

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

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MAIN FEATURES

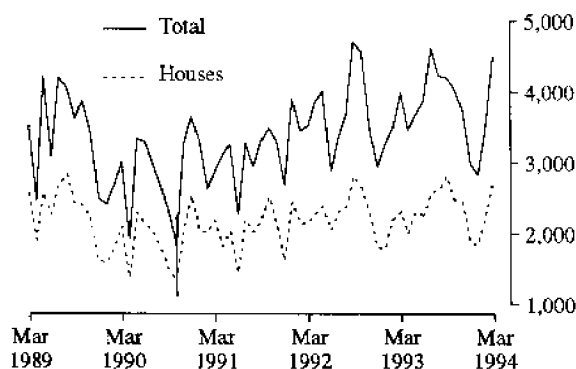
The total number of dwelling units commenced in New South Wales in March 1994 (4,489) was 29% higher than the previous month (3,493) and 13% higher than March 1993 (3,984).

The number of houses commenced in New South Wales in March 1994 (2,772) was 23% higher than in the previous month (2,247) while for the Sydney Statistical Division the increase was 28% (from 930 to 1,188).

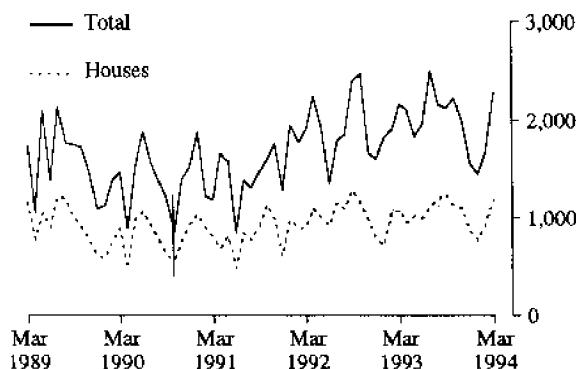
The number of dwelling units in other residential buildings commenced in March 1994 (1,717) was 38% higher than the previous month (1,246).

The number of public sector dwelling units commenced in March 1994 (407) is the highest figure since July 1993 and is the fourth consecutive monthly increase.

DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN NSW



DWELLINGS COMMENCED IN SYDNEY



Indicates a break in series.

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NOTES

The statistics on dwelling unit commencements are compiled from data supplied in monthly reports provided by local and other government authorities. The statistics relate to the number of new dwelling units reported as commencements of new houses and new other residential buildings.

Explanatory notes are provided at the back of this publication.

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Unpublished data

The ABS can make available certain dwelling commencements data which are not published, such as floor area, type of other residential building, material of roof and floor, sub-LGA level data and value ranges. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided in the following forms:

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TABLE 1. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED, NSW
(Number of dwelling units)

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
1991-92	25,183	11,403	36,586	1,033	3,038	4,071	26,216	14,441	40,657
1992-93	26,439	14,671	41,110	739	2,700	3,439	27,178	17,371	44,549
<i>July-March—</i>									
1992-93	20,078	10,824	30,902	524	2,098	2,622	20,602	12,922	33,524
1993-94	21,141	11,581	32,722	579	1,387	1,966	21,720	12,950	34,688
<i>1993—</i>									
March	2,237	1,388	3,625	84	275	359	2,321	1,663	3,984
April	1,951	1,420	3,371	50	58	108	2,001	1,478	3,479
May	2,228	1,222	3,450	89	145	234	2,317	1,367	3,684
June	2,182	1,205	3,387	76	399	475	2,258	1,604	3,862
July	2,410	1,592	4,002	189	424	613	2,599	2,016	4,615
August	2,501	1,369	3,870	121	237	358	2,622	1,606	4,228
September	2,818	1,346	4,164	4	49	53	2,822	1,395	4,217
October	2,466	1,437	3,903	17	134	151	2,483	1,553	4,054
November	2,428	1,268	3,696	22	39	61	2,450	1,307	3,757
December	1,868	1,063	2,931	11	54	65	1,879	1,117	2,996
<i>1994—</i>									
January	1,815	937	2,752	31	56	87	1,846	993	2,839
February	2,183	1,139	3,322	64	107	171	2,247	1,246	3,493
March	2,652	1,430	4,082	120	287	407	2,772	1,717	4,489

TABLE 2. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN SELECTED STATISTICAL DIVISIONS
(Number of dwelling units)

