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DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES, NEW SOUTH WALES, NOVEMBER 1991

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

MAIN FEATURES

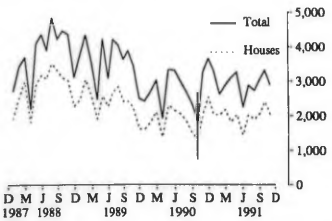
Number of dwelling units commenced

The total number of dwelling units commenced in New South Wales in November 1991 (2,909) was 12% lower than the previous month (3,310) and 11% lower than November 1990 (3,266). The number of dwelling units commenced in Sydney Statistical Division in November 1991 (1,451) was a unit lower than the previous month (1,452). After declining to a low of 37% of total commencements in June 1991, Sydney commencements have rebounded to 50% of total commencements in November 1991

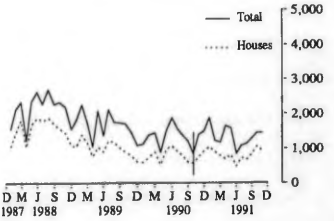
Number of houses commenced

The number of houses commenced in New South Wales in November 1991 (2,054) decreased by 15% from the October figure of 2,417, while in Sydney Statistical Division there was a decrease of 13% (from 1,065 to 928).

DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN NSW



DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN SYDNEY (SD)



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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Unpublished data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
(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*
1988-89	32,450	11,184	43,634	626	1,963	2,589	33,076	13,147	46,223
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
1990—									
December	2,501	878	3,379	48	228	276	2,549	1,106	3,655
1991—									
January	2,025	949	2,974	3	324	327	2,028	1,273	3,301
February	2,009	570	2,579	8	50	58	2,017	620	2,637
March	2,147	652	2,799	38	52	90	2,185	704	2,889
April	1,712	1,162	2,874	110	109	219	1,822	1,271	3,093
May	1,965	990	2,955	70	237	307	2,035	1,227	3,262
June	1,404	596	2,000	45	229	274	1,449	825	2,274
July	1,950	628	2,578	75	234	309	2,025	862	2,887
August	1,826	630	2,456	74	211	285	1,900	841	2,741
September	1,979	787	2,766	89	201	290	2,068	988	3,056
October	2,237	846	3,083	180	47	227	2,417	893	3,310
November	1,877	681	2,558	177	174	351	2,054	855	2,909

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									
1988-89	15,633	6,424	22,057	217	1,522	1,739	15,850	7,946	23,796
1989-90	10,404	6,075	16,479	161	1,568	1,728	10,564	7,643	18,207
1990-91	9,110	5,527	14,637	226	1,445	1,671	9,336	6,972	16,308
1990—									
December	885	438	1,323	48	145	193	933	583	1,516
1991—									
January	1,032	553	1,585	1	297	298	1,033	850	1,883
February	907	301	1,208	—	20	20	907	321	1,228
March	801	344	1,145	—	41	41	801	385	1,186
April	683	881	1,564	12	77	89	695	958	1,653
May	780	627	1,407	40	138	178	820	765	1,585
June	481	239	720	9	119	128	490	358	848
July	726	300	1,026	5	56	61	731	356	1,087
August	672	276	948	16	177	193	688	453	1,141
September	780	341	1,121	58	113	171	838	454	1,292
October	917	350	1,267	148	37	185	1,065	387	1,452
November	792	377	1,169	136	146	282	928	523	1,451

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									
1988-89	3,228	647	3,875	46	150	196	3,274	797	4,071
1989-90	2,740	977	3,717	28	237	253	2,768	1,202	3,970
1990-91	2,453	763	3,216	45	228	273	2,498	991	3,489
1990—									
December	332	82	414	—	28	28	332	110	442
1991—									
January	99	47	146	—	12	12	99	59	158
February	221	89	310	—	30	30	221	119	340
March	397	82	479	—	8	8	397	90	487
April	171	57	228	18	7	25	189	64	253
May	211	51	262	11	33	44	222	84	306
June	158	105	263	8	72	80	166	177	343
July	235	123	358	30	47	77	265	170	435
August	217	77	294	7	32	39	224	109	333
September	201	155	356	5	—	5	206	155	361
October	237	133	370	7	10	17	244	143	387
November	208	67	275	3	16	19	211	83	294
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1988-89	3,442	598	4,040	38	47	85	3,480	645	4,125
1989-90	2,678	590	3,268	32	198	230	2,702	780	3,482
1990-91	2,300	396	2,696	46	81	127	2,346	477	2,823
1990—									
December	208	22	230	—	55	55	208	77	285
1991—									
January	258	40	298	—	15	15	258	55	313
February	255	31	286	—	—	—	255	31	286
March	139	18	157	21	—	21	160	18	178
April	177	18	195	7	11	18	184	29	213
May	209	38	247	—	—	—	209	38	247
June	153	9	162	—	—	—	153	9	162
July	167	12	179	6	100	106	173	112	285
August	201	48	249	27	—	27	228	48	276
September	169	30	199	5	41	46	174	71	245
October	274	148	422	8	—	8	282	148	430
November	204	27	231	17	—	17	221	27	248
BALANCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES									
1988-89	10,147	3,515	13,662	325	244	569	10,472	3,759	14,231
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
1990—									
December	1,076	336	1,412	—	—	—	1,076	336	1,412
1991—									
January	636	309	945	2	—	2	638	309	947
February	626	149	775	8	—	8	634	149	783
March	810	208	1,018	17	3	20	827	211	1,038
April	681	206	887	73	14	87	754	220	974
May	765	274	1,039	19	66	85	784	340	1,124
June	612	243	855	28	38	66	640	281	921
July	822	193	1,015	34	31	65	856	224	1,080
August	736	229	965	24	2	26	760	231	991
September	829	261	1,090	21	47	68	850	308	1,158
October	809	215	1,024	17	—	17	826	215	1,041
November	673	210	883	21	12	33	694	222	916

