

BUILDING APPROVALS

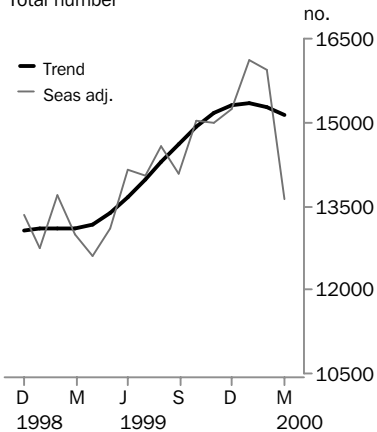
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MARCH KEY FIGURES

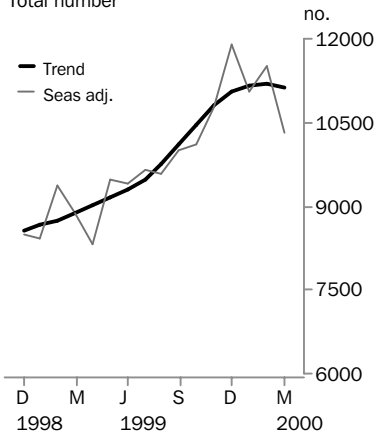
Dwelling units approved

Total number



Private sector houses approved

Total number



TREND ESTIMATES

	Mar 2000	% change Feb 2000 to Mar 2000	% change Mar 1999 to Mar 2000
Dwelling units approved			
Private sector houses	11 139	-0.5	25.6
Total dwelling units	15 136	-0.9	15.6

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Mar 2000	% change Feb 2000 to Mar 2000	% change Mar 1999 to Mar 2000
Dwelling units approved			
Private sector houses	10 300	-10.4	16.1
Total dwelling units	13 639	-14.4	4.9

MARCH KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- For the second consecutive month the trend estimate of total dwellings approved has fallen following strong growth during 1999.
- The strong growth in trend for private sector houses, evident throughout 1999 has now been halted, with the trend for March 2000 falling by 0.5%. While Victoria and Queensland are the only States still showing growth, the rate of growth in both States has eased significantly.
- The trend estimate for other dwellings fell by 1.4% in March 2000 and follows decreases in each of the previous six months.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonal adjusted estimate for private sector house approvals fell by 10.4% in March 2000 following a rise of 4.2% in February.
- The seasonal adjusted estimate for other dwellings fell by 23.4% in March 2000. While the estimate in February also fell, the January 2000 figure was the highest since October 1994.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwellings fell in all States except Queensland. Most of the fall in the Australian total can be attributed to a 18.7% drop in NSW, although Western Australia (-23.0%) and South Australia (-17.7%) also recorded large falls.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Roger Mableson on 08 8237 7494, or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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April 2000	31 May 2000
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There have been changes to the content and format of this publication (see List of Tables on page 7). Additional tables included are tables 9,10,11,15,16,17 and 18, which contain State/Territory data. Table numbers may not align with those included in previous editions.

The additional State data is being provided following a decision to change the frequency of release of the State and Territory series of publications. They are being issued on a quarterly basis, instead of monthly, commencing with the March 2000 issues scheduled to be released on 12 May 2000.



DATA NOTES

This issue includes a summary of the data obtained from the 1999 Survey of Tourist Accommodation Developments . This summary is on page 35 and further details can be obtained from Tony Bammann on (08) 8237 7316.



REVISIONS THIS MONTH

Revised data has been received from some councils in New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania. This has resulted in revisions to the estimates in the current and previous financial years for New South Wales and Western Australia, to estimates between July 1999 and September 1999 in Queensland, and to the September 1999 and January 2000 estimates in Tasmania. A summary of the revisions to the estimates of total dwelling units approved is given below:

	July 1998 - June 1999	July 1999- December 1999	January 2000	February 2000
New South Wales	+485	+557	+61	+81
Queensland	nil	- 150	nil	nil
Western Australia	+91	+178	nil	nil
Tasmania	nil	- 14	-1	nil
Total	+576	+571	+60	+81



SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

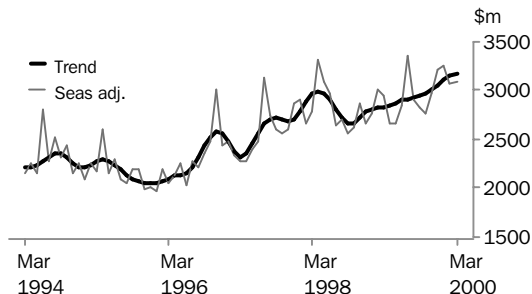
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VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED

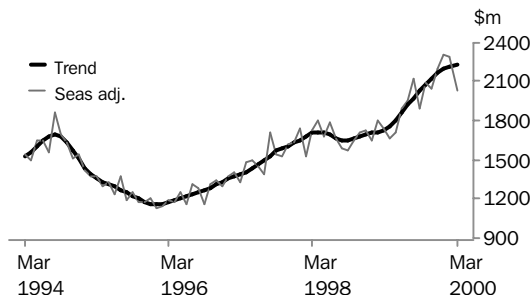
VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING

The trend estimate of the value of total building approved has shown growth since September 1998. Although still quite strong, the rate of growth has eased over the last two months.



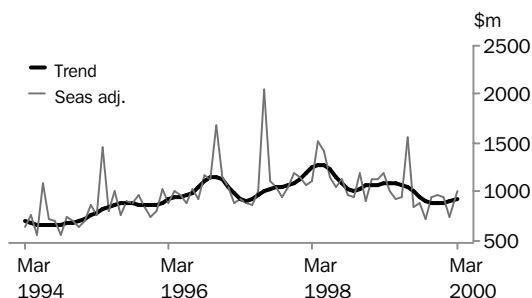
VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

The trend estimate of the value of residential building approvals continues to grow but the rate of growth has eased.



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL

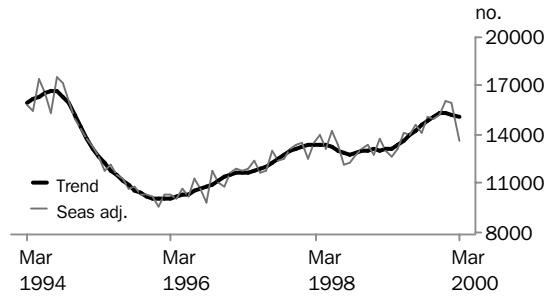
The trend estimate of the value of non-residential building approvals has risen over the last three months following falls in the second half of 1999.



DWELLINGS APPROVED

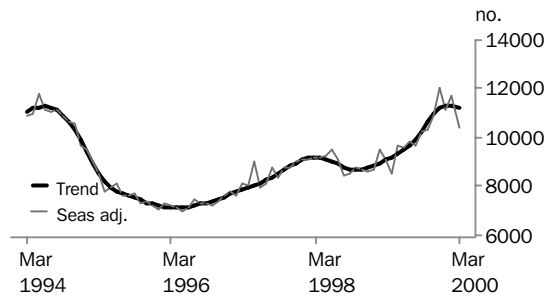
TOTAL DWELLING UNITS

The growth in the trend estimate of dwelling units approved has been arrested, with falls over the last two months.



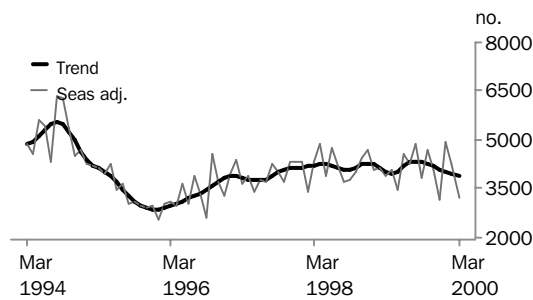
PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES

The strong growth in the trend estimate of private sector houses, evident since October 1998, has now eased, with the trend decreasing by 0.5% in March 2000.



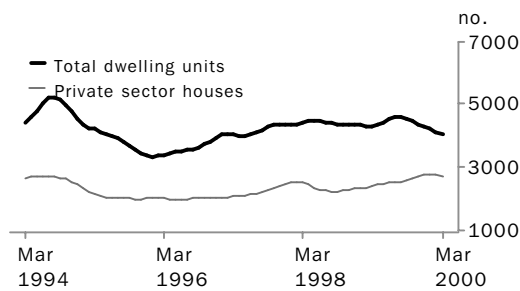
OTHER DWELLINGS

The trend estimate of other dwellings approved has declined for the last seven months.



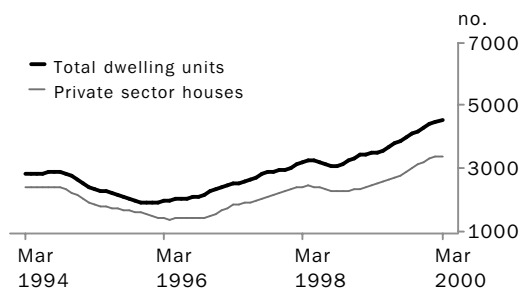
DWELLING UNITS APPROVED: State Trends

NEW SOUTH WALES



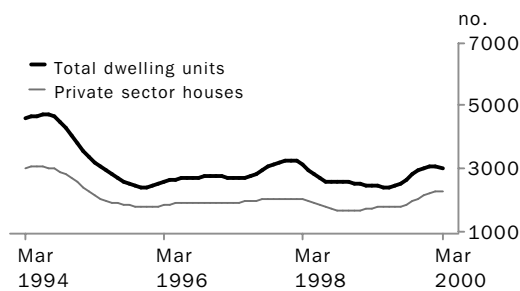
The trend for total dwelling units approved has been declining for the last seven months.

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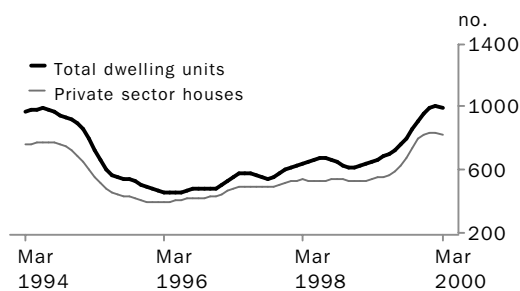
The trend for total dwelling units approved has continued to increase but the rate of growth is slowing.

QUEENSLAND



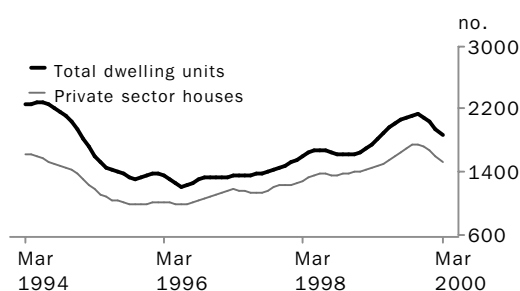
Strong growth in the trend for total dwelling units approved has occurred in the second half of 1999 but this growth has now been arrested.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



The strong growth in the trend for total dwelling units approved, which was evident throughout 1999, has been arrested.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



There was steady growth during 1999, but the trend has dropped by 12.5% over the last four months.

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

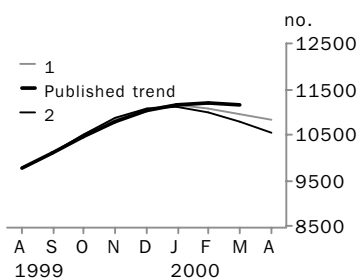
Readers should exercise care when interpreting trend estimates. The last six trend estimates, in particular, are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

TREND REVISIONS

Generally, the greater the volatility of the original series, the larger the size of the revisions to trend estimates. Analysis of the building approval original series has shown that they can be revised substantially. As a result, some months can elapse before turning points in the trend series are reliably identified.