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1991-92	10,479	6,612	17,091	600	2,275	2,875	11,079	8,887	19,966
1992-93	11,919	9,464	21,383	382	1,758	2,140	12,301	11,222	23,523
<i>1993—</i>									
March	1,041	909	1,950	42	166	208	1,083	1,075	2,158
April	918	1,114	2,032	30	36	66	948	1,150	2,098
May	992	735	1,727	34	68	102	1,026	803	1,829
June	964	659	1,623	30	304	334	994	963	1,957
July	1,035	1,120	2,155	95	254	349	1,130	1,374	2,504
August	1,110	816	1,926	84	142	226	1,194	958	2,152
September	1,245	828	2,073	—	41	41	1,245	869	2,114
October	1,120	984	2,104	3	115	118	1,123	1,099	2,222
November	1,094	850	1,944	2	39	41	1,096	889	1,985
December	864	638	1,502	1	54	55	865	692	1,557
<i>1994—</i>									
January	765	625	1,390	10	48	58	775	673	1,448
February	908	692	1,600	22	50	72	930	742	1,672
March	1,138	877	2,015	50	209	259	1,188	1,086	2,274

TABLE 2. DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN SELECTED STATISTICAL DIVISIONS—continued
(Number of dwelling units)

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1991-92	3,135	1,446	4,581	128	242	370	3,263	1,688	4,951
1992-93	3,214	1,594	4,808	69	199	268	3,283	1,793	5,076
1993—									
March	287	160	447	11	14	25	298	174	472
April	180	125	305	6	4	10	186	129	315
May	269	133	402	6	—	6	275	133	408
June	284	170	454	4	16	20	288	186	474
July	415	180	595	14	24	38	429	204	633
August	360	138	498	8	25	33	368	163	531
September	387	163	550	4	6	10	391	169	560
October	367	191	558	3	17	20	370	208	578
November	275	113	388	—	—	—	275	113	388
December	228	105	333	—	—	—	228	105	333
1994—									
January	241	137	378	14	—	14	255	137	392
February	324	169	493	25	8	33	349	177	526
March	359	214	573	27	14	41	386	228	614
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1991-92	2,368	553	2,921	94	209	303	2,462	762	3,224
1992-93	2,310	939	3,249	26	246	272	2,336	1,185	3,521
1993—									
March	119	78	197	2	37	39	121	115	236
April	179	43	222	—	—	—	179	43	222
May	204	109	313	—	—	—	204	109	313
June	189	52	241	12	—	12	201	52	253
July	211	62	273	28	27	55	239	89	328
August	207	98	305	1	23	24	208	121	329
September	329	66	395	—	—	—	329	66	395
October	223	92	315	—	—	—	223	92	315
November	218	90	308	1	—	1	219	90	309
December	145	113	258	—	—	—	145	113	258
1994—									
January	77	10	87	—	8	8	77	18	95
February	231	63	294	—	—	—	231	63	294
March	127	38	165	23	37	60	150	75	225
BALANCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES									
1991-92	9,201	2,792	11,993	211	312	523	9,412	3,104	12,516
1992-93	8,996	2,674	11,670	262	497	759	9,258	3,171	12,429
1993—									
March	790	241	1,031	29	58	87	819	299	1,118
April	674	138	812	14	18	32	688	156	844
May	763	245	1,008	49	77	126	812	322	1,134
June	745	324	1,069	30	79	109	775	403	1,178
July	749	230	979	52	119	171	801	349	1,150
August	824	317	1,141	28	47	75	852	364	1,216
September	857	289	1,146	—	2	2	857	291	1,148
October	756	170	926	11	2	13	767	172	939
November	841	215	1,056	19	—	19	860	215	1,075
December	631	207	838	10	—	10	641	207	848
1994—									
January	732	165	897	7	—	7	739	165	904
February	720	215	935	17	49	66	737	264	1,001
March	1,028	301	1,329	20	27	47	1,048	328	1,376

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						
1991-92	3,116	18,747	1,239	1,757	324	25,183
1992-93	3,203	19,857	1,133	1,763	483	26,439
<i>1993—</i>						
March	291	1,665	101	150	30	2,237
April	264	1,424	101	124	38	1,951
May	328	1,590	94	149	67	2,228
June	344	1,512	86	155	85	2,182
July	313	1,698	91	192	116	2,410
August	365	1,723	97	192	124	2,501
September	347	2,114	115	168	74	2,818
October	327	1,796	96	186	61	2,466
November	303	1,817	101	148	59	2,428
December	279	1,335	78	132	44	1,868
<i>1994—</i>						
January	265	1,298	73	141	38	1,815
February	253	1,656	91	146	37	2,183
March	395	1,984	86	145	42	2,652
PUBLIC SECTOR						
1991-92	20	991	9	2	11	1,033
1992-93	67	658	9	2	3	739
<i>1993—</i>						
March	2	82	—	—	—	84
April	11	39	—	—	—	50
May	15	73	—	—	1	89
June	11	59	5	—	1	76
July	29	137	1	2	20	189
August	21	98	—	—	2	121
September	—	4	—	—	—	4
October	1	16	—	—	—	17
November	7	15	—	—	—	22
December	4	7	—	—	—	11
<i>1994—</i>						
January	5	26	—	—	—	31
February	5	59	—	—	—	64
March	7	113	—	—	—	120
TOTAL						
1991-92	3,136	19,738	1,248	1,759	335	26,216
1992-93	3,270	20,515	1,142	1,765	486	27,178
<i>1993—</i>						
March	293	1,747	101	150	30	2,321
April	275	1,463	101	124	38	2,001
May	343	1,663	94	149	68	2,317
June	355	1,571	91	155	86	2,258
July	342	1,835	92	194	136	2,599
August	386	1,821	97	192	126	2,622
September	347	2,118	115	168	74	2,822
October	328	1,812	96	186	61	2,483
November	310	1,832	101	148	59	2,450
December	283	1,342	78	132	44	1,879
<i>1994—</i>						
January	270	1,324	73	141	38	1,846
February	258	1,715	91	146	37	2,247
March	402	2,097	86	145	42	2,772

