

**DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY
APPROVING AUTHORITIES, TASMANIA, MAY 1996**

MAIN FEATURES

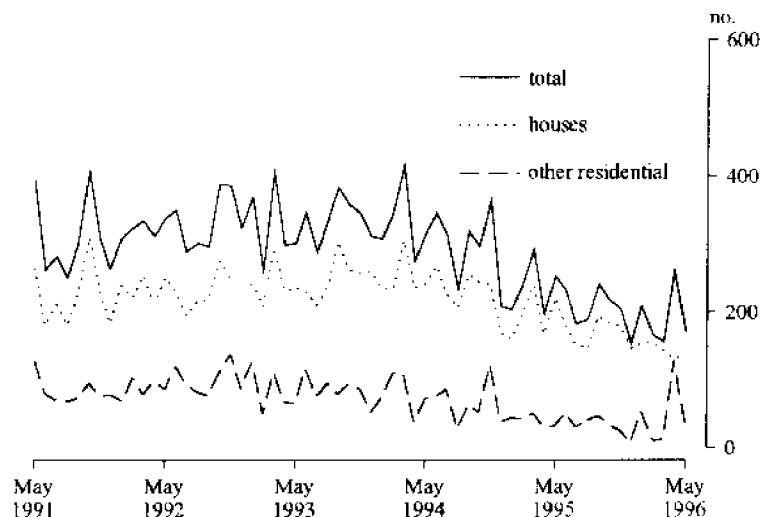
● There were 171 new dwelling units commenced in May 1996, a 34 per cent decrease on the 261 new dwelling units commenced in April 1996, and a 32 per cent decrease on the May 1995 figure of 253.

● For the twelve months ended May 1996 there were 2387 new dwelling units commenced, a 27 per cent decrease on the 3263 recorded for the twelve months ended May 1995.

● The Greater Hobart Statistical Division recorded 39 per cent of the new dwelling units commenced in May 1996, followed by the Northern Statistical Division with 36 per cent, the Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division with 18 per cent while the Southern Statistical Division made up the balance with 7 per cent.

● The cities of Clarence and Launceston each recorded 24 new dwelling unit commencements in May 1996, followed by the Municipality of Kingborough with 20 and the Municipality of West Tamar with 18.

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						
1992-93	277	1 905	103	447	65	2 797
1993-94	306	2 073	103	440	79	3 001
1994-95	132	1 813	93	401	62	2 501
1995:						
March	6	167	5	54	8	240
April	13	111	6	35	3	168
May	14	156	11	36	4	221
June	3	127	11	31	6	178
July	5	106	2	37	2	152
August	3	108	6	29	1	147
September	8	133	11	34	1	187
October	18	128	9	24	4	183
November	17	116	7	33	5	178
December	13	100	4	22	7	146
1996:						
January	18	103	7	18	9	155
February	13	97	11	21	12	154
March	25	77	6	20	14	142
April	24	71	7	23	6	131
May	36	66	4	27	6	139
PUBLIC SECTOR						
1992-93	-	28	-	-	-	28
1993-94	-	47	-	1	-	48
1994-95	-	3	-	1	-	4
1995:						
March	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	1	-	-	-	1
August	-	1	-	-	-	1
September	-	7	-	-	-	7
October	-	1	-	-	-	1
November	-	1	-	-	-	1
December	-	1	-	-	-	1
1996:						
January	-	1	-	-	-	1
February	-	1	-	-	-	1
March	-	1	-	-	-	1
April	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL						
1992-93	277	1 933	103	447	65	2 825
1993-94	306	2 120	103	441	79	3 049
1994-95	132	1 816	93	402	62	2 505
1995:						
March	6	167	5	54	8	240
April	13	111	6	35	3	168
May	14	156	11	36	4	221
June	3	127	11	31	6	178
July	5	107	2	37	2	153
August	3	109	6	29	1	148
September	8	140	11	34	1	194
October	18	129	9	24	4	184
November	17	117	7	33	5	179
December	13	101	4	22	7	147
1996:						
January	18	104	7	18	9	156
February	13	98	11	21	12	155
March	25	78	6	20	14	143
April	24	71	7	23	6	131
May	36	66	4	27	6	139

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AND OWNERSHIP
MAY 1996

<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>	15	32	2	9	3	61
<i>Southern</i>	3	1	-	6	2	12
Greater Launceston	3	18	1	3	-	25
Central North	1	5	-	1	-	7
North-Eastern	1	4	1	2	-	8
<i>Northern</i>	5	27	2	6	-	40
Burnie-Devonport	6	4	-	2	-	12
North-Western Rural	7	2	-	3	1	13
Lyell	-	-	-	1	-	1
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	13	6	-	6	1	26
<i>Tasmania</i>	36	66	4	27	6	139
PUBLIC SECTOR						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Southern</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Launceston	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central North	-	-	-	-	-	-
North-Eastern	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Northern</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burnie-Devonport	-	-	-	-	-	-
North-Western Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lyell	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Tasmania</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	15	32	2	9	3	61
<i>Southern</i>	3	1	-	6	2	12
Greater Launceston	3	18	1	3	-	25
Central North	1	5	-	1	-	7
North-Eastern	1	4	1	2	-	8
<i>Northern</i>	5	27	2	6	-	40
Burnie-Devonport	6	4	-	2	-	12
North-Western Rural	7	2	-	3	1	13
Lyell	-	-	-	1	-	1
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	13	6	-	6	1	26
<i>Tasmania</i>	36	66	4	27	6	139