TABLE 3. HOUSES COMMENCED, BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS

Period	Double brick (a)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Other and not stated	Total
			PRIVATE SECTOR			
1988-89	4,627	23,909	1,887	1,710	317	32,450
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
1990—						
December	351	1,703	204	205	38	2,501
1991—						
January	210	1,555	124	107	29	2,025
February	303	1,421	131	131	23	2,009
March	297	1,539	153	113	45	2,147
April	243	1,226	97	122	24	1,712
May	277	1,404	118	125	41	1,965
June	210	994	92	90	18	1,404
July	314	1,360	85	167	24	1,950
August	212	1,382	86	122	24	1,826
September	301	1,450	99	111	18	1,979
October	321	1,653	105	136	22	2,237
November	232	1,416	98	118	13	1,877
			PUBLIC SECTOR			
1988-89	26	561	14	20	5	626
1989-90	6	427	4	29	2	463
1990-91	18	479	3	8	11	516
1990—						
December	—	48	—	—	—	48
1991—						
January	—	3	—	—	—	3
February	—	8	—	—	—	8
March	1	36	1	—	—	38
April	7	93	1	2	7	110
May	9	58	—	2	1	70
June	1	41	—	—	3	45
July	1	71	1	—	2	75
August	—	70	—	—	4	74
September	1	81	1	1	5	89
October	1	176	3	—	—	180
November	2	175	—	—	—	177
			TOTAL			
1988-89	4,653	24,470	1,901	1,730	322	33,076
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
1990—						
December	351	1,751	204	205	38	2,549
1991—						
January	210	1,558	124	107	29	2,028
February	303	1,429	131	131	23	2,017
March	298	1,575	154	113	45	2,185
April	250	1,319	98	124	31	1,822
May	286	1,462	118	127	42	2,035
June	211	1,035	92	90	21	1,449
July	315	1,431	86	167	26	2,025
August	212	1,452	86	122	28	1,900
September	302	1,531	100	112	23	2,068
October	322	1,829	108	136	22	2,417
November	234	1,591	98	118	13	2,054

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

TABLE 4. HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Statistical division	October 1991						November 1991					
	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	107	760	11	34	5	917	88	665	15	24	—	792
Hunter	51	156	15	13	2	237	28	153	10	15	2	208
Illawarra	12	238	9	11	4	274	12	164	16	11	1	204
Richmond — Tweed	28	105	5	16	1	155	19	64	2	20	1	106
Mid-North Coast	33	99	10	20	1	163	26	51	8	9	1	95
Northern	16	43	5	6	2	72	6	40	9	8	1	64
North Western	8	33	7	4	2	54	10	74	5	1	—	90
Central West	10	68	6	3	2	89	9	31	4	5	1	50
South Eastern	36	58	26	21	2	143	23	101	17	19	5	165
Murrumbidgee	12	61	7	3	—	83	3	51	7	4	—	65
Murray	8	30	4	3	1	46	7	22	5	2	1	37
Far West	—	2	—	2	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	1
New South Wales	**321**	**1,653**	**105**	**136**	**22**	**2,237**	**232**	**1,416**	**98**	**118**	**13**	**1,877**
PUBLIC SECTOR												
Sydney	—	148	—	—	—	148	1	135	—	—	—	136
Hunter	1	5	1	—	—	7	—	3	—	—	—	3
Illawarra	—	8	—	—	—	8	—	17	—	—	—	17
Richmond — Tweed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mid-North Coast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	10
Northern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
North Western	—	8	1	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
South Eastern	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Murrumbidgee	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	6	—	—	—	6
Murray	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New South Wales	**1**	**176**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**180**	**2**	**175**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**177**
TOTAL												
Sydney	107	908	11	34	5	1,065	89	800	15	24	—	928
Hunter	52	161	16	13	2	244	28	156	10	15	2	211
Illawarra	12	246	9	11	4	282	12	181	16	11	1	221
Richmond — Tweed	28	105	5	16	1	155	19	64	2	20	1	106
Mid-North Coast	33	99	10	20	1	163	26	61	8	9	1	105
Northern	16	43	5	6	2	72	6	43	9	8	1	67
North Western	8	41	8	4	2	63	10	74	5	1	—	90
Central West	10	68	6	3	2	89	9	32	4	5	1	51
South Eastern	36	58	27	21	2	144	24	101	17	19	5	166
Murrumbidgee	12	67	7	3	—	89	3	57	7	4	—	71
Murray	8	31	4	3	1	47	7	22	5	2	1	37
Far West	—	2	—	2	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	1
New South Wales	**322**	**1,829**	**108**	**136**	**22**	**2,417**	**234**	**1,591**	**98**	**118**	**13**	**2,054**

