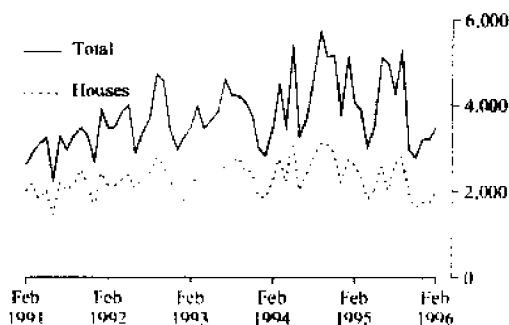


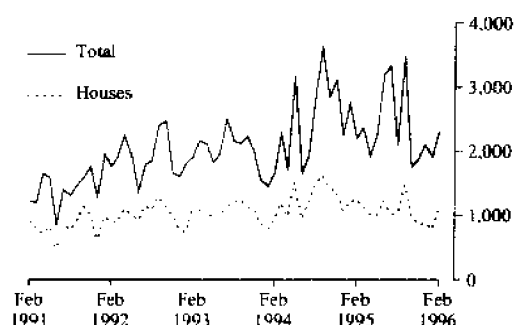
**DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES  
NEW SOUTH WALES, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1996**

**MAIN FEATURES**

**DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN NSW**



**DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN SYDNEY (SD)**



- The total number of dwelling units reported as commenced in January 1996 was 3,212 while in February the number reported was 3,504. The number of dwelling units reported as commenced in the Sydney Statistical Division (SSD) for January was 1,918 and 2,303 for February.
- There were 1,694 private sector houses reported as commenced during January and 2,020 during February. The number of private sector houses reported as commenced in the SSD for January was 753 and 1,086 for February.
- The number of other residential buildings reported as commenced for January was 1,489 while the number reported for February was 1,449. The number of other residential buildings reported as commenced in the SSD for January was 1,146 and 1,185 for February.

**NOTE: This publication contains information for both January and February 1996.  
A separate publication WILL NOT be released for January 1996.**

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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
1993-94	28,427	15,861	44,288	763	1,832	2,595	29,190	17,693	46,883
1994-95	30,409	21,074	51,483	409	1,128	1,537	30,818	22,202	53,020
<i>July-Feb</i>									
1994-95	21,706	14,544	36,250	295	853	1,148	22,001	15,397	37,398
1995-96	16,296	11,935	28,231	307	1,680	1,991	16,603	13,615	30,222
<i>1995—</i>									
February	2,614	1,345	3,959	19	65	84	2,633	1,410	4,043
March	2,305	1,453	3,758	44	119	163	2,349	1,572	3,921
April	1,790	1,150	2,940	39	36	75	1,829	1,186	3,015
May	2,034	1,523	3,557	12	4	16	2,046	1,527	3,573
June	2,574	2,404	4,978	19	116	135	2,593	2,520	5,113
July	1,937	2,195	4,132	78	770	848	2,015	2,965	4,980
August	2,618	1,426	4,044	18	208	226	2,636	1,634	4,270
September	2,808	2,111	4,919	31	312	343	2,839	2,423	5,262
October	1,897	935	2,832	46	95	141	1,943	1,030	2,973
November	1,597	1,159	2,756	36	7	43	1,633	1,166	2,799
December	1,725	1,421	3,146	38	38	76	1,763	1,459	3,222
<i>1996—</i>									
January	1,694	1,406	3,100	29	83	112	1,723	1,489	3,212
February	2,020	1,282	3,302	31	167	202	2,051	1,449	3,504

**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
<b>SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>									
1993-94	12,622	10,295	22,917	355	1,198	1,553	12,977	11,493	24,470
1994-95	14,710	15,678	30,388	274	648	922	14,984	16,326	31,310
<i>1995—</i>									
February	1,241	936	2,177	14	10	24	1,255	946	2,201
March	1,110	1,113	2,223	30	113	143	1,140	1,226	2,366
April	990	882	1,872	22	34	56	1,012	916	1,928
May	985	1,258	2,243	9	—	9	994	1,258	2,252
June	1,211	1,920	3,131	12	46	58	1,223	1,966	3,189
July	988	1,818	2,806	40	484	524	1,028	2,302	3,330
August	1,027	934	1,961	9	126	135	1,036	1,060	2,096
September	1,447	1,820	3,267	20	203	223	1,467	2,023	3,490
October	956	721	1,677	37	47	84	993	768	1,761
November	838	1,010	1,848	21	7	28	859	1,017	1,876
December	857	1,189	2,046	24	34	58	881	1,223	2,104
<i>1996—</i>									
January	753	1,101	1,854	19	45	64	772	1,146	1,918
February	1,086	1,067	2,153	32	118	150	1,118	1,185	2,303