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

TABLE 4. HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Statistical division	February 1994					March 1994						
	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	102	747	8	41	10	908	150	933	9	29	17	1,138
Hunter	37	244	15	22	6	324	53	273	11	18	4	359
Illawarra	13	185	13	16	4	231	7	112	—	5	3	127
Richmond-Tweed	5	138	1	19	4	167	12	116	10	35	1	174
Mid-North Coast	20	115	7	11	2	155	33	179	6	17	3	238
Northern	9	30	11	6	2	58	20	28	15	10	3	76
North Western	3	34	6	2	—	45	7	27	5	3	6	48
Central West	27	23	5	2	2	59	49	110	8	3	1	171
South Eastern	26	35	12	22	5	100	39	67	12	14	4	136
Murrumbidgee	5	64	11	3	2	85	11	63	8	8	—	90
Murray	6	41	2	2	—	51	14	76	1	3	—	94
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
New South Wales	253	1,656	91	146	37	2,183	395	1,984	86	145	42	2,652
PUBLIC SECTOR												
Sydney	1	21	—	—	—	22	4	46	—	—	—	50
Hunter	1	24	—	—	—	25	—	27	—	—	—	27
Illawarra	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	—	—	—	23
Richmond-Tweed	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	3
Mid-North Coast	—	4	—	—	—	4	3	4	—	—	—	7
Northern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	6
North Western	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central West	—	4	—	—	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	2
South Eastern	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murrumbidgee	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
Murray	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New South Wales	5	59	—	—	—	64	7	113	—	—	—	120
TOTAL												
Sydney	103	768	8	41	10	930	154	979	9	29	17	1,188
Hunter	38	268	15	22	6	349	53	300	11	18	4	386
Illawarra	13	185	13	16	4	231	7	135	—	5	3	150
Richmond-Tweed	6	138	1	19	4	168	12	119	10	35	1	177
Mid-North Coast	20	119	7	11	2	159	36	183	6	17	3	245
Northern	9	30	11	6	2	58	20	34	15	10	3	82
North Western	3	36	6	2	—	47	7	27	5	3	6	48
Central West	27	27	5	2	2	63	49	112	8	3	1	173
South Eastern	26	37	12	22	5	102	39	67	12	14	4	136
Murrumbidgee	7	64	11	3	2	87	11	65	8	8	—	92
Murray	6	43	2	2	—	53	14	76	1	3	—	94
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
New South Wales	258	1,715	91	146	37	2,247	402	2,097	86	145	42	2,772

(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
MARCH 1994**

Statistical division	Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. of			Flats, units or apartments in a building of			Unknown or not stated	Total	
	1 storey	2 or more storeys	Total	1-2 storeys	3 storeys	4 or more storeys			Total
NUMBER									
Sydney	287	202	489	198	113	277	588	9	1,086
Hunter	146	19	165	63	—	—	63	—	228
Illawarra	26	4	30	45	—	—	45	—	75
Richmond-Tweed	38	4	42	45	—	—	45	—	87
Mid-North Coast	91	2	93	26	—	—	26	—	119
Northern	4	—	4	9	—	—	9	—	13
North Western	4	—	4	3	—	—	3	—	7
Central West	33	—	33	23	—	—	23	—	56
South Eastern	6	4	10	10	—	—	10	—	20
Murrumbidgee	9	—	9	8	—	—	8	—	17
Murray	2	—	2	7	—	—	7	—	9
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New South Wales	646	235	881	437	113	277	827	9	1,717
VALUE (\$'000)									
Sydney	22,820	17,744	40,564	13,273	9,545	19,030	41,848	915	83,326
Hunter	9,144	1,115	10,259	8,216	—	—	8,216	—	18,475
Illawarra	1,698	280	1,978	2,072	—	—	2,072	—	4,051
Richmond-Tweed	2,722	385	3,107	3,549	—	—	3,549	—	6,656
Mid-North Coast	6,192	130	6,322	2,217	—	—	2,217	—	8,539
Northern	256	—	256	599	—	—	599	—	855
North Western	260	—	260	137	—	—	137	—	397
Central West	1,310	—	1,310	1,277	—	—	1,277	—	2,587
South Eastern	468	400	868	693	—	—	693	—	1,561
Murrumbidgee	515	—	515	450	—	—	450	—	965
Murray	105	—	105	425	—	—	425	—	530
Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New South Wales	45,490	20,054	65,545	32,908	9,545	19,030	61,483	915	127,943