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

TABLE 5. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991																	
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Botany (M)	4	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	4	—	1	2	—
Leichhardt (M)	1	1	5	1	6	4	20	7	19	—	2	6	21	8	24	1	8	10
Marrickville (M)	2	—	1	—	—	1	36	—	—	—	—	20	38	—	1	—	—	21
South Sydney (C)	—	—	1	1	3	1	—	98	4	13	6	2	—	98	5	14	9	3
Sydney (C) — Inner & Remainder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inner Sydney (SSD)	*7*	*5*	*7*	*3*	*9*	*6*	*56*	*105*	*23*	*13*	*10*	*28*	*63*	*110*	*30*	*16*	*19*	*34*
Randwick (M)	7	5	19	20	3	5	6	13	12	21	—	28	13	18	31	41	3	33
Waverley (M)	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	6	16	—	3	1	—	7	17	—
Woollahra (M)	2	3	1	2	2	4	—	3	—	—	—	10	2	6	1	2	2	14
Eastern Suburbs (SSD)	*12*	*9*	*20*	*23*	*6*	*9*	*6*	*16*	*12*	*27*	*16*	*38*	*18*	*25*	*32*	*50*	*22*	*47*
Hurstville (C)	4	11	12	4	8	9	6	23	20	—	16	11	10	34	32	4	24	20
Kogarah (M)	4	9	3	4	9	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	9	3	4	9	8
Rockdale (M)	6	6	5	9	3	13	3	—	—	—	—	15	9	6	5	9	3	28
Sutherland (S)	26	33	37	42	44	44	59	13	84	51	45	74	85	46	121	93	89	118
St George — Sutherland (SSD)	*40*	*59*	*57*	*59*	*64*	*70*	*68*	*36*	*104*	*51*	*61*	*104*	*108*	*95*	*161*	*110*	*125*	*174*
Bankstown (C)	13	44	16	8	12	13	13	26	—	2	18	7	26	70	16	10	30	20
Canterbury (M)	7	3	2	4	1	—	20	15	—	—	4	4	27	18	2	4	5	4
Canterbury — Bankstown (SSD)	*20*	*47*	*18*	*12*	*13*	*13*	*33*	*41*	—	*2*	*22*	*11*	*53*	*88*	*18*	*14*	*35*	*24*
Fairfield (C)	1	61	1	54	100	25	22	28	18	9	37	38	23	89	19	63	137	63
Liverpool (C) (a)	69	67	52	19	43	225	2	—	2	34	28	41	71	67	54	53	71	266
Fairfield — Liverpool (SSD)	*70*	*128*	*53*	*73*	*143*	*250*	*24*	*28*	*20*	*43*	*65*	*79*	*94*	*156*	*73*	*116*	*208*	*329*
Camden (M)	23	34	56	66	64	41	—	—	—	7	14	—	23	34	56	73	78	41
Campbelltown (C)	4	38	3	12	11	1	—	2	43	2	24	—	4	40	46	14	35	1
Wollondilly (S)	9	21	22	19	26	20	2	5	4	—	2	—	11	26	26	19	28	20
Outer South Western Sydney (SSD)	*36*	*93*	*81*	*97*	*101*	*62*	*2*	*7*	*47*	*9*	*40*	—	*38*	*100*	*128*	*106*	*141*	*62*
Ashfield (M)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	8	—	—	13	—	—	8
Burwood (M)	2	2	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	2	2
Concord (M)	2	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	5	—	—	—	2	3	5	—	—	3
Drummoyne (M)	—	3	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	1	1
Strathfield (M)	2	1	2	8	2	2	—	—	—	—	10	3	2	1	2	8	12	5
Inner Western Sydney (SSD)	*6*	*9*	*5*	*9*	*5*	*8*	—	—	*18*	—	*10*	*11*	*6*	*9*	*23*	*9*	*15*	*19*