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									
1993-94	3,812	1,889	5,701	116	109	225	3,928	1,998	5,926
1994-95	3,700	1,550	5,250	40	246	286	3,740	1,796	5,536
1995—									
February	356	121	477	2	47	49	358	168	526
March	267	124	391	3	—	3	270	124	394
April	150	49	199	13	2	15	163	51	214
May	200	35	235	1	—	1	201	35	236
June	316	86	402	3	44	47	319	130	449
July	275	88	363	12	83	95	287	171	458
August	379	145	524	1	10	11	380	155	535
September	230	83	313	7	46	53	237	129	366
October	214	70	284	—	—	—	214	70	284
November	172	49	221	14	—	14	186	49	235
December	236	93	329	3	—	3	239	93	332
1996—									
January	206	32	238	7	—	7	213	32	245
February	212	51	263	—	—	—	212	51	263
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1993-94	2,319	801	3,120	65	135	200	2,384	936	3,320
1994-95	2,874	1,055	3,929	5	65	70	2,879	1,095	3,974
1995—									
February	233	36	269	—	—	—	233	36	269
March	286	76	362	3	2	5	289	78	367
April	138	44	182	—	—	—	138	44	182
May	135	42	177	—	—	—	135	42	177
June	135	44	179	—	25	25	135	44	179
July	149	154	303	2	86	88	151	240	391
August	198	57	255	—	16	16	198	57	255
September	438	105	543	—	34	34	438	139	577
October	187	68	255	—	38	38	187	106	293
November	156	32	188	—	—	—	156	32	188
December	129	55	184	1	—	1	130	55	185
1996—									
January	262	126	388	1	46	47	262	126	388
February	209	47	256	1	46	47	210	93	303
BALANCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES									
1993-94	9,674	2,876	12,550	227	390	617	9,901	3,266	13,167
1994-95	9,125	2,791	11,916	90	194	284	9,215	2,985	12,200
1995—									
February	784	252	1,036	3	8	11	787	260	1,047
March	642	140	782	8	4	12	650	144	794
April	512	175	687	4	—	4	516	175	691
May	714	188	902	2	4	6	716	192	908
June	912	354	1,266	4	26	30	916	380	1,296
July	525	135	660	24	117	141	549	252	801
August	1,014	290	1,304	8	72	80	1,022	362	1,384
September	693	103	796	4	29	33	697	132	829
October	540	76	616	9	10	19	549	86	635
November	431	68	499	1	—	1	432	68	500
December	503	84	587	10	4	14	513	88	601
1996—									
January	473	147	620	3	38	41	476	185	661
February	513	117	630	2	3	5	515	120	635