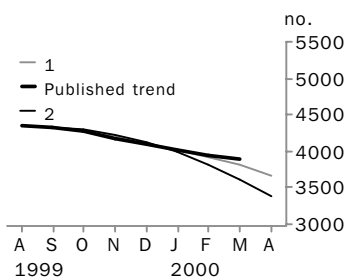
The graphs and tables which follow present the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates: that the April seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the March estimate by 3% for the number of private sector houses approved and 11% for other dwelling units approved; and that the April seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the March estimate by 3% for the number of private sector houses approved and 11% for other dwelling units approved. These percentages were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage change for these series over the last ten years.

PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED



	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	no.	% change	1 <i>rises by 3% on Mar 2000</i>	% change	2 <i>falls by 3% on Mar 2000</i>	% change
November 1999	10 798	3.2	10 827	3.3	10 848	3.3
December 1999	11 044	2.3	11 058	2.1	11 069	2.0
January 2000	11 170	1.1	11 133	0.7	11 106	0.3
February 2000	11 198	0.3	11 085	-0.4	10 994	-1.0
March 2000	11 139	-0.5	10 968	-1.1	10 796	-1.8
April 2000	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	10 820	-1.4	10 559	-2.2

OTHER DWELLINGS



	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	no.	% change	1 <i>rises by 11% on Mar 2000</i>	% change	2 <i>falls by 11% on Mar 2000</i>	% change
November 1999	4 179	-2.1	4 191	-2.0	4 215	-1.8
December 1999	4 100	-1.9	4 103	-2.1	4 115	-2.4
January 2000	4 028	-1.8	4 021	-2.0	3 989	-3.1
February 2000	3 941	-2.2	3 924	-2.4	3 818	-4.3
March 2000	3 886	-1.4	3 820	-2.7	3 620	-5.2
April 2000	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	3 674	-3.8	3 372	-6.9

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DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

Month	HOUSES.....		OTHER DWELLINGS...		TOTAL DWELLING UNITS..		
	<i>Private sector</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Private sector</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Private sector</i>	<i>Public sector</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
ORIGINAL							
1999							
January	6 549	6 750	3 135	3 353	9 684	419	10 103
February	8 392	8 536	3 984	4 187	12 376	347	12 723
March	9 823	10 052	3 519	3 809	13 342	519	13 861
April	8 120	8 360	3 996	4 182	12 116	426	12 542
May	9 964	10 145	3 402	3 723	13 366	502	13 868
June	9 674	9 976	3 927	4 543	13 601	918	14 519
July	9 866	10 009	4 405	4 650	14 271	388	14 659
August	10 261	10 341	4 909	5 030	15 170	201	15 371
September	10 949	11 196	3 802	4 001	14 751	446	15 197
October	9 942	10 129	3 764	3 939	13 706	362	14 068
November	11 456	11 608	4 128	4 292	15 584	316	15 900
December	10 993	11 110	3 086	3 271	14 079	302	14 381
2000							
January	8 730	8 824	3 826	3 970	12 556	238	12 794
February	10 848	11 014	4 131	4 325	14 979	360	15 339
March	11 213	11 302	3 247	3 350	14 460	192	14 652
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
January	8 433	8 675	3 873	4 086	12 306	455	12 761
February	9 370	9 540	3 956	4 157	13 326	371	13 697
March	8 872	9 090	3 675	3 907	12 547	450	12 997
April	8 328	8 521	3 883	4 095	12 211	405	12 616
May	9 473	9 653	3 193	3 445	12 666	432	13 098
June	9 403	9 589	4 170	4 550	13 573	566	14 139
July	9 640	9 799	3 900	4 238	13 540	497	14 037
August	9 576	9 671	4 761	4 894	14 337	228	14 565
September	10 003	10 247	3 464	3 848	13 467	628	14 095
October	10 114	10 354	4 485	4 689	14 599	444	15 043
November	10 776	10 924	3 899	4 059	14 675	308	14 983
December	11 908	12 047	2 979	3 185	14 887	345	15 232
2000							
January	11 037	11 152	4 826	4 958	15 863	247	16 110
February	11 498	11 683	4 084	4 252	15 582	353	15 935
March	10 300	10 384	3 156	3 255	13 456	183	13 639
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
January	8 651	8 857	4 027	4 248	12 678	427	13 105
February	8 750	8 951	3 908	4 130	12 658	423	13 081
March	8 871	9 066	3 794	4 025	12 665	426	13 091
April	9 008	9 195	3 738	3 988	12 746	437	13 183
May	9 153	9 332	3 773	4 046	12 926	452	13 378
June	9 299	9 473	3 902	4 192	13 201	463	13 664
July	9 490	9 664	4 018	4 312	13 508	468	13 976
August	9 753	9 930	4 069	4 351	13 822	460	14 282
September	10 102	10 282	4 077	4 336	14 179	440	14 619
October	10 465	10 645	4 040	4 270	14 505	410	14 915
November	10 798	10 971	3 977	4 179	14 775	375	15 150
December	11 044	11 204	3 921	4 100	14 965	339	15 304
2000							
January	11 170	11 314	3 871	4 028	15 041	301	15 342
February	11 198	11 328	3 802	3 941	15 000	269	15 269
March	11 139	11 250	3 773	3 886	14 912	224	15 136

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Percentage Change

Month	HOUSES.....		OTHER DWELLINGS....		TOTAL DWELLING UNITS..		
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)							
1999							
January	-18.0	-16.9	-28.3	-27.5	-21.7	9.7	-20.7
February	28.1	26.5	27.1	24.9	27.8	-17.2	25.9
March	17.1	17.8	-11.7	-9.0	7.8	49.6	8.9
April	-17.3	-16.8	13.6	9.8	-9.2	-17.9	-9.5
May	22.7	21.4	-14.9	-11.0	10.3	17.8	10.6
June	-2.9	-1.7	15.4	22.0	1.8	82.9	4.7
July	2.0	0.3	12.2	2.4	4.9	-57.7	1.0
August	4.0	3.3	11.4	8.2	6.3	-48.2	4.9
September	6.7	8.3	-22.6	-20.5	-2.8	121.9	-1.1
October	-9.2	-9.5	-1.0	-1.5	-7.1	-18.8	-7.4
November	15.2	14.6	9.7	9.0	13.7	-12.7	13.0
December	-4.0	-4.3	-25.2	-23.8	-9.7	-4.4	-9.6
2000							
January	-20.6	-20.6	24.0	21.4	-10.8	-21.2	-11.0
February	24.3	24.8	8.0	8.9	19.3	51.3	19.9
March	3.4	2.6	-21.4	-22.5	-3.5	-46.7	-4.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)							
1999							
January	-0.5	0.6	-13.2	-13.3	-4.9	14.9	-4.3
February	11.1	10.0	2.1	1.7	8.3	-18.5	7.3
March	-5.3	-4.7	-7.1	-6.0	-5.8	21.3	-5.1
April	-6.1	-6.3	5.7	4.8	-2.7	-10.0	-2.9
May	13.7	13.3	-17.8	-15.9	3.7	6.7	3.8
June	-0.7	-0.7	30.6	32.1	7.2	31.0	7.9
July	2.5	2.2	-6.5	-6.9	-0.2	-12.2	-0.7
August	-0.7	-1.3	22.1	15.5	5.9	-54.1	3.8
September	4.5	6.0	-27.3	-21.4	-6.1	175.4	-3.2
October	1.1	1.0	29.5	21.9	8.4	-29.3	6.7
November	6.5	5.5	-13.1	-13.4	0.5	-30.6	-0.4
December	10.5	10.3	-23.6	-21.5	1.4	12.0	1.7
2000							
January	-7.3	-7.4	62.0	55.7	6.6	-28.4	5.8
February	4.2	4.8	-15.4	-14.2	-1.8	42.9	-1.1
March	-10.4	-11.1	-22.7	-23.4	-13.6	-48.2	-14.4
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)							
1999							
January	0.9	0.8	-0.8	-1.0	0.4	-3.8	0.2
February	1.1	1.1	-3.0	-2.8	-0.2	-0.9	-0.2
March	1.4	1.3	-2.9	-2.5	0.1	0.7	0.1
April	1.5	1.4	-1.5	-0.9	0.6	2.6	0.7
May	1.6	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.4	3.4	1.5
June	1.6	1.5	3.4	3.6	2.1	2.4	2.1
July	2.1	2.0	3.0	2.9	2.3	1.1	2.3
August	2.8	2.8	1.3	0.9	2.3	-1.7	2.2
September	3.6	3.5	0.2	-0.3	2.6	-4.3	2.4
October	3.6	3.5	-0.9	-1.5	2.3	-6.8	2.0
November	3.2	3.1	-1.6	-2.1	1.9	-8.5	1.6
December	2.3	2.1	-1.4	-1.9	1.3	-9.6	1.0
2000							
January	1.1	1.0	-1.3	-1.8	0.5	-11.2	0.2
February	0.3	0.1	-1.8	-2.2	-0.3	-10.6	-0.5
March	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-1.4	-0.6	-16.7	-0.9

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED

Month	New residential building \$m	Alterations and additions to residential buildings \$m	Total residential building \$m	Non-residential building \$m	Total building \$m
ORIGINAL					
1999					
January	1 085.5	190.3	1 275.8	1 021.5	2 297.3
February	1 438.0	241.0	1 679.0	1 231.6	2 910.6
March	1 560.8	262.2	1 823.0	1 100.7	2 923.7
April	1 415.5	228.9	1 644.5	817.2	2 461.7
May	1 639.6	252.7	1 892.2	1 004.3	2 896.5
June	1 673.2	254.3	1 927.5	987.6	2 915.0
July	1 760.1	291.8	2 051.9	1 229.2	3 281.1
August	1 856.4	309.4	2 165.7	1 103.6	3 269.4
September	1 809.2	299.4	2 108.7	858.8	2 967.4
October	1 685.3	288.8	1 974.1	861.5	2 835.6
November	1 924.7	282.1	2 206.8	991.8	3 198.6
December	1 792.6	258.7	2 051.3	828.9	2 880.1
2000					
January	1 609.0	221.5	1 830.5	884.2	2 714.6
February	1 892.8	306.2	2 199.0	823.4	3 022.4
March	1 830.1	302.5	2 132.6	909.0	3 041.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
1999					
January	1 416.4	236.0	1 651.5	1 133.4	2 763.8
February	1 530.3	254.9	1 806.3	1 128.8	3 011.1
March	1 501.4	235.2	1 743.1	1 188.4	2 955.3
April	1 467.5	232.4	1 669.1	1 002.9	2 669.2
May	1 474.9	244.9	1 717.5	928.8	2 663.4
June	1 707.0	245.5	1 899.7	949.4	2 845.4
July	1 612.2	291.0	1 950.6	1 563.0	3 358.2
August	1 796.9	312.1	2 119.7	847.5	2 908.8
September	1 633.8	278.4	1 900.1	888.7	2 822.0
October	1 806.6	286.8	2 090.9	727.3	2 766.8
November	1 773.8	255.6	2 049.3	942.9	2 971.3
December	1 937.0	289.6	2 195.3	978.3	3 223.4
2000					
January	2 004.7	279.1	2 312.1	950.0	3 255.9
February	1 965.9	308.9	2 298.7	745.8	3 067.9
March	1 770.0	274.7	2 038.4	1 011.9	3 093.9
TREND ESTIMATES					
1999					
January	1 469.7	239.7	1 713.2	1 080.5	2 814.4
February	1 475.7	238.7	1 714.3	1 081.2	2 821.3
March	1 490.5	238.7	1 724.4	1 082.1	2 828.3
April	1 516.9	242.5	1 751.3	1 086.9	2 845.8
May	1 556.6	251.5	1 799.3	1 089.1	2 875.0
June	1 602.6	263.6	1 860.1	1 076.2	2 900.3
July	1 647.7	275.3	1 920.9	1 042.5	2 913.6
August	1 692.2	282.9	1 976.5	1 002.7	2 928.3
September	1 743.2	285.8	2 032.5	955.1	2 947.2
October	1 793.8	284.5	2 081.9	910.5	2 968.8
November	1 840.7	282.2	2 126.1	882.4	3 003.0
December	1 881.9	281.5	2 167.3	882.2	3 058.1
2000					
January	1 909.5	283.1	2 198.7	897.7	3 114.5
February	1 920.5	285.2	2 214.2	918.3	3 158.0
March	1 926.9	288.4	2 225.7	925.8	3 182.2