(a) Delays were experienced in reporting commencements in earlier months. See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS —*continued*
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991																	
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION —*continued*																		
Auburn (M)	—	—	—	13	1	4	—	—	—	11	9	—	—	—	—	24	10	4
Holroyd (M)	8	4	8	9	8	5	38	8	52	36	2	64	46	12	60	45	10	69
Parramatta (C)	—	2	2	—	2	2	—	—	22	17	—	28	—	2	24	17	2	30
Central Western Sydney (SSD)	*8*	*6*	*10*	*22*	*11*	*11*	*38*	*8*	*74*	*64*	*11*	*92*	*46*	*14*	*84*	*86*	*22*	*103*
Blue Mountains (C)	26	23	25	53	28	29	—	—	4	—	12	—	26	23	29	53	40	29
Hawkesbury (C)	23	20	23	61	75	40	11	6	8	47	16	22	34	26	31	108	91	62
Penrith (C)	42	52	88	37	115	58	2	—	19	—	10	—	44	52	107	37	125	58
Outer Western Sydney (SSD)	*91*	*95*	*136*	*151*	*218*	*127*	*13*	*6*	*31*	*47*	*38*	*22*	*104*	*101*	*167*	*198*	*256*	*149*
Baulkham Hills (S)	26	47	32	54	35	20	29	—	2	8	—	2	55	47	34	62	35	22
Blacktown (C)	57	119	166	148	141	158	46	43	62	127	26	114	103	162	228	275	167	272
Blacktown — Baulkham Hills (SSD)	*83*	*166*	*198*	*202*	*176*	*178*	*75*	*43*	*64*	*135*	*26*	*116*	*158*	*209*	*262*	*337*	*202*	*294*
Hunter's Hill (M)	1	1	—	3	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	3	6	1
Lane Cove (M)	4	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	2	—	1	5	1
Mosman (M)	1	—	2	—	1	1	2	—	—	5	—	2	3	—	2	5	1	3
North Sydney (M)	2	—	3	1	1	1	3	48	4	—	12	—	5	48	7	1	13	1
Ryde (M)	7	10	8	—	5	15	—	6	9	—	—	4	7	16	17	—	5	19
Willoughby (C)	5	3	3	3	2	2	—	—	—	12	—	—	5	3	3	15	2	2
Lower Northern Sydney (SSD)	*20*	*16*	*16*	*8*	*16*	*21*	*5*	*54*	*13*	*17*	*16*	*6*	*25*	*70*	*29*	*25*	*32*	*27*
Hornsby (S)	19	28	16	31	172	38	—	4	2	—	56	2	19	32	18	31	228	40
Ku-ring-gai (M)	11	13	6	45	19	3	38	—	2	—	—	—	49	13	8	45	19	3
Hornsby — Ku-ring-gai (SSD)	*30*	*41*	*22*	*76*	*191*	*41*	*38*	*4*	*4*	—	*56*	*2*	*68*	*45*	*26*	*76*	*247*	*43*
Manly (M)	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—
Warringah (S)	13	6	8	18	17	19	—	—	4	37	—	2	13	6	12	55	17	21
Manly — Warringah (SSD)	*13*	*7*	*9*	*19*	*18*	*19*	—	—	*4*	*37*	—	*2*	*13*	*7*	*13*	*56*	*18*	*21*
Gosford (C)	26	12	15	18	37	18	—	5	29	—	8	—	26	17	44	18	45	18
Wyong (S)	28	38	41	66	57	95	—	3	10	9	8	12	28	41	51	75	65	107
Gosford — Wyong (SSD)	*54*	*50*	*56*	*84*	*94*	*113*	—	*8*	*39*	*9*	*16*	*12*	*54*	*58*	*95*	*93*	*110*	*125*
SYDNEY (SD)	**490**	**731**	**688**	**838**	**1,065**	**928**	**358**	**356**	**453**	**454**	**387**	**523**	**848**	**1,087**	**1,141**	**1,292**	**1,452**	**1,451**

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(Number of dwelling units)