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Double brick (a)</i>	<i>Brick veneer</i>	<i>Fibre cement</i>	<i>Timber</i>	<i>Other and not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR						
1993-94	3,797	21,003	1,067	1,857	703	28,427
1994-95	4,067	22,700	1,054	1,829	759	30,409
<i>1995—</i>						
February	367	1,983	79	126	59	2,614
March	327	1,729	72	131	46	2,305
April	279	1,283	72	113	43	1,790
May	337	1,447	71	135	44	2,034
June	431	1,811	90	179	63	2,574
July	274	1,469	45	108	41	1,937
August	434	1,910	73	134	67	2,618
September	354	2,065	108	149	132	2,808
October	272	1,355	77	112	81	1,897
November	212	1,107	67	89	122	1,597
December	249	1,126	82	115	153	1,725
<i>1996—</i>						
January	197	1,181	52	101	163	1,694
February	223	1,396	71	111	219	2,020
PUBLIC SECTOR						
1993-94	87	648	1	5	22	763
1994-95	39	356	3	2	9	409
<i>1995—</i>						
February	2	17	—	—	—	19
March	2	42	—	—	—	44
April	—	39	—	—	—	39
May	1	11	—	—	—	12
June	9	9	1	—	—	19
July	10	64	—	2	2	78
August	3	14	1	—	—	18
September	5	25	—	1	—	31
October	4	38	1	1	2	46
November	2	34	—	—	—	36
December	2	35	1	—	—	38
<i>1996—</i>						
January	4	24	—	—	1	29
February	3	27	—	—	1	31
TOTAL						
1993-94	3,884	21,651	1,068	1,862	725	29,190
1994-95	4,106	23,056	1,057	1,831	768	30,818
<i>1995—</i>						
February	369	2,000	79	126	59	2,633
March	329	1,771	72	131	46	2,349
April	279	1,322	72	113	43	1,829
May	338	1,458	71	135	44	2,046
June	440	1,820	91	179	63	2,593
July	284	1,533	45	110	43	2,015
August	437	1,924	74	134	67	2,636
September	359	2,090	108	150	132	2,839
October	276	1,393	78	113	83	1,943
November	214	1,141	67	89	122	1,633
December	251	1,161	83	115	153	1,763
<i>1996—</i>						
January	201	1,205	52	101	164	1,723
February	226	1,423	71	111	220	2,051

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

TABLE 4. HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Statistical division	January 1996					February 1996						
	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
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>												
Sydney	90	530	7	32	94	753	130	741	10	34	171	1,086
Hunter	13	166	6	11	10	206	10	170	9	14	9	212
Illawarra	3	231	6	11	11	262	3	170	11	14	11	209
Richmond Tweed	4	57	1	19	28	109	5	59	2	12	3	81
Mid-North Coast	10	86	7	9	1	113	10	92	6	12	5	125
Northern	15	10	4	2	1	32	6	16	4	5	2	33
North Western	3	15	3	1	7	29	5	25	11	4	—	45
Central West	17	39	3	4	3	66	10	35	5	2	2	54
South Eastern	16	26	9	7	4	62	23	44	6	12	2	87
Murrumbidgee	11	5	5	2	2	25	18	16	3	—	5	42
Murray	15	16	1	2	—	34	3	28	4	1	9	45
Far West	—	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	—	1	—	1
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>2,020</b>
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>												
Sydney	1	17	—	—	1	19	2	25	—	—	1	28
Hunter	—	7	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Illawarra	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Richmond Tweed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mid-North Coast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Western	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1
Central West	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
South Eastern	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murrumbidgee	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murray	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>												
Sydney	91	547	7	32	95	772	132	766	10	34	172	1,114
Hunter	13	173	6	11	10	213	10	170	9	14	9	212
Illawarra	3	231	6	11	11	262	3	171	11	14	11	210
Richmond — Tweed	4	57	1	19	28	109	5	59	2	12	3	81
Mid-North Coast	10	86	7	9	1	113	10	92	6	12	5	125
Northern	15	10	4	2	1	32	6	16	4	5	2	33
North Western	5	15	3	1	7	31	5	26	11	4	—	46
Central West	17	39	3	4	3	66	11	35	5	2	2	55
South Eastern	17	26	9	7	4	63	23	44	6	12	2	87
Murrumbidgee	11	5	5	2	2	25	18	16	3	—	5	42
Murray	15	16	1	2	—	34	3	28	4	1	9	45
Far West	—	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	—	1	—	1
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>2,051</b>

(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  
January 1996

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	190	239	429	185	167	365	717	—	1,146
Hunter	18	—	18	10	—	4	14	—	32
Illawarra	68	55	123	3	—	—	3	—	126
Richmond — Tweed	14	—	14	43	—	—	43	—	57
Mid North Coast	7	—	7	38	6	—	44	—	51
Northern	12	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	12
North Western	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Central West	18	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	18
South Eastern	9	—	9	10	—	—	10	—	19
Murrumbidgee	14	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	14
Murray	10	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	10
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,489</b>
VALUE (\$'000)									
Sydney	15,738	24,377	40,115	14,264	12,920	174,260	201,444	—	241,559
Hunter	1,070	—	1,070	732	—	800	1,532	—	2,602
Illawarra	4,221	3,862	8,084	192	—	—	192	—	8,276
Richmond — Tweed	950	—	950	1,751	—	—	1,751	—	2,701
Mid North Coast	580	—	580	2,614	510	—	3,124	—	3,704
Northern	1,200	—	1,200	—	—	—	—	—	1,200
North Western	324	—	324	—	—	—	—	—	324
Central West	1,046	—	1,046	—	—	—	—	—	1,046
South Eastern	589	—	589	660	—	—	660	—	1,249
Murrumbidgee	1,122	—	1,122	—	—	—	—	—	1,122
Murray	750	—	750	—	—	—	—	—	750
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>27,590</b>	<b>28,239</b>	<b>55,830</b>	<b>20,212</b>	<b>13,430</b>	<b>175,060</b>	<b>208,702</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>264,532</b>