NEW OTHER RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED, NSW


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

Statistical area	Houses												Other residential buildings												Total
	1993			1994			1994			1993			1994			1993			1994						
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.							
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION—continued																									
Auburn (A)	10	3	—	2	1	3	6	8	—	2	—	—	16	11	—	4	1	3							
Holroyd (A)	11	7	14	2	—	8	53	10	32	—	—	—	12	64	46	2	—	20							
Parramatta (C)	13	28	19	1	25	20	68	130	45	—	70	16	81	158	64	1	95	36							
<i>Central</i>	34	38	33	5	26	31	127	148	77	2	70	28	161	186	110	7	96	59							
<i>Western Sydney SSD</i>	64	24	14	65	25	34	2	—	—	—	2	2	66	24	14	65	27	36							
Blue Mountains (C)	20	6	20	36	10	—	6	2	10	17	20	—	26	8	30	53	30	—							
Hawkesbury (C)	66	43	67	36	55	105	12	18	8	48	24	43	78	61	75	84	79	148							
Pennrith (C)	150	73	101	137	90	139	20	20	18	65	46	45	170	93	119	202	136	184							
<i>Outer Western Sydney SSD</i>	37	49	16	25	48	88	21	26	8	26	24	91	58	75	24	51	72	179							
Baulkham Hills (A)	94	148	131	105	146	193	98	70	15	75	63	59	192	218	146	180	209	252							
Blacktown (C)	131	197	147	130	194	281	119	96	23	101	87	150	250	293	170	231	281	431							
<i>Blacktown—Baulkham Hills SSD</i>	3	4	1	—	8	3	2	2	—	4	—	4	5	6	1	4	8	7							
Hunter's Hill (A)	—	5	4	2	5	8	—	10	—	9	—	12	—	15	4	11	5	20							
Lane Cove (A)	3	—	—	—	1	5	10	6	2	—	—	15	13	6	2	—	1	20							
Mosman (A)	3	4	—	6	4	1	13	8	47	21	6	88	16	12	47	27	10	89							
North Sydney (A)	14	12	8	7	2	50	209	24	14	24	—	18	223	36	22	31	2	68							
Ryde (C)	6	4	3	7	7	16	4	8	2	—	27	2	10	12	5	7	34	18							
Willoughby (C)	29	29	16	22	27	83	238	58	65	58	33	139	267	87	81	80	60	222							
<i>Lower Northern Sydney SSD</i>	50	39	18	16	43	76	44	36	16	54	45	38	94	75	34	70	88	114							
Hornsby (A)	9	19	19	11	13	16	4	18	—	—	22	—	13	37	19	11	35	16							
Ku-ring-gai (A)	59	58	37	27	56	92	48	54	16	54	67	38	107	112	53	81	123	130							
<i>Hornsby—Ku-ring-gai SSD</i>	3	11	5	2	—	3	2	4	—	2	—	—	5	15	5	4	—	3							
Manly (A)	17	8	3	1	7	1	2	14	—	2	—	—	19	22	3	3	7	1							
Pittwater (A)	20	25	11	11	10	22	42	26	24	10	16	50	62	51	35	21	26	72							
Warringah (A)	40	44	19	14	17	26	46	44	24	14	16	50	86	88	43	28	33	76							
<i>Northern Beaches SSD</i>	71	106	70	48	44	40	9	20	79	23	8	22	80	126	149	71	52	62							
Gosford (C)	71	108	69	81	78	94	31	40	24	68	22	45	102	148	93	149	100	139							
Wyong (A)	142	214	139	129	122	134	40	60	103	91	30	67	182	274	242	220	152	201							
<i>Gosford—Wyong SSD</i>	1,123	1,096	866	775	930	1,188	1,101	859	692	673	742	1,086	2,224	1,955	1,558	1,448	1,672	2,274							
SYDNEY SD																									