	Houses						*Other residential buildings*						*Total*					
	1991																	
Statistical area	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Cessnock (C)	16	27	20	18	12	20	3	—	—	2	—	—	19	27	20	20	12	20
Lake Macquarie (C)	3	64	63	49	48	69	20	34	26	65	39	14	23	98	89	114	87	83
Maitland (C)	29	34	32	32	22	19	3	28	—	8	2	10	32	62	32	40	24	29
Newcastle (C) — Inner & Remainder	28	40	20	29	68	24	65	66	63	35	71	41	93	106	83	64	139	65
Port Stephens (S)	37	43	49	34	46	43	56	24	16	43	15	18	93	67	65	77	61	61
Newcastle (SSD)	*113*	*208*	*184*	*162*	*196*	*175*	*147*	*152*	*105*	*153*	*127*	*83*	*260*	*360*	*289*	*315*	*323*	*258*
Dungog (S)	15	2	6	12	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	2	6	12	6	5
Gloucester (S)	2	4	3	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	3	1	2	4
Great Lakes (S)	12	20	2	5	3	—	10	6	2	2	10	—	22	26	4	7	13	—
Merriwa (S)	—	1	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	—
Murrurundi (S)	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—
Muswellbrook (S)	3	8	12	5	17	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	8	12	5	17	9
Scone (S)	5	9	1	4	4	6	2	2	2	—	6	—	7	11	3	4	10	6
Singleton (S)	16	12	14	15	13	12	18	10	—	—	—	—	34	22	14	15	13	12
Hunter SD Balance (SSD)	*53*	*57*	*40*	*44*	*48*	*36*	*30*	*18*	*4*	*2*	*16*	—	*83*	*75*	*44*	*46*	*64*	*36*
HUNTER (SD)	**166**	**265**	**224**	**206**	**244**	**211**	**177**	**170**	**109**	**155**	**143**	**83**	**343**	**435**	**333**	**361**	**387**	**294**
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Kiama (M)	3	4	10	4	53	11	—	—	—	—	6	—	3	4	10	4	59	11
Shellharbour (M)	25	23	37	41	40	37	—	2	4	47	8	3	25	25	41	88	48	40
Wollongong (C)	27	30	31	17	85	47	2	82	21	15	108	12	29	112	52	32	193	59
Wollongong (SSD)	*55*	*57*	*78*	*62*	*178*	*95*	*2*	*84*	*25*	*62*	*122*	*15*	*57*	*141*	*103*	*124*	*300*	*110*
Shoalhaven (C)	73	78	117	87	68	93	7	28	23	6	20	12	80	106	140	93	88	105
Wingecarribee (S)	25	38	33	25	36	33	—	—	—	3	6	—	25	38	33	28	42	33
Illawarra SD Balance (SSD)	*98*	*116*	*150*	*112*	*104*	*126*	*7*	*28*	*23*	*9*	*26*	*12*	*105*	*144*	*173*	*121*	*130*	*138*
ILLAWARRA (SD)	**153**	**173**	**228**	**174**	**282**	**221**	**9**	**112**	**48**	**71**	**148**	**27**	**162**	**285**	**276**	**245**	**430**	**248**

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(Number of dwelling units)

	Houses						*Other residential buildings*						*Total*					
							1991											
Statistical area	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*
RICHMOND — TWEED STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Tweed (S) Pt A	33	23	18	4	63	31	23	6	52	26	9	32	56	29	70	30	72	63
Tweed Heads (SSD)	*33*	*23*	*18*	*4*	*63*	*31*	*23*	*6*	*52*	*26*	*9*	*32*	*56*	*29*	*70*	*30*	*72*	*63*
Ballina (S)	18	35	59	26	18	16	12	24	16	14	—	4	30	59	75	40	18	20
Byron (S)	7	162	34	20	13	15	—	42	3	—	4	2	7	204	37	20	17	17
Casino (M)	4	1	6	5	4	6	2	—	4	3	—	—	6	1	10	8	4	6
Kyogle (S)	3	6	1	1	7	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	1	1	7	4
Lismore (C)	29	38	23	11	19	14	73	6	6	31	14	6	102	44	29	42	33	20
Richmond River (S)	8	9	3	9	7	3	—	—	2	2	3	2	8	9	5	11	10	5
Tweed (S) Pt B	18	20	19	3	24	17	15	2	2	7	—	6	33	22	21	10	24	23
Richmond — Tweed SD Balance (SSD)	*87*	*271*	*145*	*75*	*92*	*75*	*102*	*74*	*33*	*57*	*21*	*20*	*189*	*345*	*178*	*132*	*113*	*95*
RICHMOND — TWEED (SD)	**120**	**294**	**163**	**79**	**155**	**106**	**125**	**80**	**85**	**83**	**30**	**52**	**245**	**374**	**248**	**162**	**185**	**158**
MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bellingen (S)	11	10	10	7	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	10	10	7	7	3
Coffs Harbour (C)	42	47	34	44	31	27	22	8	23	6	21	6	64	55	57	50	52	33
Copmanhurst (S)	4	1	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	1	2	1	1
Grafton (C)	6	10	3	4	5	3	—	31	5	2	3	4	6	41	8	6	8	7
Maclean (S)	7	14	17	7	40	12	2	4	2	2	8	6	9	18	19	9	48	18
Nambucca (S)	19	8	7	17	8	11	10	2	—	—	2	—	29	10	7	17	10	11
Nymboida (S)	4	4	5	4	8	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	5	4	8	6
Ulmarra (S)	4	12	5	4	4	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	12	5	4	4	11
Clarence (SSD)	*97*	*106*	*82*	*89*	*104*	*74*	*34*	*45*	*30*	*10*	*34*	*16*	*131*	*151*	*112*	*99*	*138*	*90*
Greater Taree (C)	33	28	35	32	21	19	—	14	3	18	13	10	33	42	38	50	34	29
Hastings (M)	58	70	66	55	27	2	38	8	15	4	4	—	96	78	81	59	31	2
Kempsey (S)	15	22	14	20	11	10	10	—	16	17	—	4	25	22	30	37	11	14
Hastings (SSD)	*106*	*120*	*115*	*107*	*59*	*31*	*48*	*22*	*34*	*39*	*17*	*14*	*154*	*142*	*149*	*146*	*76*	*45*
MID — NORTH COAST (SD)	**203**	**226**	**197**	**196**	**163**	**105**	**82**	**67**	**64**	**49**	**51**	**30**	**285**	**293**	**261**	**245**	**214**	**135**