TABLE 3. NUMBER AND VALUE OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, MAY 1996

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)	3	3	277	3	3	277
Central Highlands	(M)	2	2	83	2	2	83
Clarence	(C)	18	24	2 346	18	24	2 346
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	(M)	1	1	100	1	1	100
Glenorchy	(C)	8	8	695	8	8	695
Hobart	(C)	5	5	345	5	5	345
Huon Valley	(M)	2	2	173	2	2	173
Kingborough	(M)	20	20	2 044	20	20	2 044
New Norfolk	(M)	3	3	205	3	3	205
Sorell	(M)	9	9	723	9	9	723
Southern Midlands	(M)	2	2	78	2	2	78
Tasman	(M)	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Greater Hobart-Southern</i>		73	79	7 069	73	79	7 069
Break O'Day	(M)	2	2	110	2	2	110
Dorset	(M)	6	6	426	6	6	426
Flinders	(M)	-	-	-	-	-	-
George Town	(M)	3	3	186	3	3	186
Launceston	(C)	11	24	2 152	11	24	2 152
Meander Valley	(M)	1	7	264	1	7	264
Northern Midlands	(M)	1	1	60	1	1	60
West Tamar	(M)	16	18	1 866	16	18	1 866
<i>Northern</i>		40	61	5 063	40	61	5 063
Burnie	(C)	5	6	488	5	6	488
Central Coast	(M)	2	4	367	2	4	367
Circular Head	(M)	3	3	207	3	3	207
Devonport	(C)	2	4	430	2	4	430
Kentish	(M)	3	3	278	3	3	278
King Island	(M)	1	1	108	1	1	108
Latrobe	(M)	5	5	417	5	5	417
Waratah/Wynyard	(M)	4	4	315	4	4	315
West Coast	(M)	1	1	70	1	1	70
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>		26	31	2 680	26	31	2 680
Tasmania		139	171	14 812	139	171	14 812
<i>Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision</i>							
<i>Greater Hobart</i>		61	67	6 367	61	67	6 367
<i>Southern</i>		12	12	702	12	12	702
Greater Launceston		25	44	3 686	25	44	3 686
Central North		7	9	842	7	9	842
North-Eastern		8	8	536	8	8	536
<i>Northern</i>		40	61	5 063	40	61	5 063
Burnie-Devonport		12	17	1 527	12	17	1 527
North-Western Rural		13	13	1 083	13	13	1 083
Lyell		1	1	70	1	1	70
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>		26	31	2 680	26	31	2 680
Tasmania		139	171	14 812	139	171	14 812

(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	Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units	Number	Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units	Number	Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units
1992-93	2 797	1 027	3 824	28	102	130	2 825	1 129	3 954
1993-94	3 001	923	3 924	48	50	98	3 049	973	4 022
1994-95	2 501	605	3 106	4	40	44	2 505	645	3 150
1995:									
March	240	42	282	-	10	10	240	52	292
April	168	23	191	-	6	6	168	29	197
May	221	30	251	-	2	2	221	32	253
June	178	53	231	-	-	-	178	53	231
July	152	16	168	1	14	15	153	30	183
August	147	41	188	1	-	1	148	41	189
September	187	27	214	7	20	27	194	47	241
October	183	35	218	1	-	1	184	35	219
November	178	26	204	1	-	1	179	26	205
December	146	7	153	1	-	1	147	7	154
1996:									
January	155	20	175	1	34	35	156	54	210
February	154	5	159	1	6	7	155	11	166
March	142	12	154	1	2	3	143	14	157
April	131	130	261	-	-	-	131	130	261
May	139	32	171	-	-	-	139	32	171

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).

Australian Standard Geographical Classification

9. Statistics in this publication are presented using the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) which has been prepared by the ABS for use in its collection, compilation and publication of statistics. For additional information about ASGC users are referred to the manual *Australian Standard Geographical Classification* (1216.0), Edition 4.

Unpublished data and related publications

10. The ABS can also make available certain dwelling unit commencement data which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided in the following forms: Microfiche, photocopy, computer printout, and clerically extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

11. Users may also wish to refer to the following priced building and construction publications which are available:

Building Approvals, Tasmania (8731.6) monthly.
Building Activity, Tasmania (8752.6), quarterly.
Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0), monthly.
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).

12. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available from any ABS Office.

Symbols and Other Usages

(M) Municipality
 (C) City
 (-) Nil or rounded to zero.