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Percentage Change

Month	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(a)	Total residential building	Non- residential building	Total building
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)					
1999					
January	-22.2	-13.2	-21.0	37.4	-2.6
February	32.5	26.7	31.6	20.6	26.7
March	8.5	8.8	8.6	-10.6	0.5
April	-9.3	-12.7	-9.8	-25.8	-15.8
May	15.8	10.4	15.1	22.9	17.7
June	2.1	0.6	1.9	-1.7	0.6
July	5.2	14.8	6.5	24.5	12.6
August	5.5	6.0	5.5	-10.2	-0.4
September	-2.5	-3.2	-2.6	-22.2	-9.2
October	-6.8	-3.6	-6.4	0.3	-4.4
November	14.2	-2.3	11.8	15.1	12.8
December	-6.9	-8.3	-7.0	-16.4	-10.0
2000					
January	-10.2	-14.4	-10.8	6.7	-5.7
February	17.6	38.3	20.1	-6.9	11.3
March	-3.3	-1.2	-3.0	10.4	0.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)					
1999					
January	-4.9	-4.1	-4.4	23.9	3.7
February	8.0	8.0	9.4	-0.4	8.9
March	-1.9	-7.7	-3.5	5.3	-1.9
April	-2.3	-1.2	-4.2	-15.6	-9.7
May	0.5	5.4	2.9	-7.4	-0.2
June	15.7	0.3	10.6	2.2	6.8
July	-5.6	18.5	2.7	64.6	18.0
August	11.5	7.3	8.7	-45.8	-13.4
September	-9.1	-10.8	-10.4	4.9	-3.0
October	10.6	3.0	10.0	-18.2	-2.0
November	-1.8	-10.9	-2.0	29.6	7.4
December	9.2	13.3	7.1	3.8	8.5
2000					
January	3.5	-3.6	5.3	-2.9	1.0
February	-1.9	10.7	-0.6	-21.5	-5.8
March	-10.0	-11.1	-11.3	35.7	0.8
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)					
1999					
January	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.0
February	0.4	-0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
March	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.2
April	1.8	1.6	1.6	0.4	0.6
May	2.6	3.7	2.7	0.2	1.0
June	3.0	4.8	3.4	-1.2	0.9
July	2.8	4.5	3.3	-3.1	0.5
August	2.7	2.8	2.9	-3.8	0.5
September	3.0	1.0	2.8	-4.8	0.6
October	2.9	-0.4	2.4	-4.7	0.7
November	2.6	-0.8	2.1	-3.1	1.2
December	2.2	-0.2	1.9	0.0	1.8
2000					
January	1.5	0.6	1.4	1.8	1.8
February	0.6	0.7	0.7	2.3	1.4
March	0.3	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.8

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Private and Public Sector: Original

Period	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Conversion(a)	Non-residential building(a)	Total dwelling units
PRIVATE SECTOR (Number)						
1996-1997	90 765	36 948	853	2 231	461	131 258
1997-1998	104 461	42 517	788	2 587	621	150 974
1998-1999	104 459	42 555	664	2 541	482	150 701
1999						
March	9 814	3 237	42	212	37	13 342
April	8 110	3 671	74	201	60	12 116
May	9 951	3 230	29	132	24	13 366
June	9 661	3 718	45	142	35	13 601
July	9 857	4 177	22	151	64	14 271
August	10 254	4 594	35	211	76	15 170
September	10 944	3 697	37	42	31	14 751
October	9 936	3 607	30	94	39	13 706
November	11 449	3 879	59	176	21	15 584
December	10 977	2 883	47	130	42	14 079
2000						
January	8 723	3 611	80	88	54	12 556
February	10 836	3 868	94	145	36	14 979
March	11 199	3 123	49	50	39	14 460
PUBLIC SECTOR (Number)						
1996-1997	1 768	3 469	73	38	19	5 367
1997-1998	2 530	2 989	35	1	13	5 568
1998-1999	2 723	2 986	35	2	4	5 750
1999						
March	229	286	2	0	2	519
April	240	181	5	0	0	426
May	181	319	2	0	0	502
June	299	611	8	0	0	918
July	143	236	9	0	0	388
August	80	113	8	0	0	201
September	247	199	0	0	0	446
October	187	175	0	0	0	362
November	152	159	4	0	1	316
December	117	174	2	5	4	302
2000						
January	94	125	19	0	0	238
February	166	188	5	0	1	360
March	88	97	6	1	0	192
TOTAL (Number)						
1996-1997	92 533	40 417	926	2 269	480	136 625
1997-1998	106 991	45 506	823	2 588	634	156 542
1998-1999	107 182	45 541	699	2 543	486	156 451
1999						
March	10 043	3 523	44	212	39	13 861
April	8 350	3 852	79	201	60	12 542
May	10 132	3 549	31	132	24	13 868
June	9 960	4 329	53	142	35	14 519
July	10 000	4 413	31	151	64	14 659
August	10 334	4 707	43	211	76	15 371
September	11 191	3 896	37	42	31	15 197
October	10 123	3 782	30	94	39	14 068
November	11 601	4 038	63	176	22	15 900
December	11 094	3 057	49	135	46	14 381
2000						
January	8 817	3 736	99	88	54	12 794
February	11 002	4 056	99	145	37	15 339
March	11 287	3 220	55	51	39	14 652

(a) See Glossary for definition.

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Private and Public Sector: Original

Month	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations and additions creating dwellings	Alterations and additions not creating dwellings	Conversion(a)	Total residential building	Non-residential building(a)	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR (\$ million)								
1996-1997	9 688.2	3 524.5	62.8	2 232.6	203.4	15 711.7	9 209.7	24 921.1
1997-1998	11 654.3	4 443.3	87.8	2 573.4	257.3	19 016.3	10 276.7	29 292.6
1998-1999	12 370.7	4 607.5	67.6	2 512.4	245.8	19 804.2	9 004.9	28 809.1
1999								
March	1 179.3	333.0	5.6	224.5	23.1	1 765.5	819.9	2 585.4
April	969.6	405.0	9.3	186.6	24.4	1 594.9	650.0	2 244.9
May	1 211.2	383.2	2.6	230.4	14.5	1 842.0	849.0	2 691.0
June	1 204.8	386.0	2.9	227.7	9.3	1 830.7	626.8	2 457.6
July	1 226.9	497.9	1.8	250.9	30.0	2 007.5	865.4	2 872.9
August	1 261.5	577.0	2.4	269.0	26.8	2 136.7	788.6	2 925.3
September	1 363.1	401.0	4.0	285.8	7.0	2 060.9	667.8	2 728.8
October	1 257.7	382.1	2.9	271.8	10.5	1 925.0	661.8	2 586.8
November	1 452.8	439.1	4.6	260.6	11.5	2 168.5	608.4	2 777.0
December	1 405.6	359.0	5.1	228.7	12.8	2 011.2	598.9	2 610.1
2000								
January	1 125.0	461.7	9.4	194.4	5.6	1 796.1	648.6	2 444.7
February	1 396.6	458.7	8.7	268.2	19.9	2 152.0	620.4	2 772.4
March	1 455.5	355.9	4.9	282.5	6.3	2 105.0	645.5	2 750.5
PUBLIC SECTOR (\$ million)								
1996-1997	189.0	276.0	2.0	58.3	2.2	527.3	3 520.3	4 047.6
1997-1998	249.2	224.6	2.7	101.7	0.1	578.3	4 185.6	4 763.6
1998-1999	292.7	240.1	4.3	88.2	0.1	625.0	3 563.7	4 188.6
1999								
March	25.3	23.2	0.2	8.8	0.0	57.5	280.9	338.3
April	27.3	13.7	1.1	7.5	0.0	49.5	167.2	216.7
May	19.9	25.2	0.2	4.9	0.0	50.3	155.3	205.5
June	32.2	50.1	0.8	13.7	0.0	96.7	360.7	457.5
July	14.3	21.0	1.3	7.8	0.0	44.4	363.8	408.2
August	8.6	9.1	0.4	10.8	0.0	29.0	315.0	344.0
September	27.2	17.9	0.0	2.6	0.0	47.8	190.9	238.7
October	19.4	26.1	0.0	3.6	0.0	49.1	199.7	248.8
November	18.0	14.8	0.2	5.2	0.0	38.2	383.4	421.6
December	13.2	14.8	0.2	10.9	0.9	40.1	230.0	270.0
2000								
January	11.5	10.8	1.0	11.1	0.0	34.4	235.6	270.0
February	20.1	17.3	0.4	9.0	0.0	46.9	203.1	250.0
March	10.0	8.7	0.2	8.7	0.0	27.5	263.6	291.1
TOTAL (\$ million)								
1996-1997	9 877.1	3 800.3	64.7	2 291.0	205.7	16 239.0	12 729.9	28 968.7
1997-1998	11 903.5	4 667.9	90.4	2 675.2	257.3	19 594.2	14 461.8	34 056.2
1998-1999	12 663.5	4 847.6	72.0	2 600.2	245.8	20 429.5	12 568.5	32 997.8
1999								
March	1 204.7	356.1	5.8	233.2	23.1	1 823.0	1 100.7	2 923.7
April	996.9	418.6	10.5	194.0	24.4	1 644.5	817.2	2 461.7
May	1 231.2	408.4	2.8	235.3	14.5	1 892.2	1 004.3	2 896.5
June	1 237.0	436.2	3.6	241.3	9.3	1 927.5	987.6	2 915.0
July	1 241.2	518.9	3.1	258.7	30.0	2 051.9	1 229.2	3 281.1
August	1 270.2	586.2	2.8	279.8	26.8	2 165.7	1 103.6	3 269.4
September	1 390.3	418.9	4.0	288.4	7.0	2 108.7	858.8	2 967.4
October	1 277.1	408.3	2.9	275.3	10.5	1 974.1	861.5	2 835.6
November	1 470.8	453.9	4.8	265.9	11.5	2 206.8	991.8	3 198.6
December	1 418.7	373.9	5.3	239.6	13.7	2 051.3	828.9	2 880.1
2000								
January	1 136.5	472.5	10.4	205.5	5.6	1 830.5	884.2	2 714.6
February	1 416.8	476.0	9.1	277.2	19.9	2 199.0	823.4	3 022.4
March	1 465.4	364.6	5.0	291.2	6.3	2 132.6	909.0	3 041.6

(a) See Glossary for definition.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, By State