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							1991											
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NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Barraba (S)	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Bingara (S)	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Gunnedah (S)	3	11	8	1	2	2	2	—	—	9	—	—	5	11	8	10	2	2
Inverell (S) Pt A	—	3	6	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	8	3	—	—
Manilla (S)	4	2	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	3	2	2	—
Nundle (S)	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—
Parry (S)	9	7	9	12	8	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	7	9	12	8	9
Quirindi (S)	2	2	4	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	4	1	1	3
Tamworth (C)	16	25	14	28	19	21	2	—	9	8	6	4	18	25	23	36	25	25
Yallaroi (S)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Northern Slopes (SSD)	*35*	*50*	*44*	*52*	*36*	*36*	*4*	—	*11*	*17*	*6*	*4*	*39*	*50*	*55*	*69*	*42*	*40*
Armidale (C)	12	11	8	6	9	8	—	4	—	2	—	—	12	15	8	8	9	8
Dumaresq (S)	4	14	3	1	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	14	3	1	4	3
Glen Innes (M)	3	2	5	4	1	1	—	2	—	6	—	2	3	4	5	10	1	3
Guyra (S)	1	—	1	2	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	2	2	—
Inverell (S) Pt B	3	4	1	2	—	8	—	—	—	4	—	—	3	4	1	6	—	8
Severn (S)	3	—	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	1	—	2
Tenterfield (S)	2	6	2	4	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	2	4	7	2
Uralla (S)	1	2	1	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	4	2	—
Walcha (S)	1	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	1	—
Northern Tablelands (SSD)	*30*	*40*	*25*	*25*	*26*	*24*	*3*	*6*	—	*12*	—	*2*	*33*	*46*	*25*	*37*	*26*	*26*
Moree Plains (S)	—	—	11	7	9	6	3	—	3	2	6	3	3	—	14	9	15	9
Narrabri (S)	1	2	2	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	6	1	1
North Central Plain (SSD)	*1*	*2*	*13*	*13*	*10*	*7*	*3*	—	*3*	*2*	*6*	*3*	*4*	*2*	*16*	*15*	*16*	*10*
NORTHERN (SD)	**66**	**92**	**82**	**90**	**72**	**67**	**10**	**6**	**14**	**31**	**12**	**9**	**76**	**98**	**96**	**121**	**84**	**76**

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	1991																	
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NORTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Coolah (S)	1	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	—	—
Coonabarabran (S)	1	1	4	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	4	1	—
Dubbo (C) (a)	19	25	28	5	1	75	4	8	10	4	4	34	23	33	38	9	5	109
Gilgandra (S)	—	2	3	1	2	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	3	1	2	1
Mudgee (S)	10	7	14	17	33	7	—	—	—	6	11	5	10	7	14	23	44	12
Narromine (S)	5	1	4	3	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	4	3	8	2
Wellington (S)	—	8	3	2	5	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	8	3	6	5	1
Central Macquarie (SSD)	*36*	*44*	*57*	*36*	*50*	*86*	*12*	*8*	*10*	*14*	*15*	*39*	*48*	*52*	*67*	*50*	*65*	*125*
Bogan (S)	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	—
Coonamble (S)	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	1
Walgett (S)	4	2	7	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	7	1	1	1
Warren (S)	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—
Macquarie — Barwon (SSD)	*7*	*4*	*8*	*2*	*5*	*2*	—	—	—	*2*	—	—	*7*	*4*	*8*	*4*	*5*	*2*
Bourke (S)	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Brewarrina (S)	—	—	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	8	—
Cobar (S)	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Upper Darling (SSD)	*1*	—	*2*	—	*8*	*2*	—	—	—	—	—	—	*1*	—	*2*	—	*8*	*2*
NORTH WESTERN (SD)	**44**	**48**	**67**	**38**	**63**	**90**	**12**	**8**	**10**	**16**	**15**	**39**	**56**	**56**	**77**	**54**	**78**	**129**