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

Statistical area	Houses												Other residential buildings												Total
	1993			1994			1994			1993			1994			1993			1994						
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.							
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION																									
Cessnock (C)	12	9	15	32	12	5	2	—	12	2	2	—	2	14	9	27	34	12	7						
Lake Macquarie (C)	203	106	78	69	131	117	132	51	71	39	62	—	57	335	157	149	108	188	179						
Maitland (C)	45	42	41	27	22	35	10	29	8	8	19	—	—	55	71	49	35	22	54						
Newcastle (C)—Inner and Remainder	14	2	18	34	67	69	10	2	6	66	81	—	63	24	4	24	100	130	150						
Fort Stephens (A)	35	29	34	48	63	109	4	14	2	8	60	—	27	39	43	36	56	90	169						
Newcastle SSD	309	188	186	210	295	335	158	96	99	123	228	—	147	467	284	285	333	442	563						
Dungog (A)	2	7	8	5	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	8	5	4	4						
Gloucester (A)	1	6	—	—	4	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	6	—	2	4	3						
Great Lakes (A)	22	24	13	12	15	21	21	9	—	—	—	—	18	43	33	13	12	33	21						
Merriwa (A)	—	2	2	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	2	1						
Murrumbidgee (A)	1	3	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	1	2	4	—						
Muswellbrook (A)	5	11	2	10	3	5	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	9	11	4	10	3	5						
Scene (A)	18	19	3	1	8	8	2	8	2	—	—	—	4	20	27	5	1	12	8						
Singleton (A)	12	15	13	12	16	9	23	—	2	12	6	—	6	35	15	15	24	22	9						
Hunter SD Balance SSD	61	87	42	45	54	51	50	17	6	14	—	—	30	111	104	48	59	84	51						
HUNTER SD	370	275	228	255	349	386	208	113	105	137	228	177	177	578	388	333	392	526	614						
ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION																									
Kiama (A)	18	14	9	9	9	16	6	10	4	—	4	—	—	24	24	13	9	9	20						
Shellharbour (A)	27	54	38	15	24	32	26	25	70	2	15	7	—	53	79	108	17	31	47						
Wollongong (C)	34	85	37	26	51	44	18	30	22	6	48	31	31	52	115	59	32	82	92						
Wollongong SSD	79	153	84	50	84	92	50	65	96	8	67	38	38	129	218	180	58	122	159						
Shoalhaven (C)	100	45	57	11	121	7	32	11	17	10	8	25	25	132	56	74	21	146	15						
Wingecarribee (A)	44	21	4	16	26	51	10	14	—	—	—	—	—	54	35	4	16	26	51						
Illawarra SD Balance SSD	144	66	61	27	147	58	42	25	17	10	8	25	25	186	91	78	37	172	66						
ILLAWARRA SD	223	219	145	77	231	150	92	90	113	18	75	63	63	315	309	258	95	294	225						

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

Statistical area	Other residential buildings																	
	Houses						Total											
	1993		1994		1993		1994		1993		1994							
Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
RICHMOND-TWEED STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Tweed (A) Pt A	55	31	23	37	51	20	15	19	18	34	34	6	70	50	41	71	82	26
Tweed Heads SSD	55	31	23	37	51	20	15	19	18	34	34	6	70	50	41	71	82	26
Ballina (A)	24	17	2	42	21	47	17	12	—	21	26	58	41	29	2	63	47	105
Byron (A)	20	—	1	28	41	37	4	—	—	10	14	6	24	—	1	38	55	43
Casino (A)	5	11	5	4	8	3	—	2	2	—	2	4	5	13	7	4	10	7
Kyogle (A)	13	6	1	3	4	25	3	—	—	—	—	—	16	6	1	3	4	25
Lismore (C)	10	15	14	23	17	21	9	7	2	12	13	7	19	22	16	35	30	28
Richmond River (A)	10	5	9	6	5	10	—	—	—	—	2	2	10	5	9	6	7	12
Tweed (A) Pt B	15	14	16	9	21	14	10	4	—	6	8	4	25	18	16	15	29	18
Richmond-Tweed SD Balance SSD	97	68	48	115	117	157	43	25	4	49	65	81	140	93	52	164	182	238
RICHMOND-TWEED SD	152	99	71	152	168	177	58	44	22	83	96	87	210	143	93	235	264	264
MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Bellingen (A)	8	5	1	4	13	20	2	—	—	—	—	—	10	5	1	4	13	20
Coffs Harbour (C)	42	50	44	64	46	42	18	6	4	11	8	19	60	56	48	75	54	61
Copmanhurst (A)	1	—	6	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	2	2	1
Grafton (C)	3	5	—	5	2	4	3	3	7	—	2	10	6	8	7	5	4	14
Maclean (A)	15	5	—	13	5	11	2	8	—	2	15	6	17	13	—	15	20	17
Nambucca (A)	11	5	10	14	5	14	—	—	4	—	2	2	11	5	14	14	7	16
Nymboida (A)	8	9	—	8	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	9	—	8	1	2
Ullmarra (A)	6	7	5	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	7	5	1	3	3
Clarence SSD	94	86	66	111	77	97	25	17	15	13	27	37	119	103	81	124	104	134
Greater Taree (C)	28	20	8	17	7	2	11	4	—	3	2	—	39	24	8	20	9	2
Hastings (A)	39	71	50	21	61	130	2	4	32	—	49	82	41	75	82	21	110	212
Kempsey (A)	3	10	4	11	14	16	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	12	4	11	14	16
Hastings SSD	70	101	62	49	82	148	73	10	32	3	51	82	83	111	94	52	133	230
MID-NORTH COAST SD	164	187	128	160	159	245	38	27	47	16	78	119	202	214	175	176	237	364