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory
Month	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
ORIGINAL								
1999								
January	3 561	2 475	1 928	444	1 307	117	139	132
February	3 984	3 784	2 288	607	1 548	109	187	216
March	4 496	3 637	2 583	750	1 939	126	152	178
April	4 037	3 416	2 387	568	1 636	126	225	147
May	4 807	3 610	2 392	683	1 974	95	124	183
June	4 640	3 312	2 847	845	2 431	88	180	176
July	4 958	3 893	2 467	842	2 062	158	140	139
August	4 963	4 770	2 413	771	2 097	118	123	116
September	4 408	4 105	3 096	907	2 085	119	116	361
October	4 243	3 839	2 952	794	1 842	161	110	127
November	4 617	4 223	3 052	993	2 435	183	192	205
December	4 221	4 019	2 812	842	2 014	180	156	137
2000								
January	3 562	3 841	2 462	712	1 675	180	114	248
February	4 282	4 612	2 733	1 073	1 972	168	165	334
March	3 770	4 718	2 998	974	1 768	165	88	171
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
1999								
January	4 349	3 256	2 512	659	1 673	119	n.a.	n.a.
February	4 256	3 716	2 559	655	1 680	115	n.a.	n.a.
March	4 330	3 313	2 559	660	1 701	122	n.a.	n.a.
April	4 299	3 688	2 307	596	1 738	122	n.a.	n.a.
May	4 295	3 544	2 418	721	1 931	100	n.a.	n.a.
June	4 574	3 225	2 646	735	2 039	98	n.a.	n.a.
July	4 636	3 964	2 319	758	2 067	164	n.a.	n.a.
August	5 105	4 483	2 271	701	2 055	116	n.a.	n.a.
September	4 129	3 877	2 741	807	2 098	114	n.a.	n.a.
October	4 698	3 770	2 991	826	1 919	143	n.a.	n.a.
November	4 176	3 999	2 844	937	2 305	185	n.a.	n.a.
December	4 305	4 224	3 210	952	2 065	176	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	4 189	5 165	3 256	1 090	2 281	186	n.a.	n.a.
February	4 536	4 341	2 818	1 048	1 974	169	n.a.	n.a.
March	3 687	4 295	2 976	863	1 520	165	n.a.	n.a.
TREND ESTIMATES								
1999								
January	4 357	3 430	2 524	629	1 661	116	182	176
February	4 322	3 464	2 498	642	1 695	115	175	184
March	4 319	3 480	2 478	655	1 744	115	170	177
April	4 357	3 519	2 447	670	1 813	115	166	165
May	4 443	3 597	2 420	687	1 896	116	159	158
June	4 544	3 707	2 413	706	1 971	117	148	164
July	4 614	3 801	2 446	729	2 026	120	138	177
August	4 617	3 890	2 539	760	2 065	128	132	191
September	4 571	3 990	2 680	806	2 102	139	132	207
October	4 487	4 095	2 832	861	2 127	151	137	222
November	4 387	4 204	2 957	916	2 131	162	144	232
December	4 297	4 311	3 038	962	2 103	170	149	238
2000								
January	4 217	4 419	3 069	991	2 044	176	151	240
February	4 134	4 501	3 070	1 005	1 959	179	148	241
March	4 090	4 580	3 036	1 002	1 864	179	142	229

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, By State—Percentage Change

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
January	-18.5	-25.0	-17.4	-21.1	-20.4	2.6	0.0	-54.3
February	11.9	52.9	18.7	36.7	18.4	-6.8	34.5	63.6
March	12.9	-3.9	12.9	23.6	25.3	15.6	-18.7	-17.6
April	-10.2	-6.1	-7.6	-24.3	-15.6	0.0	48.0	-17.4
May	19.1	5.7	0.2	20.2	20.7	-24.6	-44.9	24.5
June	-3.5	-8.3	19.0	23.7	23.2	-7.4	45.2	-3.8
July	6.9	17.5	-13.3	-0.4	-15.2	79.5	-22.2	-21.0
August	0.1	22.5	-2.2	-8.4	1.7	-25.3	-12.1	-16.5
September	-11.2	-13.9	28.3	17.6	-0.6	0.8	-5.7	211.2
October	-3.7	-6.5	-4.7	-12.5	-11.7	35.3	-5.2	-64.8
November	8.8	10.0	3.4	25.1	32.2	13.7	74.5	61.4
December	-8.6	-4.8	-7.9	-15.2	-17.3	-1.6	-18.8	-33.2
2000								
January	-15.6	-4.4	-12.4	-15.4	-16.8	0.0	-26.9	81.0
February	20.2	20.1	11.0	50.7	17.7	-6.7	44.7	34.7
March	-12.0	2.3	9.7	-9.2	-10.3	-1.8	-46.7	-48.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
January	-3.5	-6.2	1.2	7.2	1.2	6.6	n.a.	n.a.
February	-2.1	14.1	1.9	-0.6	0.4	-3.0	n.a.	n.a.
March	1.7	-10.8	0.0	0.8	1.3	5.7	n.a.	n.a.
April	-0.7	11.3	-9.8	-9.7	2.2	0.1	n.a.	n.a.
May	-0.1	-3.9	4.8	21.0	11.1	-18.3	n.a.	n.a.
June	6.5	-9.0	9.4	1.9	5.6	-1.3	n.a.	n.a.
July	1.4	22.9	-12.4	3.1	1.4	67.1	n.a.	n.a.
August	10.1	13.1	-2.1	-7.5	-0.6	-29.2	n.a.	n.a.
September	-19.1	-13.5	20.7	15.1	2.1	-1.7	n.a.	n.a.
October	13.8	-2.8	9.1	2.4	-8.5	25.1	n.a.	n.a.
November	-11.1	6.1	-4.9	13.4	20.1	29.1	n.a.	n.a.
December	3.1	5.6	12.9	1.6	-10.4	-4.8	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	-2.7	22.3	1.4	14.5	10.5	5.8	n.a.	n.a.
February	8.3	-16.0	-13.5	-3.9	-13.5	-9.1	n.a.	n.a.
March	-18.7	-1.1	5.6	-17.7	-23.0	-2.5	n.a.	n.a.
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
January	-0.4	2.5	-1.3	1.5	1.3	-1.4	-4.1	8.9
February	-0.8	1.0	-1.0	2.1	2.0	-1.1	-3.9	4.7
March	-0.1	0.5	-0.8	2.0	2.9	-0.1	-3.1	-3.9
April	0.9	1.1	-1.3	2.3	4.0	0.5	-2.1	-7.0
May	2.0	2.2	-1.1	2.5	4.6	0.3	-4.6	-3.9
June	2.3	3.1	-0.3	2.8	4.0	1.0	-6.6	3.7
July	1.5	2.5	1.4	3.3	2.8	3.1	-6.9	8.0
August	0.1	2.3	3.8	4.3	1.9	6.2	-4.4	7.9
September	-1.0	2.6	5.6	6.1	1.8	8.6	0.3	8.6
October	-1.8	2.6	5.7	6.8	1.2	8.9	3.6	7.0
November	-2.2	2.7	4.4	6.4	0.2	7.1	4.9	4.6
December	-2.1	2.5	2.7	5.0	-1.3	5.1	3.8	2.6
2000								
January	-1.9	2.5	1.0	3.0	-2.8	3.3	0.8	1.1
February	-2.0	1.9	0.0	1.4	-4.2	1.8	-1.9	0.3
March	-1.1	1.8	-1.1	-0.3	-4.8	0.0	-3.6	-5.0

PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED, By State

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>
<i>Month</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
ORIGINAL								
1999								
January	1 842	1 712	1 230	361	1 142	114	60	88
February	2 143	2 442	1 750	494	1 285	97	85	96
March	2 720	2 758	1 831	644	1 563	116	83	108
April	2 055	2 230	1 678	487	1 383	112	93	82
May	2 843	2 766	1 807	601	1 616	94	90	147
June	2 503	2 688	1 928	652	1 682	76	83	62
July	2 788	2 707	1 750	615	1 705	135	83	83
August	2 721	3 073	1 781	663	1 756	101	53	113
September	2 575	3 338	2 334	731	1 615	114	57	185
October	2 558	2 785	1 967	667	1 655	142	70	98
November	2 891	3 283	1 990	892	2 031	154	88	127
December	2 928	3 188	2 106	736	1 712	156	65	102
2000								
January	2 264	2 427	1 697	649	1 385	139	53	116
February	2 565	3 424	2 201	836	1 459	135	63	165
March	2 647	3 515	2 403	807	1 477	151	71	142
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
1999								
January	2 257	2 248	1 591	525	1 455	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	2 462	2 727	1 899	522	1 425	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	2 462	2 395	1 730	551	1 406	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	2 269	2 399	1 713	531	1 415	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May	2 591	2 662	1 790	600	1 526	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	2 461	2 489	1 923	603	1 583	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July	2 743	2 741	1 678	538	1 683	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
August	2 562	2 861	1 666	596	1 667	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	2 295	3 013	2 090	687	1 554	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	2 683	2 857	1 840	716	1 663	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
November	2 724	3 074	1 837	844	1 957	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	3 038	3 457	2 481	807	1 735	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	2 667	3 138	2 192	960	1 825	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	2 831	3 638	2 250	830	1 552	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	2 527	3 163	2 229	689	1 301	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
TREND ESTIMATES								
1999								
January	2 346	2 372	1 690	531	1 419	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	2 366	2 418	1 723	536	1 428	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	2 409	2 461	1 752	543	1 445	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	2 456	2 509	1 770	551	1 475	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May	2 495	2 564	1 781	559	1 515	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	2 515	2 626	1 778	572	1 559	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July	2 531	2 709	1 781	592	1 605	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
August	2 555	2 806	1 810	626	1 653	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	2 602	2 919	1 873	680	1 705	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	2 659	3 030	1 958	742	1 745	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
November	2 715	3 136	2 056	795	1 757	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	2 757	3 228	2 147	828	1 736	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	2 772	3 303	2 217	840	1 683	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	2 764	3 358	2 267	836	1 611	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	2 744	3 390	2 288	819	1 533	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED, By State—Percentage Change

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
January	-19.8	-20.3	-13.4	-26.2	-17.4	1.8	-22.1	35.4
February	16.3	42.6	42.3	36.8	12.5	-14.9	41.7	9.1
March	26.9	12.9	4.6	30.4	21.6	19.6	-2.4	12.5
April	-24.4	-19.1	-8.4	-24.4	-11.5	-3.4	12.0	-24.1
May	38.3	24.0	7.7	23.4	16.8	-16.1	-3.2	79.3
June	-12.0	-2.8	6.7	8.5	4.1	-19.1	-7.8	-57.8
July	11.4	0.7	-9.2	-5.7	1.4	77.6	0.0	33.9
August	-2.4	13.5	1.8	7.8	3.0	-25.2	-36.1	36.1
September	-5.4	8.6	31.0	10.3	-8.0	12.9	7.5	63.7
October	-0.7	-16.6	-15.7	-8.8	2.5	24.6	22.8	-47.0
November	13.0	17.9	1.2	33.7	22.7	8.5	25.7	29.6
December	1.3	-2.9	5.8	-17.5	-15.7	1.3	-26.1	-19.7
2000								
January	-22.7	-23.9	-19.4	-11.8	-19.1	-10.9	-18.5	13.7
February	13.3	41.1	29.7	28.8	5.3	-2.9	18.9	42.2
March	3.2	2.7	9.2	-3.5	1.2	11.9	12.7	-13.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
January	-3.5	-0.7	-1.7	-1.9	1.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	9.1	21.3	19.4	-0.6	-2.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	0.0	-12.2	-8.9	5.5	-1.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	-7.8	0.2	-1.0	-3.6	0.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May	14.2	11.0	4.5	12.8	7.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	-5.0	-6.5	7.5	0.5	3.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July	11.5	10.1	-12.8	-10.7	6.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
August	-6.6	4.4	-0.7	10.8	-0.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	-10.4	5.3	25.5	15.3	-6.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	16.9	-5.2	-12.0	4.2	7.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
November	1.5	7.6	-0.2	17.9	17.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	11.5	12.4	35.1	-4.4	-11.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	-12.2	-9.2	-11.7	19.0	5.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	6.2	15.9	2.7	-13.6	-15.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	-10.7	-13.0	-0.9	-17.0	-16.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
January	0.6	2.0	1.1	0.2	0.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	0.9	1.9	2.0	0.9	0.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	1.9	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May	1.6	2.2	0.6	1.4	2.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	0.8	2.4	-0.1	2.2	2.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July	0.6	3.2	0.2	3.5	2.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
August	1.0	3.6	1.6	5.9	3.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	1.8	4.0	3.5	8.6	3.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	2.2	3.8	4.6	9.0	2.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
November	2.1	3.5	5.0	7.2	0.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	1.5	2.9	4.4	4.2	-1.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	0.5	2.3	3.3	1.4	-3.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	-0.3	1.7	2.3	-0.5	-4.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	-0.7	1.0	0.9	-2.0	-4.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