TABLE 5. NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, BY TYPE IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS  
February 1996

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	292	258	550	138	240	257	635	—	1,185
Hunter	40	6	46	5	—	—	5	—	51
Illawarra	16	23	39	54	—	—	54	—	93
Richmond — Tweed	80	—	80	6	—	—	6	—	86
Mid North Coast	10	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	10
Northern	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
North Western	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central West	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
South Eastern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murrumbidgee	7	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	7
Murray	5	—	5	6	—	—	6	—	11
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,449</b>
VALUE (\$'000)									
Sydney	24,948	28,052	53,000	11,617	17,690	15,858	45,165	—	98,165
Hunter	2,635	500	3,135	300	—	—	300	—	3,435
Illawarra	1,054	1,667	2,721	3,330	—	—	3,330	—	6,051
Richmond — Tweed	3,314	—	3,314	582	—	—	582	—	3,897
Mid North Coast	804	—	804	—	—	—	—	—	804
Northern	130	—	130	—	—	—	—	—	130
North Western	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central West	150	—	150	—	—	—	—	—	150
South Eastern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murrumbidgee	520	—	520	—	—	—	—	—	520
Murray	245	—	245	360	—	—	360	—	605
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>33,801</b>	<b>30,218</b>	<b>64,019</b>	<b>16,190</b>	<b>17,690</b>	<b>15,858</b>	<b>49,738</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>113,757</b>

**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	
	1995						1996						1995						1996						1996	
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.				
Botany (A)	5	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	60	12	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Leichhardt (A)	—	2	1	2	6	10	27	—	—	—	5	110	—	2	145	—	—	—	—	—	7	116				
Marrickville (A)	2	—	—	1	1	—	48	—	—	—	—	12	7	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	13				
South Sydney (C)	—	—	1	1	—	5	24	12	423	447	31	32	31	24	424	448	—	—	—	—	448	36				
Sydney (C) — Inner & Remainder	—	—	—	—	—	—	371	—	—	—	108	237	—	371	—	—	—	—	—	—	108	237				
Inner Sydney SSD	7	3	3	5	10	15	470	12	567	620	403	38	38	477	15	570	625	—	—	—	625	53				
Randwick (A)	16	12	11	2	8	7	32	24	28	—	63	52	48	36	39	2	2	—	—	—	2	71				
Waverley (A)	4	1	—	2	2	1	16	12	2	—	2	4	20	13	2	2	4	—	—	—	2	5				
Woolahra (A)	4	2	2	5	1	3	28	—	—	3	—	—	32	2	2	8	1	—	—	—	3	3				
Eastern Suburbs SSD	24	15	13	9	11	11	76	36	30	3	65	56	100	51	43	12	76	—	—	—	12	67				
Hurstville (C)	5	6	5	7	6	10	56	42	8	38	42	64	61	48	13	45	48	—	—	—	45	74				
Kogarah (A)	40	7	7	6	7	6	20	16	13	7	4	8	60	23	20	13	10	—	—	—	13	14				
Rockdale (A)	9	5	8	13	11	7	12	76	2	27	5	32	21	81	10	40	16	—	—	—	40	39				
Sutherland Shire (A)	155	50	25	49	21	83	106	61	77	23	7	140	261	111	102	72	28	—	—	—	72	223				
St George — Sutherland SSD	209	68	45	75	44	106	194	195	100	95	58	244	403	263	145	170	102	—	—	—	170	350				
Bankstown (C)	28	15	23	22	26	25	81	48	25	82	56	49	109	63	48	104	82	—	—	—	104	74				
Canterbury (A)	1	3	—	—	21	—	19	9	—	14	96	—	20	12	—	14	117	—	—	—	14	117				
Canterbury — Bankstown SSD	29	18	23	22	47	25	100	57	25	96	152	49	129	75	48	118	199	—	—	—	118	74				
Fairfield (C)	18	15	5	44	17	12	33	52	8	49	24	52	51	67	13	93	41	—	—	—	93	64				
Liverpool (C)	130	193	133	125	158	173	33	14	29	10	39	24	163	207	162	135	197	—	—	—	135	197				
Fairfield — Liverpool SSD	148	208	138	169	175	185	66	66	37	59	63	76	214	274	175	239	261	—	—	—	239	261				
Camden (A)	31	61	44	41	64	63	—	—	—	2	2	—	31	61	44	43	66	—	—	—	43	66				
Campbelltown (C)	31	35	52	36	27	13	11	2	14	4	4	9	42	37	66	40	31	—	—	—	40	22				
Wollondilly (A)	23	20	24	12	11	21	—	2	—	—	—	15	23	22	24	12	11	—	—	—	12	36				
Outer South Western Sydney SSD	85	116	120	89	102	97	11	4	14	6	6	24	96	130	134	95	108	—	—	—	95	108				
Ashfield (A)	1	7	—	—	—	—	46	2	—	—	—	—	47	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Burwood (A)	1	2	2	4	3	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	2	2	6	3	—	—	—	6	2				
Concord (A)	2	2	4	1	1	3	16	12	16	—	30	28	18	14	20	1	31	—	—	—	1	31				
Drumoyne (A)	4	3	3	—	2	2	8	2	2	23	2	—	12	7	5	23	4	—	—	—	23	2				
Strathfield (A)	—	1	2	7	3	6	—	—	8	4	12	—	—	9	2	11	15	—	—	—	11	6				
Inner Western Sydney SSD	8	15	11	12	9	13	70	36	18	29	44	28	78	41	29	41	53	—	—	—	41	53				



