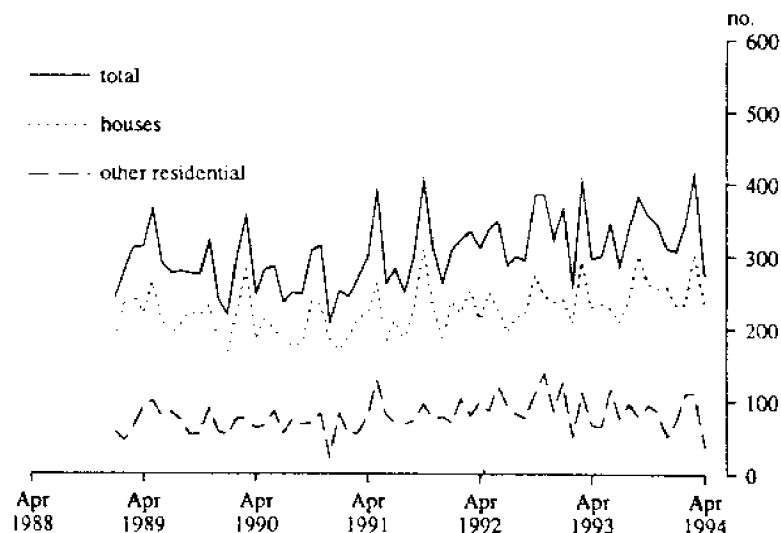


**DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY
APPROVING AUTHORITIES, TASMANIA, APRIL 1994**

MAIN FEATURES

- There were 274 new dwelling units commenced in April 1994, a 34 per cent decrease on the 415 new dwelling units commenced in March 1994, and an eight per cent decrease on the April 1993 figure of 298.
- For the twelve months ended April 1994 there were 4008 new dwelling units commenced, a less than one per cent increase on the 3994 recorded for the twelve months ended April 1993.
- The Northern Statistical Division recorded 36 per cent of the new dwelling units commenced in April 1994, followed by the Greater Hobart Statistical Division with 33 per cent; the Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division accounted for 19 per cent while the Southern Statistical Division made up the balance with 12 per cent.
- The Municipality of Kingborough recorded 32 new dwelling unit commencements in April 1994, followed by the Municipality of West Tamar with 26, the Municipality of Meander Valley with 22 and the City of Launceston with 21.

NEW DWELLING COMMENCEMENTS



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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AND OWNERSHIP, TASMANIA

<i>Period</i>	<i>Double brick</i>	<i>Brick veneer</i>	<i>Fibre cement</i>	<i>Timber</i>	<i>Other and not stated</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR						
1990-91	153	1 620	75	401	85	2 334
1991-92	238	1 773	67	498	78	2 654
1992-93	277	1 905	103	447	65	2 797
1993:						
February	27	134	7	36	4	208
March	33	202	7	43	8	294
April	17	166	5	38	4	230
May	15	176	4	39	1	235
June	15	175	9	20	10	229
July	28	142	5	34	1	210
August	32	174	6	23	5	240
September	46	188	9	54	5	303
October	33	176	9	37	4	262
November	24	176	10	39	7	257
December	15	163	7	46	16	259
1994:						
January	15	160	4	35	4	233
February	23	163	3	39	6	235
March	18	208	17	46	8	305
April	22	164	9	32	8	235
PUBLIC SECTOR						
1990-91	1	89	-	1	-	91
1991-92	-	93	-	2	-	95
1992-93	-	28	-	-	-	28
1993:						
February	-	-	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	-	1	-	-	-	1
May	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	1	-	-	-	1
November	-	3	-	-	-	3
December	-	1	-	-	-	1
1994:		12				12
January	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	15	-	-	-	15
March	-	1	-	-	-	1
April	-	7	-	1	-	8
TOTAL						
1990-91	154	1 709	75	402	85	2 425
1991-92	238	1 866	67	500	78	2 749
1992-93	277	1 933	103	447	65	2 825
1993:						
February	27	134	7	36	4	208
March	33	203	7	43	8	294
April	17	166	5	38	4	230
May	15	176	4	39	1	235
June	15	175	9	20	10	229
July	28	142	5	34	1	210
August	32	174	6	23	5	240
September	46	189	9	54	5	303
October	33	179	9	37	4	262
November	24	177	10	39	7	257
December	15	175	7	46	16	259
1994:						
January	15	175	4	35	4	233
February	23	164	3	39	6	235
March	18	215	17	47	8	305
April	22	164	9	32	8	235

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AND OWNERSHIP

APRIL 1994

<i>Statistical division subdivision</i>	<i>Double brick</i>	<i>Brick veneer</i>	<i>Fibre cement</i>	<i>Timber</i>	<i>Other and not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	13	53	1	9	1	77
<i>Southern</i>	2	13	1	11	3	30
<i>Greater Launceston</i>	5	56	3	5	1	70
<i>Central North</i>	-	7	1	1	-	9
<i>North-Eastern</i>	-	6	2	2	2	12
<i>Northern</i>	5	69	6	8	3	91
<i>Burnie-Devonport</i>	1	20	-	1	-	22
<i>North-Western Rural</i>	1	8	1	3	1	14
<i>Lyell</i>	-	1	-	-	-	1
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	2	29	1	4	1	37
<i>Tasmania</i>	22	164	9	32	8	235
PUBLIC SECTOR						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Southern</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Greater Launceston</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Central North</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>North-Eastern</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Northern</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Burnie-Devonport</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>North-Western Rural</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Lyell</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Tasmania</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	13	53	1	9	1	77
<i>Southern</i>	2	13	1	11	3	30
<i>Greater Launceston</i>	5	56	3	5	1	70
<i>Central North</i>	-	7	1	1	-	9
<i>North-Eastern</i>	-	6	2	2	2	12
<i>Northern</i>	5	69	6	8	3	91
<i>Burnie-Devonport</i>	1	20	-	1	-	22
<i>North-Western Rural</i>	1	8	1	3	1	14
<i>Lyell</i>	-	1	-	-	-	1
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	2	29	1	4	1	37
<i>Tasmania</i>	22	164	9	32	8	235