TOTAL DWELLINGS APPROVED, By Capital City Statistical Division

	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Greater Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
Month	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
PRIVATE SECTOR								
1996-1997	30 844	20 805	14 192	4 020	10 602	682	1 185	1 907
1997-1998	35 102	27 490	16 686	4 627	11 930	617	1 374	1 347
1998-1999	34 417	30 165	13 129	5 350	14 032	549	1 143	1 956
1999								
March	2 919	2 655	1 116	502	1 336	54	77	177
April	2 706	2 606	861	361	1 145	53	129	106
May	3 050	2 690	937	431	1 269	28	76	168
June	3 035	2 492	1 117	594	1 517	33	118	162
July	3 123	2 939	709	597	1 454	52	86	128
August	3 392	3 846	900	489	1 429	53	100	115
September	2 745	3 071	1 185	600	1 423	52	67	360
October	2 710	2 771	1 409	554	1 300	61	44	127
November	2 986	3 201	1 503	685	1 878	79	114	170
December	2 701	3 020	1 054	569	1 506	66	116	132
2000								
January	2 177	3 011	1 147	445	1 242	83	91	247
February	2 624	3 416	1 073	771	1 415	76	88	331
March	2 194	3 728	1 158	688	1 199	62	43	170
PUBLIC SECTOR								
1996-1997	1 500	501	642	101	459	46	83	49
1997-1998	745	752	475	180	882	6	172	49
1998-1999	1 112	666	473	151	549	0	243	117
1999								
March	56	39	47	21	45	0	7	1
April	37	52	50	5	16	0	21	41
May	95	37	108	24	86	0	9	15
June	60	46	146	21	189	0	0	14
July	88	89	6	5	0	12	0	10
August	27	39	9	6	7	0	0	1
September	12	72	17	29	150	1	0	0
October	26	93	10	17	26	0	0	0
November	47	59	4	12	14	1	36	35
December	30	67	19	0	72	3	4	5
2000								
January	62	19	20	0	49	0	5	0
February	93	56	19	2	40	0	22	3
March	28	9	25	0	55	0	5	1
TOTAL								
1996-1997	32 344	21 306	14 834	4 121	11 061	728	1 268	1 956
1997-1998	35 847	28 242	17 161	4 807	12 812	623	1 546	1 396
1998-1999	35 529	30 831	13 602	5 501	14 581	549	1 386	2 073
1999								
March	2 975	2 694	1 163	523	1 381	54	84	178
April	2 743	2 658	911	366	1 161	53	150	147
May	3 145	2 727	1 045	455	1 355	28	85	183
June	3 095	2 538	1 263	615	1 706	33	118	176
July	3 211	3 028	715	602	1 454	64	86	138
August	3 419	3 885	909	495	1 436	53	100	116
September	2 757	3 143	1 202	629	1 573	53	67	360
October	2 736	2 864	1 419	571	1 326	61	44	127
November	3 033	3 260	1 507	697	1 892	80	150	205
December	2 731	3 087	1 073	569	1 578	69	120	137
2000								
January	2 239	3 030	1 167	445	1 291	83	96	247
February	2 717	3 472	1 092	773	1 455	76	110	334
March	2 222	3 737	1 183	688	1 254	62	48	171

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, By State: **Original**

<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Conversion(a)</i>	<i>Non-residential building(a)</i>	<i>Total dwelling units</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR						
New South Wales	2 645	1 060	17	1	11	3 734
Victoria	3 508	1 132	17	24	25	4 706
Queensland	2 401	533	6	21	1	2 962
South Australia	807	159	2	4	0	972
Western Australia	1 476	193	4	0	2	1 675
Tasmania	150	12	2	0	0	164
Northern Territory	70	6	1	0	0	77
Australian Capital Territory	142	28	0	0	0	170
Australia	11 199	3 123	49	50	39	14 460
PUBLIC SECTOR						
New South Wales	17	19	0	0	0	36
Victoria	12	0	0	0	0	12
Queensland	16	20	0	0	0	36
South Australia	2	0	0	0	0	2
Western Australia	31	56	6	0	0	93
Tasmania	0	0	0	1	0	1
Northern Territory	9	2	0	0	0	11
Australian Capital Territory	1	0	0	0	0	1
Australia	88	97	6	1	0	192
TOTAL						
New South Wales	2 662	1 079	17	1	11	3 770
Victoria	3 520	1 132	17	24	25	4 718
Queensland	2 417	553	6	21	1	2 998
South Australia	809	159	2	4	0	974
Western Australia	1 507	249	10	0	2	1 768
Tasmania	150	12	2	1	0	165
Northern Territory	79	8	1	0	0	88
Australian Capital Territory	143	28	0	0	0	171
Australia	11 287	3 220	55	51	39	14 652

(a) See Glossary for definition.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED IN NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS(a): Original

NEW OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.....

Period	New houses	Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. of..		Flats, units or apartments in a building of.....				Total	Total new residential building	
		One storey	Two or more storeys	Total	One or two storeys	Three storeys	Four or more storeys	Total		
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS										
1996-1997	92 533	10 698	8 920	19 618	4 777	5 464	10 558	20 799	40 417	132 950
1997-1998	106 991	11 376	10 403	21 779	5 116	6 064	12 547	23 727	45 506	152 497
1998-1999	107 182	10 114	11 940	22 054	4 701	5 018	13 768	23 487	45 541	152 723
1999										
January	6 747	574	900	1 474	305	376	1 031	1 712	3 186	9 933
February	8 528	676	876	1 552	392	511	1 393	2 296	3 848	12 376
March	10 043	898	962	1 860	468	262	933	1 663	3 523	13 566
April	8 350	952	916	1 868	342	454	1 188	1 984	3 852	12 202
May	10 132	761	1 027	1 788	326	388	1 047	1 761	3 549	13 681
June	9 960	1 118	1 092	2 210	603	548	968	2 119	4 329	14 289
July	10 000	883	1 214	2 097	351	436	1 529	2 316	4 413	14 413
August	10 334	802	817	1 619	428	409	2 251	3 088	4 707	15 041
September	11 191	1 180	1 074	2 254	259	304	1 079	1 642	3 896	15 087
October	10 123	696	1 110	1 806	187	288	1 501	1 976	3 782	13 905
November	11 601	805	886	1 691	608	379	1 360	2 347	4 038	15 639
December	11 094	716	961	1 677	254	228	898	1 380	3 057	14 151
2000										
January	8 817	610	963	1 573	266	407	1 490	2 163	3 736	12 553
February	11 002	1 073	1 318	2 391	353	417	895	1 665	4 056	15 058
March	11 287	945	839	1 784	273	310	853	1 436	3 220	14 507
VALUE (\$ million)										
1996-1997	9 877.1	753.1	809.5	1 562.7	351.4	480.0	1 406.2	2 237.8	3 800.3	13 677.5
1997-1998	11 903.5	822.7	958.4	1 780.9	423.2	548.3	1 915.1	2 886.8	4 667.9	16 571.3
1998-1999	12 663.5	789.0	1 185.3	1 974.5	394.9	507.8	1 970.5	2 873.3	4 847.6	17 511.0
1999										
January	791.1	46.3	82.5	128.8	22.1	33.8	109.8	165.7	294.5	1 085.5
February	1 003.6	53.1	90.3	143.5	31.4	57.5	202.0	290.9	434.3	1 438.0
March	1 204.7	74.1	98.3	172.4	35.6	23.1	125.1	183.7	356.1	1 560.8
April	996.9	71.7	96.5	168.3	27.3	53.0	170.1	250.4	418.6	1 415.5
May	1 231.2	62.8	110.1	172.9	31.9	40.2	163.4	235.6	408.4	1 639.6
June	1 237.0	85.4	114.0	199.4	58.0	56.2	122.6	236.8	436.2	1 673.2
July	1 241.2	78.4	120.1	198.5	32.5	46.5	241.4	320.4	518.9	1 760.1
August	1 270.2	64.6	87.8	152.4	37.5	37.9	358.4	433.8	586.2	1 856.4
September	1 390.3	97.4	116.9	214.2	24.8	33.3	146.6	204.7	418.9	1 809.2
October	1 277.1	55.9	111.8	167.7	18.4	28.1	194.0	240.5	408.3	1 685.3
November	1 470.8	64.4	87.7	152.1	58.0	36.5	207.3	301.8	453.9	1 924.7
December	1 418.7	59.3	100.4	159.7	19.2	24.5	170.5	214.2	373.9	1 792.6
2000										
January	1 136.5	53.6	100.9	154.5	21.6	43.2	253.2	318.1	472.5	1 609.0
February	1 416.8	95.2	132.4	227.6	35.9	50.4	162.1	248.4	476.0	1 892.8
March	1 465.4	75.2	91.4	166.7	29.9	37.9	130.1	198.0	364.6	1 830.1

(a) See Glossary for definition.