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

Statistical area	Houses												Other residential buildings												Total		
	1993			1994			1994			1993			1994			1994			1994			1994					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.			
Barraba (A)	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Bingara (A)	3	—	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Gunnedah (A)	5	2	3	4	3	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Inverell (A) Pt A	1	3	2	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Mamilla (A)	5	3	2	2	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Nundle (A)	1	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Parry (A)	16	11	9	6	9	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Quinn's (A)	1	3	2	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Tanworth (C)	13	6	10	6	9	13	7	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Yallaroi (A)	3	—	4	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Northern Slopes SSD	48	32	35	20	35	39	11	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Armidale (C)	14	—	2	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Dumaresq (A)	2	2	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Glen Innes (A)	3	5	2	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Guyra (A)	—	1	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Inverell (A) Pt B	7	5	4	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Severn (A)	1	2	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Tenterfield (A)	2	3	4	8	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Uralla (A)	2	1	1	3	2	6	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Walcha (A)	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Northern Tablelands SSD	31	19	16	19	13	35	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Moree Plains (A)	3	2	1	5	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Narrabri (A)	2	—	—	—	7	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
North Central Plains SSD	5	2	1	5	10	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
NORTHERN SD	84	53	52	44	58	82	17	7	20	—	7	13	101	60	72	44	65	95									

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

Statistical area	Total																	
	Houses						Other residential buildings											
	1993		1994		1994		1993		1994		1994							
Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
NORTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Coolah (A)	—	2	1	1	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	3	2
Coonabarabran (A)	2	2	4	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	1	5	1
Dubbo (C)	8	50	20	16	24	11	2	14	8	6	2	2	10	64	28	22	26	13
Gilgandra (A)	1	3	—	2	1	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	2	7	6
Mudgee (A)	9	8	—	4	6	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	8	—	4	9	15
Narramine (A)	3	2	1	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	1	1	4
Wellington (A)	2	4	4	1	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	4	1	1	5
Central Macquarie SSD	25	71	30	26	39	39	4	28	8	6	7	7	29	99	38	32	52	46
Bogan (A)	2	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	2	—
Coonamble (A)	2	1	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	3
Walgett (A)	1	2	1	1	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	3	4
Warren (A)	—	—	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1
Macquarie-Barwon SSD	5	3	4	2	8	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	4	2	8	8
Bourke (A)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Brewarrina (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cobar (A)	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Upper Darling SSD	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
NORTH WESTERN SD	30	74	35	29	47	48	4	28	8	6	7	7	34	102	43	35	60	55

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

Statistical area	Houses												Other residential buildings												Total
	1993			1994			1994			1993			1994			1994									
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.							
CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																									
Bathurst (C)	9	51	46	25	17	27	2	22	4	—	8	8	11	73	50	25	25	35							
Blayney (A) Pt A	2	1	1	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	2	5							
Cabonne (A) Pt A	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—							
Evans (A) Pt A	—	3	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	1	—							
Orange (C)	10	—	18	—	2	92	—	—	2	—	—	35	10	—	20	2	2	127							
Bathurst-Orange SSD	23	56	68	25	22	124	2	22	6	—	8	43	25	78	74	25	30	167							
Blayney (A) Pt B	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—							
Cabonne (A) Pt B	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—							
Evans (A) Pt B	4	2	4	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	4	1	2	5							
Greater Lithgow (C)	6	8	8	9	7	11	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	8	8	9	7	16							
Oberon (A)	8	—	2	3	12	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	2	3	12	4							
Rylstone (A)	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1							
Central Tablelands (excl. Bathurst-Orange) SSD	20	10	14	14	24	21	—	—	—	—	—	5	20	10	14	14	24	26							
Bland (A)	2	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	2							
Cabonne (A) Pt C	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	—							
Cowra (A)	6	11	2	7	10	15	—	—	4	—	2	8	6	11	6	7	12	23							
Forbes (A)	1	2	4	3	7	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	4	3	7	6							
Lachlan (A)	4	2	4	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	4	3	—	3							
Parkes (A)	—	24	32	45	—	—	—	4	14	9	10	—	—	28	46	54	10	—							
Weddin (A)	2	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	2							
Lachlan SSD	19	40	45	59	17	28	4	4	18	9	12	8	23	44	63	68	29	36							
CENTRAL WEST SD	62	106	127	98	63	173	6	26	24	9	20	56	68	132	151	107	83	229							

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(Number of dwelling units)

