	2	5	9	1
Gundagai (A)	2	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	1	—
Junee (A)	1	1	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	6	1
Lockhart (A)	2	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	1
Narrandera (A)	1	2	2	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	5	2	—	2	—
Temora (A)	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	2	2	2	3	1
Tumut (A)	9	10	—	6	32	4	13	4	—	—	8	11	22	14	—	6	40	15
Wagga Wagga (C)	52	42	51	62	31	7	5	7	17	9	4	2	57	49	68	71	35	9
Central Murrumbidgee SSD	71	63	61	76	80	15	18	14	19	16	15	13	89	77	80	92	95	28
Carrathool (A)	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—
Griffith (C)	11	7	5	4	4	6	4	7	—	12	—	8	15	14	5	16	4	14
Hay (A)	—	2	—	3	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	2	3
Leeton (A)	1	5	4	4	6	2	—	6	—	—	2	—	1	11	4	4	8	2
Murrumbidgee (A)	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	—
Lower Murrumbidgee SSD	15	16	11	11	12	11	4	13	5	12	2	8	19	29	16	23	14	19
MURRUMBIDGEE SD	86	79	72	87	92	26	22	27	24	28	17	21	108	106	96	115	109	47

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				
	1993		1994			1993		1994						1993		1994		
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Albury (C)	36	8	11	26	63	34	—	16	4	15	6	3	36	24	15	41	69	37
Hume (A)	3	6	2	3	9	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	6	2	3	12	3
Albury SSD	39	14	13	29	72	37	—	16	4	15	9	3	39	30	17	44	81	40
Corowa (A)	11	6	3	10	2	8	—	—	—	2	—	—	11	6	3	12	2	8
Culcairn (A)	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	1	—
Holbrook (A)	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Tumbarumba (A)	—	—	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	—
Urana (A)	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Upper Murray (excl. Albury) SSD	16	8	4	12	7	9	—	—	—	2	—	—	16	8	4	14	7	9
Berrigan (A)	1	2	5	5	8	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	5	5	8	4
Conargo (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deniliquin (A)	3	4	3	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	3	3	1	1
Jerildene (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murray (A)	1	—	2	1	6	5	—	7	5	—	—	—	1	7	7	1	6	5
Wakool (A)	4	—	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	5
Windouran (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central Murray SSD	9	6	11	9	15	15	2	7	5	—	—	—	11	13	16	9	15	15
Bairnsdale (A)	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—
Wentworth (A)	10	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	2	3	2	—	—
Murray-Darling SSD	12	2	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	2	3	3	—	—
MURRAY SD	76	30	31	53	94	61	2	23	9	17	9	3	78	53	40	70	103	64
FAR WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Broken Hill (C)	2	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	1	1
Central Darling (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unincorp. Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FAR WEST SD	2	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	1	1
NEW SOUTH WALES																		
NEW SOUTH WALES	2,450	1,879	1,846	2,247	2,772	2,219	1,307	1,117	993	1,246	1,717	1,273	3,757	2,996	2,839	3,493	4,489	3,492

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 buildings 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) and incorporating changes brought about by the (State) *Local Government Act 1993* to the titles of legal Local Government Areas (LGAs). 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. The (State) *Local Government Act 1993* eliminated the titles of Shire and Municipality and instituted the concept of Area (A). With one exception—Sutherland (S) became Sutherland Shire (A)—names of the LGAs have remained unaltered. 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 commencement, 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

A Area

C City

r figure or series revised since previous issue

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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