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Chain Volume Measures(a)

Period	New houses	New other residential building	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(b)	Total residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
ORIGINAL (\$ million)							
1996-1997	9 935.0	3 960.2	13 893.6	2 585.7	16 479.6	13 252.6	29 716.2
1997-1998	11 903.5	4 667.8	16 571.3	3 022.9	19 594.2	14 462.0	34 056.2
1998-1999	12 372.5	4 622.4	16 994.8	2 855.0	19 849.8	12 164.9	32 014.8
1998							
September	3 158.9	1 129.8	4 288.7	775.3	5 063.9	3 219.7	8 283.6
December	2 968.4	1 281.3	4 249.7	697.8	4 947.5	3 023.6	7 971.2
1999							
March	2 923.0	1 023.3	3 946.3	676.3	4 622.6	3 238.0	7 860.6
June	3 322.2	1 188.0	4 510.2	705.6	5 215.8	2 683.6	7 899.4
September	3 723.3	1 419.1	5 142.4	855.1	5 997.5	3 017.3	9 014.8
December	3 873.0	1 134.4	5 007.4	773.1	5 780.4	2 526.6	8 307.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)							
1998							
September	2 954.7	1 066.2	3 997.5	740.5	4 753.2	3 070.2	7 763.5
December	2 990.4	1 235.7	4 259.0	707.6	4 985.2	2 967.3	7 966.3
1999							
March	3 165.3	1 129.3	4 299.2	710.8	5 046.5	3 351.0	8 455.3
June	3 262.1	1 191.2	4 439.2	696.1	5 064.9	2 776.5	7 829.6
September	3 467.1	1 330.9	4 751.8	832.3	5 628.7	3 043.9	8 563.1
December	3 916.3	1 125.9	5 084.2	771.1	5 844.1	2 435.0	8 308.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)							
1998							
September	3 031.3	1 183.6	4 206.7	764.1	4 969.2	3 335.0	8 313.3
December	3 024.8	1 161.8	4 194.1	712.8	4 916.9	3 136.7	8 064.0
1999							
March	3 103.6	1 175.9	4 282.0	703.6	4 994.0	3 054.2	8 055.7
June	3 296.4	1 217.4	4 500.9	737.2	5 233.1	3 003.3	8 229.7
September	3 537.0	1 223.5	4 748.2	773.1	5 517.1	2 814.1	8 297.6
December	3 804.7	1 216.1	5 029.2	802.2	5 831.8	2 642.0	8 354.7
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding quarter)							
1998							
September	-1.4	1.2	-0.6	-3.9	-0.8	-1.6	-1.8
December	-0.2	-1.8	-0.3	-6.7	-1.1	-5.9	-3.0
1999							
March	2.6	1.2	2.1	-1.3	1.6	-2.6	-0.1
June	6.2	3.5	5.1	4.8	4.8	-1.7	2.2
September	7.3	0.5	5.5	4.9	5.4	-6.3	0.8
December	7.6	-0.6	5.9	3.8	5.7	-6.1	0.7

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1997-98.
See paragraphs 20-21 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED, By State

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>
<i>Month</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
ORIGINAL								
1999								
January	762.9	521.8	418.6	123.1	365.1	59.9	25.0	20.9
February	1 008.9	780.0	416.4	189.0	344.3	17.6	42.3	112.1
March	1 021.3	796.3	516.9	144.9	319.3	31.6	37.3	56.2
April	784.7	639.0	553.7	90.1	267.1	43.2	41.8	42.0
May	1 147.3	755.4	460.8	138.3	292.1	21.3	22.4	58.8
June	1 173.7	679.8	498.8	120.5	348.3	19.7	38.0	36.1
July	1 266.7	807.4	587.4	147.6	361.0	37.6	26.2	47.1
August	1 280.6	978.5	424.1	129.4	360.3	25.8	32.8	37.9
September	932.8	858.5	521.5	153.5	382.2	38.5	24.4	56.0
October	896.7	816.2	537.3	125.2	367.4	29.7	27.8	35.4
November	978.6	834.2	672.4	153.1	399.5	25.8	54.6	80.4
December	946.8	873.7	437.1	228.8	305.2	34.1	25.2	29.2
2000								
January	935.3	811.6	497.3	99.6	269.2	31.9	28.2	41.6
February	934.9	947.9	451.9	173.9	353.1	42.2	33.8	84.8
March	1 051.5	923.3	495.2	174.5	306.7	30.5	28.6	31.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
1999								
January	927.9	644.3	525.8	145.6	457.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	1 136.3	691.2	461.1	195.6	368.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	1 134.4	753.0	525.8	129.2	292.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	807.2	711.7	582.4	115.2	289.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May	1 042.5	659.1	443.8	139.1	252.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	1 216.3	680.5	463.9	109.4	350.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July	1 178.4	920.4	511.4	140.3	347.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
August	1 111.1	943.7	374.1	115.5	348.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	888.0	827.1	453.1	125.2	401.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	863.7	826.8	563.6	137.3	349.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
November	904.5	786.1	647.2	154.5	371.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	1 041.5	946.3	536.7	263.7	327.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	1 092.9	991.0	657.6	123.2	355.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	1 009.0	820.9	471.8	173.6	355.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	1 166.9	876.6	459.5	151.9	268.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
TREND ESTIMATES								
1999								
January	990.6	697.6	517.3	132.6	299.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	1 007.3	678.7	516.5	131.5	298.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	1 030.4	679.2	513.5	129.8	295.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	1 057.0	701.3	502.2	127.2	295.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May	1 083.5	739.8	484.9	124.4	303.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	1 094.5	778.2	469.0	120.8	320.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July	1 075.9	811.6	458.9	121.2	340.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
August	1 040.1	840.0	468.3	127.3	357.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	996.1	861.8	497.6	138.6	367.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	959.8	873.2	535.0	152.2	368.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
November	954.2	876.1	562.1	164.3	361.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	985.0	880.1	570.8	171.8	350.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	1 028.6	887.9	563.1	174.2	338.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	1 071.7	893.3	546.0	173.2	326.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	1 118.2	899.6	518.2	169.3	311.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED, By State-Percentage Change

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
January	-10.2	-15.1	9.1	8.2	30.9	186.2	-26.1	-66.6
February	32.2	49.5	-0.5	53.5	-5.7	-70.6	69.4	436.1
March	1.2	2.1	24.1	-23.4	-7.3	79.6	-11.7	-49.9
April	-23.2	-19.7	7.1	-37.8	-16.4	36.6	12.0	-25.1
May	46.2	18.2	-16.8	53.5	9.4	-50.7	-46.3	40.0
June	2.3	-10.0	8.2	-12.9	19.3	-7.4	69.3	-38.6
July	7.9	18.8	17.8	22.5	3.6	90.6	-31.0	30.3
August	1.1	21.2	-27.8	-12.3	-0.2	-31.5	25.4	-19.5
September	-27.2	-12.3	23.0	18.6	6.1	49.5	-25.8	47.6
October	-3.9	-4.9	3.0	-18.4	-3.9	-23.0	14.0	-36.7
November	9.1	2.2	25.2	22.2	8.7	-12.9	96.8	126.9
December	-3.2	4.7	-35.0	49.5	-23.6	31.9	-53.8	-63.7
2000								
January	-1.2	-7.1	13.8	-56.4	-11.8	-6.5	11.7	42.5
February	0.0	16.8	-9.1	74.5	31.2	32.3	19.8	103.7
March	12.5	-2.6	9.6	0.3	-13.1	-27.8	-15.3	-63.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
January	3.2	-3.5	12.3	9.9	54.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	22.5	7.3	-12.3	34.3	-19.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	-0.2	8.9	14.0	-33.9	-20.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	-28.8	-5.5	10.8	-10.9	-1.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May	29.2	-7.4	-23.8	20.8	-12.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	16.7	3.2	4.5	-21.3	39.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July	-3.1	35.2	10.2	28.3	-0.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
August	-5.7	2.5	-26.9	-17.7	0.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	-20.1	-12.4	21.1	8.4	15.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	-2.7	0.0	24.4	9.7	-12.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
November	4.7	-4.9	14.8	12.5	6.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	15.2	20.4	-17.1	70.7	-11.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	4.9	4.7	22.5	-53.3	8.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	-7.7	-17.2	-28.3	40.9	-0.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	15.6	6.8	-2.6	-12.5	-24.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
January	2.0	-3.6	0.6	-0.1	2.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	1.7	-2.7	-0.2	-0.8	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	2.3	0.1	-0.6	-1.3	-1.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	2.6	3.3	-2.2	-2.0	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May	2.5	5.5	-3.4	-2.2	2.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	1.0	5.2	-3.3	-3.0	5.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July	-1.7	4.3	-2.2	0.3	6.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
August	-3.3	3.5	2.1	5.0	5.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	-4.2	2.6	6.2	8.9	2.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	-3.6	1.3	7.5	9.8	0.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
November	-0.6	0.3	5.1	7.9	-2.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	3.2	0.5	1.6	4.5	-2.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	4.4	0.9	-1.4	1.4	-3.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	4.2	0.6	-3.0	-0.6	-3.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	4.3	0.7	-5.1	-2.3	-4.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED , By State(a)

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory
Month	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL								
1999								
January	297.6	184.6	219.0	68.0	197.1	45.8	7.2	2.2
February	432.7	255.7	160.8	118.4	156.3	4.2	17.5	86.0
March	396.7	275.0	213.8	61.1	93.6	16.5	15.4	28.7
April	207.5	183.9	274.8	22.7	71.5	26.9	9.2	20.6
May	424.7	241.6	173.8	57.4	65.7	10.1	4.2	26.7
June	503.7	183.2	162.7	31.7	74.2	7.3	12.5	12.2
July	523.6	248.2	275.8	31.7	104.6	18.7	5.2	21.4
August	509.0	282.8	124.5	37.5	113.4	10.2	14.0	12.1
September	260.3	240.6	140.1	49.2	134.8	23.3	6.4	4.0
October	266.0	236.8	156.1	31.6	137.0	9.8	10.8	13.4
November	264.1	222.3	289.3	36.2	95.7	6.2	26.8	51.1
December	278.1	261.9	70.8	129.5	62.3	13.1	4.4	8.8
2000								
January	359.2	227.6	197.7	18.5	57.3	6.4	10.4	7.1
February	279.5	271.6	101.9	43.3	63.8	21.4	10.8	31.2
March	440.7	192.2	113.4	59.0	74.0	9.3	15.5	4.9
TREND ESTIMATES								
1999								
January	382.9	228.1	241.5	61.7	100.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	402.2	205.5	240.3	57.9	98.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	420.8	202.6	234.3	53.1	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	432.3	214.8	219.6	47.1	83.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May	433.1	233.6	197.6	41.0	80.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	416.8	247.0	176.2	34.3	86.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July	380.3	256.7	157.2	31.9	97.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
August	340.4	261.9	151.1	35.2	107.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	301.0	262.1	159.0	43.1	111.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	274.4	255.8	174.7	52.5	107.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
November	276.9	243.4	184.2	59.8	97.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	311.7	231.6	182.0	62.7	87.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	359.1	222.0	171.2	61.4	78.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	409.2	213.3	156.2	57.7	70.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	459.0	204.5	135.5	52.9	63.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Seasonally adjusted data is not available due to the volatility of the data..

VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED, By State-Percentage Change(a)

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
January	25.1	4.1	54.3	27.3	148.0	587.9	-53.3	-92.8
February	45.4	38.6	-26.6	74.1	-20.7	-90.8	142.6	3 759.9
March	-8.3	7.5	33.0	-48.4	-40.1	288.8	-11.9	-66.6
April	-47.7	-33.1	28.5	-62.9	-23.6	63.2	-40.1	-28.2
May	104.7	31.4	-36.8	152.7	-8.1	-62.3	-54.1	29.4
June	18.6	-24.2	-6.4	-44.8	12.9	-28.2	196.4	-54.2
July	3.9	35.4	69.5	0.1	40.9	157.4	-58.8	75.5
August	-2.8	14.0	-54.9	18.3	8.5	-45.6	171.6	-43.3
September	-48.9	-14.9	12.6	31.1	18.8	128.7	-54.1	-67.0
October	2.2	-1.6	11.4	-35.8	1.6	-57.7	67.8	234.4
November	-0.7	-6.1	85.3	14.6	-30.1	-37.0	148.3	281.3
December	5.3	17.8	-75.5	257.9	-35.0	111.0	-83.8	-82.8
2000								
January	29.2	-13.1	179.1	-85.7	-7.9	-51.5	138.5	-19.4
February	-22.2	19.4	-48.5	134.0	11.3	236.6	3.9	340.1
March	57.7	-29.2	11.4	36.1	16.1	-56.4	43.4	-84.4
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
January	5.8	-13.4	2.4	-3.5	5.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	5.0	-9.9	-0.5	-6.1	-2.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	4.6	-1.4	-2.5	-8.4	-8.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	2.7	6.0	-6.3	-11.3	-8.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May	0.2	8.7	-10.0	-12.9	-2.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	-3.8	5.7	-10.9	-16.4	7.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July	-8.8	3.9	-10.8	-7.0	12.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
August	-10.5	2.1	-3.9	10.5	10.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	-11.6	0.1	5.2	22.5	3.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	-8.8	-2.4	9.9	21.6	-3.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
November	0.9	-4.8	5.5	14.0	-9.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	12.6	-4.9	-1.2	4.9	-11.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	15.2	-4.1	-5.9	-2.1	-10.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	14.0	-3.9	-8.7	-6.1	-9.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	12.2	-4.1	-13.3	-8.3	-9.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, By State: Original

<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions creating dwellings</i>	<i>Alterations and additions not creating dwellings</i>	<i>Conversion(a)</i>	<i>Total residential building</i>	<i>Non-residential building(a)</i>	<i>Total building</i>
<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR								
New South Wales	370.4	115.9	2.5	115.8	0.1	604.7	306.4	911.1
Victoria	478.2	152.5	1.2	92.9	2.2	727.0	162.3	889.3
Queensland	296.2	44.8	0.5	32.6	3.9	378.0	89.7	467.6
South Australia	80.9	18.5	0.1	14.1	0.1	113.7	32.7	146.4
Western Australia	185.9	19.2	0.5	17.0	0.0	222.6	38.9	261.5
Tasmania	16.1	1.2	0.0	3.7	0.0	21.0	6.6	27.6
Northern Territory	9.6	0.5	0.0	1.5	0.0	11.6	5.5	17.2
Australian Capital Territory	18.3	3.2	0.0	4.9	0.0	26.4	3.5	29.9
Australia	1 455.5	355.9	4.9	282.5	6.3	2 105.0	645.5	2 750.5
PUBLIC SECTOR								
New South Wales	2.1	1.7	0.0	2.2	0.0	6.0	134.4	140.4
Victoria	1.1	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	4.1	29.9	34.1
Queensland	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	3.8	23.8	27.5
South Australia	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.8	26.2	28.0
Western Australia	3.1	5.1	0.2	1.6	0.0	10.0	35.2	45.2
Tasmania	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.7	2.9
Northern Territory	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.5	9.9	11.5
Australian Capital Territory	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4	1.5
Australia	10.0	8.7	0.2	8.7	0.0	27.5	263.6	291.1
TOTAL								
New South Wales	372.5	117.6	2.5	118.0	0.1	610.7	440.7	1 051.5
Victoria	479.3	152.5	1.2	95.9	2.2	731.1	192.2	923.3
Queensland	298.1	46.5	0.5	32.7	3.9	381.7	113.4	495.2
South Australia	81.2	18.5	0.1	15.6	0.1	115.5	59.0	174.5
Western Australia	189.0	24.3	0.6	18.7	0.0	232.7	74.0	306.7
Tasmania	16.1	1.2	0.0	3.8	0.0	21.1	9.3	30.5
Northern Territory	10.9	0.7	0.0	1.6	0.0	13.1	15.5	28.6
Australian Capital Territory	18.4	3.2	0.0	4.9	0.0	26.6	4.9	31.4
Australia	1 465.4	364.6	5.0	291.2	6.3	2 132.6	909.0	3 041.6

(a) See Glossary for definition.

VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED, By State: Original

State/Territory	Hotels, motels and other short term accommodation	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertain- ment and recreational	Miscell- aneous	Total non- residential building
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
PRIVATE SECTOR											
New South Wales	25.4	53.2	25.5	43.9	110.7	21.6	2.2	4.9	12.5	6.4	306.4
Victoria	0.2	25.4	24.6	36.0	41.3	11.8	0.3	12.8	2.9	7.1	162.3
Queensland	0.7	16.4	16.3	8.9	22.5	5.0	2.0	6.8	6.5	4.5	89.7
South Australia	5.8	8.4	1.0	4.7	6.7	2.7	0.9	0.3	0.8	1.5	32.7
Western Australia	0.7	5.1	9.0	7.9	10.4	1.7	0.7	0.2	1.8	1.2	38.9
Tasmania	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	3.3	0.6	6.6
Northern Territory	0.0	0.7	0.3	2.5	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	5.5
Australian Capital Territory	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	3.5
Australia	34.1	109.6	77.0	106.3	194.9	42.7	6.2	25.3	27.8	21.6	645.5
PUBLIC SECTOR											
New South Wales	0.0	2.8	0.0	7.0	12.7	4.5	0.0	96.8	6.2	4.4	134.4
Victoria	0.5	1.1	0.1	5.7	0.4	4.5	0.0	7.7	8.4	1.6	29.9
Queensland	0.0	0.5	0.0	2.5	1.1	0.7	0.0	2.4	0.9	15.8	23.8
South Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.3	2.1	0.0	7.7	14.8	0.4	26.2
Western Australia	0.0	1.5	2.5	2.6	1.6	15.8	0.0	1.6	0.0	9.6	35.2
Tasmania	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	2.7
Northern Territory	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	9.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	9.9
Australian Capital Territory	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
Australia	0.5	5.9	2.6	19.6	16.1	39.6	0.0	116.7	30.3	32.3	263.6
TOTAL											
New South Wales	25.4	56.0	25.5	50.9	123.5	26.0	2.2	101.7	18.7	10.8	440.7
Victoria	0.8	26.5	24.6	41.7	41.6	16.3	0.3	20.6	11.2	8.7	192.2
Queensland	0.7	17.0	16.3	11.4	23.6	5.7	2.0	9.2	7.3	20.2	113.4
South Australia	5.8	8.4	1.0	5.8	6.9	4.8	0.9	8.0	15.7	1.8	59.0
Western Australia	0.7	6.6	11.5	10.6	12.0	17.4	0.7	1.8	1.8	10.8	74.0
Tasmania	1.2	0.1	0.3	1.0	0.6	1.5	0.1	0.4	3.3	0.9	9.3
Northern Territory	0.0	0.7	0.3	2.6	1.9	9.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	15.5
Australian Capital Territory	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.0	0.9	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	4.9
Australia	34.6	115.5	79.5	125.9	211.0	82.3	6.2	142.0	58.1	54.0	909.0

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED, Jobs By Value Range: Original

Period	<i>Hotels, motels and other short term accommodation....</i>		<i>Shops.....</i>		<i>Factories.....</i>		<i>Offices.....</i>		<i>Other business premises.....</i>		<i>Educational.....</i>	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
Value—\$50,000—\$199,999												
2000												
January	28	3.0	244	22.1	76	8.9	150	14.3	100	10.0	53	5.4
February	23	2.5	254	22.7	97	10.9	191	18.5	130	12.6	42	3.9
March	21	2.3	252	22.9	92	9.7	206	20.5	188	18.6	37	3.7
Value—\$200,000—\$499,999												
2000												
January	15	5.0	69	19.2	49	15.3	59	17.2	68	20.0	28	9.1
February	18	5.8	62	18.0	58	17.7	70	21.6	69	22.5	24	7.7
March	12	3.5	64	18.7	51	16.0	83	26.0	68	19.1	29	9.3
Value—\$500,000—\$999,999												
2000												
January	6	4.1	25	17.4	9	6.7	23	15.9	26	16.5	18	11.9
February	6	4.0	26	17.6	25	17.4	25	17.4	29	19.8	9	6.3
March	2	1.1	20	12.9	24	15.6	37	25.0	48	32.4	11	7.3
Value—\$1,000,000—\$4,999,999												
2000												
January	6	9.2	12	26.0	10	19.3	26	47.8	28	60.0	15	39.1
February	4	5.5	13	18.5	18	33.5	24	46.8	23	48.5	16	35.8
March	6	11.7	22	36.0	13	30.5	25	49.0	36	75.0	17	32.4
Value—\$5,000,000 and over												
2000												
January	4	63.2	4	33.8	2	12.9	3	68.0	4	22.6	4	38.6
February	4	23.7	4	44.3	0	0.0	5	75.2	5	35.8	4	48.7
March	1	16.0	2	25.0	1	7.7	1	5.5	4	65.8	2	29.7
Value—Total												
1996-1997	665	912.5	4 183	2 180.3	2 313	1 132.5	3 479	2 293.3	2 861	1 627.8	1 528	1 407.4
1997-1998	666	1 340.7	4 718	2 025.2	2 221	992.8	3 419	2 518.5	2 980	2 122.2	1 488	1 369.0
1998-1999	635	829.2	4 669	2 455.6	2 061	947.7	3 210	1 778.6	2 941	2 039.5	1 387	1 409.9
2000												
January	59	84.5	354	118.6	146	63.1	261	163.1	226	129.1	118	103.9
February	55	41.5	359	121.1	198	79.5	315	179.5	256	139.1	95	102.5
March	42	34.6	360	115.5	181	79.5	352	125.9	344	211.0	96	82.3

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED, Jobs By Value Range: **Original** *continued*

Period	Religious.....		Health.....		Entertainment and recreational....		Miscellaneous.....		Total non- residential building.....	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
Value—\$50,000–\$199,999										
2000										
January	5	0.4	15	1.4	39	3.9	36	3.4	746	72.9
February	9	0.9	24	2.8	35	3.6	53	4.9	858	83.3
March	8	0.8	32	3.3	39	4.1	60	6.0	935	91.8
Value—\$200,000–\$499,999										
2000										
January	5	1.8	10	2.9	21	6.6	14	4.3	338	101.3
February	6	2.1	9	2.8	25	8.2	17	4.8	358	111.1
March	6	2.3	26	7.9	16	4.5	17	5.4	372	112.7
Value—\$500,000–\$999,999										
2000										
January	1	0.9	8	5.1	3	2.1	6	4.5	125	85.0
February	2	1.3	7	5.0	11	8.0	10	6.8	150	103.6
March	2	1.1	9	6.2	8	5.0	10	6.4	171	113.1
Value—\$1,000,000–\$4,999,999										
2000										
January	3	5.0	16	40.0	9	21.4	7	11.9	132	279.7
February	1	1.3	14	30.3	9	19.2	7	11.9	129	251.4
March	2	2.0	7	18.6	16	31.2	9	17.1	153	303.3
Value—\$5,000,000 and over										
2000										
January	0	0.0	6	92.0	1	9.0	1	5.2	29	345.3
February	0	0.0	2	29.0	1	12.0	1	5.4	26	274.1
March	0	0.0	3	106.0	1	13.3	3	19.1	18	288.1
Value—Total										
1996-1997	193	56.3	778	982.3	1 143	1 321.2	1 328	816.7	18 471	12 729.9
1997-1998	219	79.5	771	1 773.6	1 034	1 496.3	1 134	744.0	18 650	14 461.8
1998-1999	231	93.1	799	1 313.5	991	1 184.4	1 074	517.0	17 998	12 568.5
2000										
January	14	8.0	55	141.5	73	42.9	64	29.4	1 370	884.2
February	18	5.6	56	69.9	81	51.1	88	33.7	1 521	823.4
March	18	6.2	77	142.0	80	58.1	99	54.0	1 649	909.0

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents monthly details of building work approved.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

2 Statistics of building work approved are compiled from:

- permits issued by local government authorities;
- permits issued by licensed building surveyors;
- contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities;
- major building activity in areas not subject to normal administrative approval e.g. building on remote mine sites.