Statistical area	Houses												Other residential buildings												Total
	1993			1994			1993			1994			1993			1994									
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.							
Queanbeyan (C)	39	45	50	6	5	28	16	33	28	5	2	9	55	78	78	11	7	37							
Queanbeyan SSD	39	45	50	6	5	28	16	33	28	5	2	9	55	78	78	11	7	37							
Boorowa (A)	1	2	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	—	—	1							
Crookwell (A)	3	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	2							
Goulburn (C)	5	6	6	15	6	4	—	5	—	—	—	—	5	11	6	15	6	4							
Gunning (A)	—	11	1	6	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	1	6	2	4							
Harden (A)	3	1	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	—	1	2							
Mulwaree (A)	9	4	5	5	4	8	—	2	—	—	—	—	9	6	5	5	4	8							
Tallaganda (A)	—	—	2	3	3	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	5	3	2							
Yarrowlumia (A)	9	9	3	6	10	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9	3	6	10	12							
Yass (A)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—							
Young (A)	2	9	7	1	3	3	—	6	—	—	—	5	2	15	7	1	3	8							
Southern Tablelands (excl. Queanbeyan) SSD	32	-43	32	36	29	38	—	13	—	2	—	5	32	56	32	38	29	43							
Bega Valley (A)	32	37	9	15	29	38	4	5	2	2	3	—	36	42	11	17	32	38							
Eurobodalla (A)	25	23	3	80	25	19	2	—	—	5	—	—	27	23	3	85	25	19							
Lower South Coast SSD	57	60	12	95	54	57	6	5	2	7	3	—	63	65	14	102	57	57							
Bombala (A)	1	1	1	—	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	1	—	—	2							
Cooma-Monaro (A)	2	3	4	3	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	4	3	6	3							
Snowy River (A)	5	22	11	13	8	8	—	8	6	4	—	6	5	30	17	17	8	14							
Snowy SSD	8	26	16	16	14	13	4	8	6	4	—	6	12	34	22	20	14	19							
SOUTH EASTERN SD	136	174	110	153	102	136	26	59	36	18	5	20	162	233	146	171	107	156							

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

Statistical area	Houses												Other residential buildings												Total
	1993			1994			1993			1994			1993			1994			1993			1994			
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION																									
Albury (C)	13	36	8	11	26	63	2	—	16	4	4	15	6	15	36	24	15	41	69						
Hume (A)	2	3	6	2	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	3	6	2	3	12						
Albury SSD	15	39	14	13	29	72	2	—	16	4	4	15	9	17	39	30	17	44	81						
Corowa (A)	6	11	6	3	10	2	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	9	11	6	3	12	2						
Culcairn (A)	1	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	—	—	1						
Holbrook (A)	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	—						
Tumbarumba (A)	—	—	—	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4						
Urana (A)	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—						
Upper Murray (excl. Albury) SSD	10	16	8	4	12	7	3	—	—	2	—	2	—	13	16	8	4	14	7						
Berrigan (A)	3	1	2	5	5	8	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	2	5	5	8						
Conargo (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
Demighin (A)	—	3	4	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	3	3	1						
Jerilderie (A)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—						
Murray (A)	2	1	—	2	1	6	—	—	7	5	—	—	—	2	1	7	7	1	6						
Wakool (A)	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—						
Windouran (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
Central Murray SSD	6	9	6	11	9	15	—	2	7	5	—	—	—	6	11	13	16	9	15						
Balranald (A)	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1						
Wentworth (A)	2	10	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	10	2	3	2	—						
Murray-Darling SSD	2	12	2	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	12	2	3	3	—						
MURRAY SD	33	76	30	31	53	94	5	2	23	9	9	17	9	38	78	53	40	70	103						
FAR WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION																									
Broken Hill (C)	—	2	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	1						
Central Darling (A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
Unincorp. Far West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
FAR WEST SD	—	2	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	1						
NEW SOUTH WALES																									
NEW SOUTH WALES	2,480	2,447	1,874	1,846	2,247	2,772	1,573	1,277	1,117	993	1,246	1,717	4,053	3,724	2,991	2,839	3,493	4,489							

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of the number of new dwelling units reported by approving authorities as having commenced.

2. As from November 1990 the data have been compiled using an 'as reported' method. Previously, data were revised for up to five months as councils notified the ABS of commencements occurring before the reference month. A comparison of data compiled using the two methods showed that, while the actual numbers may vary (both on the high and the low side), the trends were very similar. It is not possible for all the previous data to be compiled under the new method, nor can future data be compiled under the old method. Therefore there is a break in series. The advantages of the new method are that there are generally no revised data and that NSW data are more comparable with similar series issued by other States. However, if there are significant reporting delays, previous monthly data will be revised.

Scope and coverage

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

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

4. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, and through the construction of new 'non-residential buildings' (i.e. buildings other than residential buildings) is not included.

Definitions

5. A *dwelling unit* is defined as a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long-term residential use. Units (whether self-contained or not) within buildings offering institutional care (such as hospitals) or temporary accommodation (such as motels, hostels and holiday apartments) are not defined as dwelling units.

6. A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Dwellings can be either houses or other residential buildings as follows:

- (a) a *house* is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Thus detached 'granny flats' and detached dwelling units

(such as caretakers' residences) associated with other buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics;

- (b) an *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit (e.g. a block of townhouses, a duplex, or an apartment building).