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
	1995			1996			1995			1996			1995			1996			1995			1996			
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION ...continued																									
Auburn (A)	32	5	12	5	4	...	73	14	2	46	12	2	105	19	14	51	16	2							
Holroyd (A)	8	6	...	12	7	2	4	2	2	13	...	2	12	8	2	25	7	4							
Parramatta (C)	12	4	4	5	2	52	29	6	14	15	2	176	41	10	18	30	4	228							
Central Western Sydney SSD	52	15	16	22	13	54	106	22	18	74	14	180	158	37	34	96	27	334							
Blue Mountains (C)	34	24	18	21	10	23	21	...	2	...	...	4	55	24	20	21	10	27							
Hawkesbury (C)	26	20	15	16	15	20	9	6	4	...	...	...	35	26	19	16	15	20							
Penrith (C)	88	68	51	47	27	71	123	47	4	20	10	2	209	115	55	67	37	73							
Outer Western Sydney SSD	148	112	84	84	52	114	151	53	10	20	10	6	299	165	94	104	67	130							
Baulkham Hills (A)	29	48	33	30	35	45	23	26	16	4	2	27	52	74	49	34	37	72							
Blacktown (C)	230	131	100	71	62	127	137	61	30	16	13	35	367	192	130	87	75	162							
Blacktown ... Baulkham Hills SSD	259	179	133	101	97	172	160	87	46	20	15	62	419	266	179	121	112	334							
Hunter's Hill (A)	2	...	2	3	1	...	11	4	...	2	...	...	13	4	2	5	1	8							
Lane Cove (A)	5	2	4	...	1	8	...	2	4	4	8	...	5	4	8	4	9	8							
Mosman (A)	2	1	...	2	5	3	11	4	...	2	14	112	13	5	4	19	115								
North Sydney (A)	2	2	2	6	2	2	22	...	...	...	19	17	24	2	2	6	21	19							
Ryde (C)	16	7	8	12	1	14	38	19	18	15	25	30	54	26	26	27	26	44							
Willoughby (C)	20	3	13	8	4	11	330	20	22	21	60	43	350	23	35	29	64	54							
Lower Northern Sydney SSD	47	15	29	31	14	38	412	49	44	44	126	202	459	64	73	75	140	240							
Hornsby (A)	56	48	56	41	40	46	78	78	17	36	19	90	134	126	73	77	59	136							
Ku-ring-gai (A)	10	7	6	9	7	5	4	10	14	38	6	13	14	17	20	47	13	18							
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai SSD	66	55	62	50	47	51	82	88	31	74	25	103	148	143	93	124	72	154							
Manly (A)	1	3	...	1	2	1	2	4	4	...	7	2	3	7	4	1	9	3							
Pittwater (A)	15	7	12	6	7	11	4	...	2	3	2	30	19	7	14	9	9	41							
Warringah (A)	27	30	14	19	7	30	8	52	10	20	108	24	35	82	24	39	115	54							
Northern Beaches SSD	43	40	26	26	16	42	14	56	16	23	117	56	57	96	42	49	133	98							
Gosford (C)	155	56	95	112	122	67	18	7	46	44	43	29	173	63	141	156	165	96							
Wyong (A)	187	78	61	74	13	128	93	10	15	16	5	32	280	88	76	90	18	160							
Gosford Wyong SSD	342	134	156	186	135	193	111	17	61	60	48	61	453	151	217	246	183	256							
SYDNEY SD	1,467	993	859	881	772	1,118	2,023	768	1,017	1,223	1,146	1,185	3,490	1,761	1,876	2,104	1,918	2,303							