TABLE 3. NUMBER AND VALUE OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, APRIL 1994

Statistical region sectors and statistical local areas (a)	Private sector			Total (b)		
	Houses	Total dwelling units	Value of dwelling units	Houses	Total dwelling units	Value of dwelling units
	Number	Number	(\$'000)	Number	Number	(\$'000)
Brighton (M)	5	7	375	5	7	375
Central Highlands (M)	5	5	110	5	5	110
Clarence (C)	14	14	1 200	14	14	1 200
Glamorgan/Spring Bay (M)	1	4	244	1	4	244
Glenorchy (C)	15	17	1 497	15	17	1 497
Hobart (C)	4	4	377	4	4	377
Huon Valley (M)	9	9	600	9	9	600
Kingborough (M)	27	32	2 813	27	32	2 813
New Norfolk (M)	2	2	97	2	2	97
Sorell (M)	15	19	1 184	15	19	1 184
Southern Midlands (M)	9	9	634	9	9	634
Tasman (M)	1	1	30	1	1	30
<i>Greater Hobart-Southern</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>9 161</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>9 161</i>
Break O' Day (M)	11	11	561	11	11	561
Dorset (M)	1	1	30	1	1	30
Flinders (M)	-	-	-	-	-	-
George Town (M)	4	4	258	4	4	258
Launceston (C)	17	21	1 545	17	21	1 545
Meander Valley (M)	21	22	1 573	21	22	1 573
Northern Midlands (M)	13	13	831	13	13	831
West Tamar (M)	24	26	2 742	24	26	2 742
<i>Northern</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>7 539</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>7 539</i>
Burnie (C)	1	3	252	1	3	252
Central Coast (M)	4	4	337	4	4	337
Circular Head (M)	6	6	390	6	6	390
Devonport (C)	6	18	1 173	6	18	1 173
Kentish (M)	4	4	196	4	4	196
King Island (M)	2	2	120	2	2	120
Latrobe (M)	8	10	737	8	10	737
Waratah/Wynyard (M)	5	5	380	5	5	380
West Coast (M)	1	1	35	1	1	35
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>3 620</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>3 620</i>
Tasmania	235	274	20 320	235	274	20 320
<i>Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision</i>						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>7 261</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>7 261</i>
<i>Southern</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>1 900</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>1 900</i>
Greater Launceston	70	76	6 323	70	76	6 323
Central North	9	10	625	9	10	625
North-Eastern	12	12	591	12	12	591
<i>Northern</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>7 539</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>7 539</i>
Burnie-Devonport	22	38	2 703	22	38	2 703
North-Western Rural	14	14	882	14	14	882
Lyell	1	1	35	1	1	35
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>3 620</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>3 620</i>
Tasmania	235	274	20 320	235	274	20 320

(a) In this table, statistics are presented in terms of statistical local areas aggregated to their equivalent local government areas.

(b) Private sector plus public sector.

TABLE 4. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY OWNERSHIP AND TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, TASMANIA

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
		Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units		Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units		Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units
	Number			Number			Number		
1990-91	2 334	762	3 096	91	96	187	2 425	858	3 283
1991-92	2 654	950	3 604	95	74	169	2 749	1 024	3 773
1992-93	2 797	1 027	3 824	28	102	130	2 825	1 129	3 954
1993:									
February	208	48	256	-	2	2	208	50	258
March	293	112	405	1	-	1	294	112	406
April	230	68	298	-	-	-	230	68	298
May	235	65	300	-	-	-	235	65	300
June	229	117	346	-	-	-	229	117	346
July	210	77	287	-	-	-	210	77	287
August	240	97	337	-	-	-	240	97	337
September	302	80	382	1	-	1	303	80	383
October	259	95	354	3	-	3	262	95	357
November	256	87	343	1	-	1	257	87	344
December	247	52	299	12	-	12	259	52	311
1994:									
January	218	56	274	15	19	34	233	75	308
February	234	90	324	1	21	22	235	111	346
March	297	102	399	8	8	16	305	110	415
April	235	39	274	-	-	-	235	39	274

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

1. This publication contains monthly details of the number of new dwelling units reported by approving authorities as having commenced in each local government area.

Scope and Coverage

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

(a) building permits were issued by local government authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities; or

(b) contracts were let, or day labour work was authorised, by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities.

Major residential building commencements in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g., buildings on remote mine sites) are included also.

3. 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 dwellings) is not included.

Definitions

4. 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.

5. 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 non-residential 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., townhouses, duplexes and apartment buildings).

6. **Commencements:** For the purposes of this statistical series, a residential building is regarded as being commenced on the date when:

(a) the building work 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 building work is determined as commenced by a building inspector or surveyor.

7. **Ownership:** The ownership of a building is classified as either public sector or private sector, according to the sector of the intended owner of the completed building, as evident at the time of approval. Residential buildings being constructed by private sector builders under government housing authority schemes, whereby the authority has contracted, or intends to contract, to purchase the buildings on or before completion, are classified as public sector.

Comparability of Statistics

8. 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, Tasmania* (8752.6).

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Building Activity Australia: Dwelling Unit Commencements, Preliminary (8750.0), quarterly.
Building Activity, Australia (8752.0), quarterly.
Engineering Construction Survey, Australia (8762.0), quarterly.
Construction Industry Survey - Private Sector Construction Establishments, Details of Operations, Tasmania, 1984-85 (8772.6).

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