3 The scope of the survey comprises the following activities:

- construction of new buildings
- alterations and additions to existing buildings
- approved non-structural renovation and refurbishment work
- approved installation of integral building fixtures

From July 1990, the statistics include:

- all approved new residential building valued at \$10,000 or more
- approved alterations and additions to residential building valued at \$10,000 or more
- all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more.

Excluded from the statistics is:

construction activity not defined as building (e.g. construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks, etc.). Statistics for this activity can be found in *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8762.0).

VALUE DATA

4 Value data are derived by aggregation of the estimated value of building work when completed as reported on approval documents. Such value data excludes the value of land and landscaping but includes site preparation. These estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of 'houses'. However, for 'other residential buildings' and 'non-residential buildings', these estimates can differ significantly from the completed value of the building.

OWNERSHIP

5 Building ownership is classified as either public or private sector and is based on the sector of intended owner of the completed building at the time of approval. Residential buildings constructed by private sector builders under government housing authority schemes are classified as public sector when the authority has contracted, or intends to contract, to purchase the building on or before completion.

BUILDING CLASSIFICATIONS

6 Building approvals are classified both by the Type of Building (e.g. 'house', 'factory') and by the Type of Work involved (e.g. 'new', 'alterations and additions'). These classifications are often used in conjunction with each other to describe building approvals in this publication.

7 The Type of Building classification refers to the intended major function of a building. A building which is ancillary to other buildings or forms a part of a group of related buildings is classified to the function of the building, not to the function of the group as a whole.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BUILDING CLASSIFICATIONS

continued

8 An example is the treatment of building work approved for a factory complex. For instance, a detached administration building would be classified to Offices, a detached cafeteria building to Shops, while the factory buildings would be classified to Factories.

9 An exception to this rule is the treatment of group accommodation buildings. For example, a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Education.

10 In the case of a large multi-function building, i.e. a single large physical building which, at the time of approval is intended to have more than one purpose (e.g. a hotel/shops/casino project), the ABS endeavours to split the approval details according to each main function.

11 Where this is not possible because separate details cannot be obtained, the building is classified to the predominant function of the building on the basis of the function which represents the highest proportion of the total value of the project.

12 The Type of Work classification refers to the building activity carried out: New; Alterations and additions; or Conversion. See the Glossary for definitions of these terms. Prior to the January 1998 issue of this publication, Conversions were published as part of a category called 'Conversions, etc.'. From the January 1998 issue onwards, Conversion jobs are shown separately in tables 5, 6, 12 and 15. However, in other tables they are included within existing categories, as follows: in tables 1 and 2 they are included in the appropriate Type of Building category, and in tables 3, 4 and 14 they are included in the 'Alterations and additions to residential buildings' category.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

13 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised.

14 In the seasonal adjustment of series, account has been taken of both normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month. Adjustment has also been made for the influence of Easter which may affect the March and April estimates differently.

15 Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular or non-seasonal influences (e.g. the approval of large projects or a change in the administrative arrangements of approving authorities).

16 Some of the component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals.

17 As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data. The timing of this review may vary and when appropriate will be notified in the 'Data Notes' section of this publication.

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TREND ESTIMATES

18 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. For monthly series, these trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the last six months. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. For the quarterly, chain volume measures, trend series shown in table 14, the trend estimates are derived by applying a 7-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all quarters of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the last three quarters. Trend series are created for these last three quarters by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average seasonally adjusted series. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6076.

19 While the smoothing techniques described in paragraph 18 enable trend estimates to be produced for the latest few periods, they do result in revisions to the trend estimates as new data becomes available. Generally, revisions become smaller over time and, after three months, usually have a negligible impact on the series. Revisions to the original data and re-analysis of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.

CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

20 The chain volume measures appearing in this publication are annually reweighted chain Laspeyres indexes referenced to current price values in a chosen reference year (currently 1997–98). The reference year will be updated annually in the July publication. While current price estimates reflect both price and volume changes, chain volume estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated and therefore only reflect volume changes.

21 Further information on the nature and concepts of chain volume measures is contained in the ABS publication *Information Paper: Introduction of Chain Volume Measures in the Australian National Accounts* (Cat. no. 5248.0).

UNPUBLISHED DATA

22 The ABS can also make available certain building approvals data which are not published. They include building approvals data at Statistical Local Area and Collection District and for new houses, floor area, material of outer wall, floor and roof. A charge may be made for providing unpublished data.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

23 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- *Building Activity, Australia: Dwelling Unit Commencements* (Cat. no. 8750.0)
- *Building Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8752.0)
- *Building Activity, Building Work Done, Australia* (Cat. no. 8755.0)
- *Building Approvals* (Cat. No. 8731.1–8731.7) issued quarterly
- *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8762.0)
- *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6416.0)
- *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (Cat. no. 5609.0)
- *Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building* (Cat. no. 6407.0)
- *Price Index of Materials Used in House Building* (Cat. no. 6408.0).

ROUNDING

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

G L O S S A R Y

Alterations and additions	Building activity carried out on existing buildings. Includes adding to or diminishing floor area, altering the structural design of a building and affixing rigid components which are integral to the functioning of the building.
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Alterations and additions carried out on existing residential buildings, which may result in the creation of new dwelling units. See also Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.
Building	A building is a rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof. Its intended purpose is primarily to house people, plant, machinery, vehicles, goods or livestock. An integral feature of a building's design is the provision for regular access by persons in order to satisfy its intended use.
Conversion	Building activity which converts a non-residential building to a residential building, e.g. conversion of a warehouse to residential apartments. Conversion is considered to be a special type of alteration, and these jobs have been separately identified as such from the July 1996 reference month, though they have only appeared separately in this publication from the January 1998 issue. Prior to that issue, conversions were published as part of the 'Conversions, etc.' category or included elsewhere within a table.
Dwelling unit	A dwelling unit is a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long-term residential use. Regardless of whether they are self-contained or not, units within buildings offering institutional care (e.g. hospitals) or temporary accommodation (e.g. motels, hostels and holiday apartments) are not defined as dwelling units. Such units are included in the appropriate category of non-residential building approvals. Dwelling units can be created in one of four ways: through new work to create a residential building; through alteration/addition work to an existing residential building; through either new or alteration/addition work on non-residential building or through conversion of a non-residential building to a residential building.
Educational	Includes schools, colleges, kindergartens, libraries, museums and universities.
Entertainment and recreational	Includes clubs, cinemas, sport and recreation centres.
Factories	Includes paper mills, oil refinery buildings, brickworks and powerhouses.
Flats, units or apartments	Dwellings not having their own private grounds and usually sharing a common entrance, foyer or stairwell.
Health	Includes hospitals, nursing homes, surgeries, clinics and medical centres.
Hotels, motels and other short term accommodation	Includes hostels, boarding houses, guest houses, and holiday apartment buildings.
House	A house is a detached building primarily used for long term residential purposes. It consists of one dwelling unit. For instance, detached 'granny flats' and detached dwelling units (e.g. caretakers residences) associated with a non-residential building are defined as houses.
Miscellaneous	Includes justice and defence buildings, welfare and charitable homes, prisons and reformatories, maintenance camps, farming and livestock buildings, veterinary clinics, child-minding centres, police stations and public toilets.

GLOSSARY

New building work	Building activity which will result in the creation of a building which previously did not exist.
New other residential buildings	Building activity which will result in the creation of a residential building other than a house, which previously did not exist.
New residential	Building activity which will result in the creation of any residential building (house or other residential) which previously did not exist.
Non-residential building	A non-residential building is primarily intended for purposes other than long term residential purposes. Note that, on occasions, one or more dwelling units may be created through non-residential building activity. Prior to the January 1998 issue of this publication, they have been included in the 'Conversions, etc.' column in tables showing dwelling units approved. They are now identified separately (e.g. see table 5). However, the value of these dwelling units cannot be separated out from that of the non-residential building which they are part of, therefore the value associated with these remain in the appropriate Non-residential category.
Offices	Includes banks, post offices and council chambers.
Other business premises	Includes warehouses, service stations, transport depots and terminals, electricity substation buildings, telephone exchanges, broadcasting and film studios.
Other dwellings	Includes all dwellings other than houses. They can be created by: the creation of new other residential buildings (e.g. flats); alteration/addition work to an existing residential building; either new or alteration/addition work on a non-residential building; conversion of a non-residential building to a residential building creating more than one dwelling unit.
Other residential building	An other residential building is a building other than a house primarily used for long-term residential purposes. An other residential building contains more than one dwelling unit. Other residential buildings are coded to the following categories: semi-detached, row or terrace house or townhouse with one storey; semi-detached, row or terrace house or townhouse with two or more storeys; flat, unit or apartment in a building of one or two storeys; flat, unit or apartment in a building of three storeys; flat, unit or apartment in a building of four or more storeys; flat, unit or apartment attached to a house; other/number of storeys unknown. The latter two categories are included with the semi-detached, row or terrace house or townhouse with one storey category in table 13 of this publication.
Religious	Includes convents, churches, temples, mosques, monasteries and noviciates.
Residential building	A residential building is a building consisting of one or more dwelling units. Residential buildings can be either houses or other residential buildings.
Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses	Dwellings having their own private grounds with no other dwellings above or below.
Shops	Includes retail shops, restaurants, taverns and shopping arcades.

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

SURVEY OF TOURIST ACCOMMODATION DEVELOPMENTS

KEY POINTS

The ABS recently collected information on tourist accommodation development projects with an approved building value of \$2 million or more. To be in scope of the survey a project must have been approved prior to December 31, 1999. Results from the survey showed that:

- projects completed in the 12 months ended 31 December 1999 had a total value of \$1,580 million. They included 6,541 hotel, motel rooms and serviced apartments (including 1,132 with a star grading of 5) and 657 holiday flats and units.
- in the 12 month periods ending 31 December 2000 and 31 December 2001, the number of additional hotel, motel rooms and serviced apartments expected to be completed are 6,669 and 1,104 respectively.
- there were 14,314 hotel, motel rooms and serviced apartments completed or planned to be completed in the 3 year period January 1999 to December 2001. Of those with a known star grading, 25% are star grade 5 and 59% star grade 4.

The following table shows details at 31 December 1999 of new accommodation:

Type of accommodation(a)	COMPLETED BY	EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY	
	31 Dec 1999	31 Dec 2000	31 Dec 2001
Number of rooms, units (excluding refurbishments)			
Hotels, motels, serviced apartments	6 541	6 669	1 104
Star grade 2	103	151	—
Star grade 3	828	933	36
Star grade 4	3 892	3 257	461
Star grade 5	1 132	1 874	228
Unknown(b)	586	454	379
Holiday flats and units	657	451	—
Value of projects (including refurbishments) (\$m)			
Total value of all projects	1 580	2 069	199

(a) For those developments not yet assessed star grading refers to expected star grading.

(b) These projects were either not to be graded or their grading was withheld due to confidentiality.

SURVEY NOTES

The Tourist Accommodation Developments Survey is an annual survey conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics primarily for the Tourism Forecasting Council in order to improve the quality of information available on, and forecasts of, tourist accommodation developments.

A tourist accommodation development includes new work and/or alterations and additions to establishments which provide short-term accommodation (i.e. for periods of less than two months) to the general public.

Developments may have either been approved but not yet commenced, be still under construction at the end of 1999 or have been completed in the 1999 calendar year to be in scope of the 1999 survey. The project must also be expected to be completed within 2 years of the reference year.

INQUIRIES AND UNPUBLISHED DATA

For more details and information about the availability of other data from the survey, contact Tony Bammann on (08) 8237 7316.

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