7. *Commencement.* For the purpose of this statistical series, a job is regarded as being commenced on the date when it is reported that:

- (a) the job is first inspected by a local government or other government authority building inspector or surveyor, whether the work is passed or not. In general, the first inspection is undertaken at the foundations or footings stage of construction; or
- (b) the job is determined as commenced by a building inspector or surveyor.

8. *Ownership.* The ownership of a residential building is classified at the time of approval as either 'private sector' or 'public sector' according to the expected ownership of the completed building.

9. Values data are derived by aggregation of the estimated completed value of building work as reported on approval documents. These estimates exclude value of land and landscaping but include site preparation. For houses, these estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of the building. However, for other residential buildings and non-residential buildings these estimates can and often do differ significantly from the completed value of the building.

10. From July 1992, an expanded functional classification of buildings based on the Dwelling Structure Classification (DSC) has been introduced by the ABS to provide more detailed information on residential building approvals.

11. The DSC has been developed by the ABS to provide a standard classification of the different types of dwelling structures (houses, flats, townhouses, etc.). The DSC will be implemented across all major collections of housing data in the ABS. The DSC has the same overall scope as the classification used in previous collections but provides more detail than previously available to reflect the current interest in medium to high density housing.

12. In particular, for Building Approvals and Dwelling Commencements, DSC allows new other residential buildings to be classified as follows:

- (a) Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. (dwellings having their own private grounds and no other dwellings above or below) with:
 - (i) one storey; or

- (ii) two or more storeys.
- (b) Flats, units or apartments, etc. (dwellings not having their own private grounds and usually sharing a common entrance, foyer or stairwell) in a building of:
 - (i) one or two storeys;
 - (ii) three storeys; or
 - (iii) four or more storeys.

13. More details on the DSC are contained in the ABS Information Paper, *Dwelling Structure Classification (DSC)* (1296.0).

Statistical areas of New South Wales

14. This bulletin contains data presented according to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) and incorporating changes brought about by the (State) *Local Government Act 1993* to the titles of legal Local Government Areas (LGAs). Under this classification, statistical areas are defined as follows:

- (a) *Statistical Local Areas (SLAs)*. These geographical areas are in most cases either identical with, or have been aggregated to, the previously published whole or part of legal Local Government Areas (LGAs) as defined under the (State) *Local Government Act 1919* and comprising cities (C), municipalities (M) and shires (S). In other cases, they are identical to each previously published unincorporated area. The (State) *Local Government Act 1993* eliminated the titles of Shire and Municipality and instituted the concept of *Area (A)*. With one exception—Sutherland (S) became Sutherland Shire (A)—names of the LGAs have remained unaltered. In aggregate, SLAs cover the whole of the State without gaps or overlaps. In some cases legal LGAs overlap Statistical Subdivision boundaries and therefore comprise two SLAs (Part A and Part B) or three SLAs in the case of Cabonne (S) (Part A, Part B and Part C).
- (b) *Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs)*. These consist of one or more SLAs and form the intermediate size spatial unit for the presentation of regional data.
- (c) *Statistical Divisions (SDs)*. These consist of one or more Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs). Where SSDs are not shown for statistical purposes, statistical local areas are shown ordered alphabetically within statistical divisions. The divisions are designed to be relatively homogeneous regions characterised by identifiable social and economic units within the region, under the unifying influence of one or more major towns or cities.
- (d) *Statistical Districts*. To provide comparable statistics over a period of time, statistical districts have been defined around selected urban centres, with a population of 25,000 or more, experiencing urban growth beyond the legal local government area

boundaries. Those districts are intended to contain the anticipated urban spread over the next 20 years. In some cases, Statistical District boundaries are identical to those of particular Statistical Subdivisions (e.g. Newcastle SSD and Wollongong SSD included in Table 5 of this publication).

15. Further information concerning statistical areas is contained in the publication *Regional Statistics, New South Wales*, 1989 issue (1304.1) and in the publication *Australian Standard Geographical Classification* (1216.0).

General

16. For purposes of comparison over time, it should be noted that statistics of dwelling commencements are affected from month to month by large projects (such as blocks of flats) commenced in particular months, and also by the administrative arrangements of government authorities.

Comparability of statistics

17. Because of the difference in data sources, collection methodologies and timing of notification of 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).

18. Users may also wish to refer to the following building and construction publications which are available on request.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Building Approvals, New South Wales (monthly) (8731.1)

Building Activity, New South Wales (quarterly) (8752.1)

AUSTRALIA

Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (monthly) (5609.0)

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (monthly) (6408.0)

Building Approvals, Australia (monthly) (8731.0)

Building Activity, Australia (quarterly) (8752.0)

Engineering Construction Survey, Australia (quarterly) (8762.0)

Symbols and other usages

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

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



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