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							1991											
Statistical area	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*
CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bathurst (C)	10	15	12	57	15	10	—	—	—	29	—	—	10	15	12	86	15	10
Blayney (S) Pt A	1	2	—	3	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	3	2	5
Cabonne (S) Pt A	4	1	3	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	3	4	—	1
Evans (S) Pt A	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—
Orange (C)	16	—	24	30	23	12	19	—	—	—	3	5	35	—	24	30	26	17
Bathurst—Orange (SSD)	*31*	*18*	*40*	*95*	*42*	*28*	*19*	—	—	*29*	*3*	*5*	*50*	*18*	*40*	*124*	*45*	*33*
Blayney (S) Pt B	—	1	—	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	2
Cabonne (S) Pt B	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Evans (S) Pt B	1	2	—	6	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	6	6	2
Greater Lithgow (C)	7	8	11	8	18	7	—	6	—	—	—	—	7	14	11	8	18	7
Oberon (S)	4	2	1	4	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	2	1	4	1	9
Rylstone (S)	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1
Central Tablelands (excl. Bathurst—Orange) (SSD)	*12*	*14*	*14*	*21*	*28*	*16*	—	*6*	—	—	—	*5*	*12*	*20*	*14*	*21*	*28*	*21*
Bland (S)	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	3	1	—
Cabonne (S) Pt C	1	—	3	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	1	1	3
Cowra (S)	2	3	4	12	7	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	3	4	12	11	1
Forbes (S)	3	—	—	1	4	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	1	4	—
Lachlan (S)	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	2	4	—	—	—
Parkes (S)	4	3	2	9	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	2	9	4	2
Weddin (S)	—	2	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	2	—	2	8	1
Lachlan (SSD)	*12*	*11*	*10*	*25*	*19*	*7*	*6*	—	*3*	*3*	*10*	—	*18*	*11*	*13*	*28*	*29*	*7*
CENTRAL WEST (SD)	**55**	**43**	**64**	**141**	**89**	**51**	**25**	**6**	**3**	**32**	**13**	**10**	**80**	**49**	**67**	**173**	**102**	**61**

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Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991																	
	June	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*
SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Queanbeyan (C)	10	7	12	31	29	7	10	13	2	—	59	8	20	20	14	31	88	15
Queanbeyan (SSD)	*10*	*7*	*12*	*31*	*29*	*7*	*10*	*13*	*2*	—	*59*	*8*	*20*	*20*	*14*	*31*	*88*	*15*
Boorowa (S)	2	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	1	—
Crookwell (S)	3	1	—	2	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	2	2	2
Goulburn (C)	3	7	9	6	8	5	4	—	—	40	—	8	7	7	9	46	8	13
Gunning (S)	2	—	2	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	2	2	2
Harden (S)	2	1	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	2	1	1
Mulwaree (S)	1	4	7	—	11	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	7	—	11	6
Tallaganda (S)	1	3	3	4	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	3	4	4	1
Yarrowlumla (S)	9	5	11	7	9	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	5	11	7	9	7
Yass (S)	2	—	—	7	13	4	—	—	—	—	5	—	2	—	—	7	18	4
Young (S)	1	11	5	7	8	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	11	5	7	8	8
Southern Tablelands (excl. Queanbeyan) (SSD)	*26*	*34*	*38*	*37*	*59*	*36*	*5*	—	—	*40*	*5*	*8*	*31*	*34*	*38*	*77*	*64*	*44*
Bega Valley (S)	18	18	26	43	35	9	—	6	7	4	3	—	18	24	33	47	38	9
Eurobodalla (S) (a)	22	26	51	30	9	101	—	21	16	—	—	50	22	47	67	30	9	151
Lower South Coast (SSD)	*40*	*44*	*77*	*73*	*44*	*110*	—	*27*	*23*	*4*	*3*	*50*	*40*	*71*	*100*	*77*	*47*	*160*
Bombala (S)	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
Cooma — Monaro (S)	1	2	4	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	7	5	5
Snowy River (S)	3	3	5	6	5	7	—	2	—	7	—	8	3	5	5	13	5	15
Snowy (SSD)	*4*	*5*	*9*	*13*	*12*	*13*	—	*2*	—	*7*	—	*8*	*4*	*7*	*9*	*20*	*12*	*21*
SOUTH EASTERN (SD)	**80**	**90**	**136**	**154**	**144**	**166**	**15**	**42**	**25**	**51**	**67**	**74**	**95**	**132**	**161**	**205**	**211**	**240**