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
	1995			1996			1995			1996			1995			1996									
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.							
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION																									
Cessnock (C)	43	13	10	18	11	12	4	—	—	6	44	2	2	47	13	16	62	13	14						
Lake Macquarie (C)	59	77	62	57	66	71	17	10	—	11	—	—	4	76	87	73	57	70	83						
Maitland (C)	22	15	35	24	20	25	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	22	15	39	24	20	27						
Newcastle (C) — Inner & Remainder	33	30	13	67	20	30	87	14	11	11	49	13	16	120	44	24	116	33	46						
Port Stephens (A)	34	37	38	40	28	39	13	15	13	—	—	5	13	47	52	51	40	33	52						
Newcastle SSD	191	172	158	206	145	177	121	39	45	93	93	34	45	312	211	203	299	169	222						
Dungog (A)	8	7	7	6	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	7	7	6	3	4						
Gloucester (A)	4	1	2	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	2	1	3	3						
Great Lakes (A)	17	24	11	15	20	17	6	29	4	—	—	6	6	23	53	15	15	26	23						
Merriva (A)	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1						
Murrumbidgee (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
Muswellbrook (A)	3	5	5	5	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	5	5	1	2						
Scone (A)	6	2	2	4	5	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	2	4	5	5						
Singleton (A)	7	3	1	1	36	3	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	7	5	1	1	38	3						
Hunter SD Balance SSD	46	42	28	33	68	35	8	31	4	—	—	8	6	54	73	32	33	76	41						
<b>HUNTER SD</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>263</b>						
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION																									
Kiama (A)	4	9	15	10	3	6	5	—	—	—	2	2	2	9	9	15	12	5	15						
Shellharbour (A)	20	34	18	15	108	39	18	38	4	2	2	55	7	38	72	22	17	163	46						
Wollongong (C)	117	56	69	3	85	46	108	62	22	—	—	65	71	225	118	91	3	150	117						
Wollongong SSD	141	99	102	38	196	91	131	100	36	4	4	122	87	272	199	128	32	318	178						
Shoalhaven (C)	264	65	44	56	46	62	8	6	6	—	—	4	6	272	71	50	56	50	68						
Wingcarabee (A)	33	23	10	46	20	57	—	—	—	51	51	—	—	33	23	10	97	20	57						
Illawarra SD Balance SSD	297	88	54	102	66	119	8	6	6	—	—	4	6	305	94	60	153	70	125						
<b>ILLAWARRA SD</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>363</b>						

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
	1995			1996			1995			1996			1995			1996									
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.							
RICHMOND—TWEED STATISTICAL DIVISION																									
Tweed (A) Pt A	29	27	13	15	27	15	6	8	24	2	44	80	35	35	37	17	71	95							
Tweed Heads SSD	29	27	73	75	27	75	6	8	24	2	44	80	35	35	37	17	71	95							
Ballina (A)	22	20	18	16	14	12	11	15	7	7	4	4	33	35	18	23	18	16							
Byron (A)	12	10	17	12	8	25	6	2	28	2	4	4	12	10	19	40	8	25							
Casino (A)	5	2	—	4	2	6	—	2	—	—	4	—	5	4	—	4	6	6							
Kyogle (A)	4	3	4	3	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	4	3	3	2							
Lismore (C)	12	13	11	17	37	12	2	2	—	5	—	—	14	15	11	17	42	12							
Richmond River (A)	2	4	9	8	2	4	—	—	2	3	—	2	2	4	11	11	2	6							
Tweed (A) Pt B	6	5	11	7	16	5	2	5	—	2	—	—	8	10	11	9	16	5							
Richmond — Tweed SD Balance SSD	63	57	70	67	82	66	15	24	4	40	13	6	78	81	74	107	95	72							
<b>RICHMOND — TWEED SD</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>167</b>							
MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISION																									
Bellingen (A)	10	9	6	4	11	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	12	9	6	4	11	5							
Coffs Harbour (C)	38	28	17	29	31	29	20	—	4	8	8	2	58	28	21	37	39	31							
Copmanhurst (A)	—	1	1	2	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	3							
Crafton (C)	5	5	2	2	5	6	2	—	—	—	7	—	7	5	2	2	12	6							
Macleay (A)	13	14	9	11	11	12	4	—	2	4	—	—	17	14	11	15	11	12							
Nambucca (A)	4	6	6	11	6	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	6	11	6	8							
Nymboida (A)	3	4	4	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	4	6	3	—							
Ujmarra (A)	4	6	3	3	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	3	3	2	4							
Clarence SSD	77	73	48	68	71	67	28	—	6	12	15	2	105	73	54	80	86	69							
Greater Taree (C)	12	11	15	10	7	17	4	—	5	—	2	4	16	11	20	10	9	21							
Hastings (A)	35	28	35	33	25	30	—	18	7	2	14	2	35	46	42	35	59	32							
Kempsey (A)	10	20	10	11	10	11	2	—	—	—	—	2	12	20	10	11	10	13							
Hastings SSD	57	59	60	54	42	58	6	18	12	2	36	8	63	77	72	56	78	66							
<b>MID — NORTH COAST SD</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>135</b>							

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	
	1995			1996			1996			1995			1996			1996			1996							
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.								
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																										
Barraba (A)	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1							
Bingara (A)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Gunnedah (A)	2	2	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2							
Inverell (A) Pt A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Manilla (A)	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Nundle (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Parry (A)	3	6	2	2	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Quirindi (A)	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Tamworth (C)	38	2	—	—	1	2	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Yallaroi (A)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Northern Slopes SSD	46	13	6	5	5	8	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Armidale (C)	—	1	2	1	17	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Dumaresq (A)	4	6	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Glen Innes (A)	3	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Guyra (A)	1	1	1	2	1	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Inverell (A) Pt B	3	2	—	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Severn (A)	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Tenterfield (A)	7	4	1	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Uralla (A)	6	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Walcha (A)	1	1	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Northern Tablelands SSD	25	21	8	14	21	18	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Moree Plains (A)	2	2	—	2	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Narrabri (A)	5	—	1	2	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
North Central Plains SSD	7	2	1	4	6	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
<b>NORTHERN SD</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>—</b>							





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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses												Other residential buildings												Total	
	1995			1996			1995			1996			1995			1996			1995		1996					
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
Queanbeyan (C)	17	8	8	16	12	14	...	...	...	2	5	...	17	8	8	18	17	14	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Queanbeyan SSD	17	8	8	16	12	14	...	...	...	2	5	...	17	8	8	18	17	14	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Boorowa (A)	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Crookwell (A)	5	...	1	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Goulburn (C)	6	7	17	3	3	9	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	7	17	3	5	9	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Gunning (A)	1	2	1	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Harden (A)	4	3	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Mulwaree (A)	4	3	3	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	3	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Tallanganda (A)	...	2	1	5	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	5	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Yarrawlumla (A)	8	3	4	2	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	3	6	2	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Yass (A)	7	6	6	3	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	8	6	3	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Young (A)	9	5	2	1	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	5	6	1	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Southern Tablelands (excl. Queanbeyan) SSD	47	32	36	20	26	43	...	...	2	6	...	...	47	34	42	30	28	43	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Bega Valley (A)	21	8	9	19	19	16	...	...	...	...	10	...	23	8	9	19	29	16	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Eurobodalla (A)	86	18	11	3	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	105	18	11	5	12	16	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Lower South Coast SSD	107	26	20	22	19	28	...	...	2	...	10	...	128	26	20	24	29	28	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Bombala (A)	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Cooma - Monaro (A)	1	1	3	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Snowy River (A)	9	3	3	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	9	4	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Snowy SSD	13	4	6	10	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	4	12	10	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
<b>SOUTH EASTERN SD</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>87</b>		