(a) Delays were experienced in reporting commencements in earlier months. See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS —*continued*
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991																	
	June	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sep.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*
MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Coolamon (S)	1	1	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2	2	1
Cootamundra (S)	1	1	4	2	2	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	1	4	6	2	1
Gundagai (S)	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	—
Junee (S)	1	—	4	2	2	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	4	2	4	3
Lockhart (S)	2	—	—	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	3	1
Narrandera (S)	2	2	1	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	2	4	3	1	—	—
Temora (S)	—	5	1	—	2	2	6	—	—	3	—	3	6	5	1	3	2	5
Tumut (S)	2	4	2	3	9	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	4	2	6	9	3
Wagga Wagga (C)	30	16	3	77	61	50	—	—	7	22	2	—	30	16	10	99	63	50
Central Murrumbidgee (SSD)	*40*	*31*	*16*	*89*	*81*	*61*	*6*	*2*	*9*	*32*	*4*	*3*	*46*	*33*	*25*	*121*	*85*	*64*
Carrathool (S)	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Griffith (C)	2	—	3	5	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	5	2	4
Hay (S)	—	1	2	2	1	2	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	1	5	4	1	2
Leeton (S)	3	1	—	1	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	1	—	1	4	5
Murrumbidgee (S)	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—
Lower Murrumbidgee (SSD)	*6*	*3*	*5*	*8*	*8*	*10*	—	—	*3*	*2*	—	*3*	*6*	*3*	*8*	*10*	*8*	*13*
MURRUMBIDGEE (SD)	**46**	**34**	**21**	**97**	**89**	**71**	**6**	**2**	**12**	**34**	**4**	**6**	**52**	**36**	**33**	**131**	**93**	**77**

(a) Delays were experienced in reporting commencements in earlier months. See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS—*continued*
(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses						Other residential buildings						Total					
	1991																	
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.
MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Albury (C)	3	10	—	16	5	9	6	8	12	10	19	2	9	18	12	26	24	11
Hume (S)	4	3	3	3	9	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	3	3	9	4
Albury (SSD)	*7*	*13*	*3*	*19*	*14*	*13*	*6*	*8*	*12*	*10*	*19*	*2*	*13*	*21*	*15*	*29*	*33*	*15*
Corowa (S)	4	2	4	7	6	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	4	2	6	7	6	3
Culcairn (S)	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1
Holbrook (S)	—	—	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	—
Tumbarumba (S)	2	—	2	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	2	—	4
Urana (S)	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—
Upper Murray (excl. Albury) (SSD)	*7*	*2*	*9*	*14*	*10*	*8*	—	—	*2*	—	—	—	*7*	*2*	*11*	*14*	*10*	*8*
Berrigan (S)	1	1	4	2	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	2	3	3
Conargo (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deniliquin (M)	4	5	3	9	8	6	—	5	2	—	—	—	4	10	5	9	8	6
Jerilderie (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murray (S)	—	1	2	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	2	1	2	5
Wakool (S)	2	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	2	—
Windouran (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central Murray (SSD)	*7*	*7*	*11*	*13*	*13*	*14*	—	*5*	*2*	—	*2*	—	*7*	*12*	*13*	*13*	*15*	*14*
Balranald (S)	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Wentworth (S)	2	4	1	2	9	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	4	1	2	11	1
Murray — Darling (SSD)	*2*	*4*	*1*	*3*	*10*	*2*	—	—	—	—	*2*	—	*2*	*4*	*1*	*3*	*12*	*2*
MURRAY (SD)	**23**	**26**	**24**	**49**	**47**	**37**	**6**	**13**	**16**	**10**	**23**	**2**	**29**	**39**	**40**	**59**	**70**	**39**
FAR WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Broken Hill (C)	3	3	4	5	2	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	3	4	7	2	1
Central Darling (S)	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	2	—
Unincorp. Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FAR WEST (SD)	**3**	**3**	**6**	**6**	**4**	**1**	—	—	**2**	**2**	—	—	**3**	**3**	**8**	**8**	**4**	**1**
NEW SOUTH WALES																		
NEW SOUTH WALES	**1,449**	**2,025**	**1,900**	**2,068**	**2,417**	**2,054**	**825**	**862**	**841**	**988**	**893**	**855**	**2,274**	**2,887**	**2,741**	**3,056**	**3,310**	**2,909**

(a) Delays were experienced in reporting commencements in earlier months. See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes.

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 occuring 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 no revised data and that NSW data are more comparable with similar series issued by other States.

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; or

(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:

(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.

Statistical areas of New South Wales

9. 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).

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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).

13. 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)
——	break in continuity of series

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