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	
	1995			1996			1996			1995			1996			1995			1996			1996				
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISION																										
Coolamon (A)	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Cootamundra (A)	—	2	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Gundagai (A)	—	—	4	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Junee (A)	2	2	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Lockhart (A)	—	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Narrandera (A)	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Temora (A)	3	1	2	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Tumut (A)	6	4	2	5	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Wagga Wagga (C)	19	11	6	16	6	3	12	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Central Murrumbidgee SSD	33	21	21	29	18	17	12	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Carrathool (A)	1	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Griffith (C)	10	10	14	7	5	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Hay (A)	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Leeton (A)	5	6	3	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Murrumbidgee (A)	2	2	1	3	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Lower Murrumbidgee SSD	21	19	21	13	7	25	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<b>MURRUMBIDGEE SD</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>49</b>								



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											
	1995			1996			1996			1995			1996			1996			1995			1995			1996											
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.												
MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION																																				
Albury (C)	19	34	9	14	19	18	2	12	...	...	...	21	46	9	14	19	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Hume (A)	1	2	4	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	4	8	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Albury SSD	20	36	13	20	19	30	2	12	...	...	...	2	48	13	22	19	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Corowa (A)	2	5	2	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	4	14	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Culcairn (A)	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Holbrook (A)	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Tumbarumba (A)	1	1	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Urana (A)	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Upper Murray (excl. Albury) SSD	4	6	6	8	5	9	...	...	...	...	10	...	6	6	8	15	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Bemgan (A)	8	7	2	6	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	2	6	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Conargo (A)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Deniliquin (A)	3	3	1	...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	2	6	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Jerilderie (A)	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Murray (A)	4	9	...	2	4	3	...	3	...	...	...	4	12	7	2	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Wakool (A)	1	1	...	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Windouran (A)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Central Murray SSD	17	20	10	9	8	12	...	6	...	...	...	8	26	10	9	8	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Balranald (A)	...	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Wentworth (A)	3	2	4	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Murray -- Darling SSD	3	3	6	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
MURRAY SD	44	65	35	39	34	45	2	18	...	2	10	31	46	35	41	44	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
FAR WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																																				
Broken Hill (C)	1	1	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Central Darling (A)	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Unincorp. Far West	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
FAR WEST SD	1	1	...	2	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
NEW SOUTH WALES																																				
NEW SOUTH WALES	2,839	1,943	1,633	1,763	1,723	2,055	2,423	1,030	1,166	1,459	1,489	1,449	5,262	2,973	2,799	3,222	3,212	3,504	...	...	...	...	...	...												

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of the number of new dwelling units reported by approving authorities as having commenced. Data for statistical local areas are included.

### Scope and coverage

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

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

3. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings and through the construction of new non-residential buildings is not included.

### Comparability of statistics

4. 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 commencement statistics with the quarterly dwelling unit commencement statistics from the Building Activity Survey.

### 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 e.g. 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. Residential buildings 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. includes townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings etc.).

7. *Commencements.* For the purposes of this statistical series, a dwelling unit is regarded as being commenced on the date when:

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

8. *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.

### Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)

9. Area statistics are now being classified to the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification, Edition 2.5* (1216.0) and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics. Changes brought about by the (State) *Local Government Act 1993* to the titles of legal Local Government Areas (LGAs) have been incorporated in this publication.

- (a) *Statistical Local Areas (SLAs)* 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 (A) (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 6 of this publication).

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..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
A	Area
C	City
n.y.a.	not yet available
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
SD	Statistical Division
SLA	Statistical Local Area
SSD	Statistical Subdivision

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

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