



BUILDING APPROVALS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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JUNE KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	Jun 1998	% change May 1998 to Jun 1998	% change Jun 1997 to Jun 1998
Dwelling units approved			
Private sector houses	1 394	2.9	22.8
Total dwelling units	1 767	3.4	28.2

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Jun 1998	% change May 1998 to Jun 1998	% change Jun 1997 to Jun 1998
Dwelling units approved			
Private sector houses	1 415	3.7	27.7
Total dwelling units	1 836	11.3	46.7

JUNE KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend for total dwelling units increased by 3.4% in June and is 28.2% higher than June 1997.
- The trend in private sector houses continued its upward movement with an increase of 2.9% in June.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

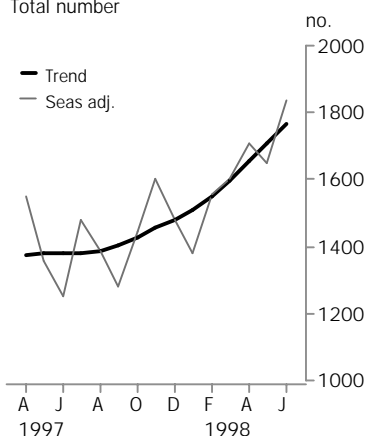
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling units increased by 11.3% in June (the average monthly movement is 9%). It is at the highest level since January 1995.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for private sector houses increased by 3.7% in June. There have been five consecutive increases in this seasonally adjusted estimate since January 1998.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- The total number of dwelling units approved in June was 2,054. Houses accounted for 1,832 of this total and other dwellings 222. Canning (140) and Cockburn (130) recorded the most dwelling approvals in the Perth SD, while Bunbury (73) and Mandurah (62) were the highest outside the Perth SD.
- The value of non-residential building approved was \$71.1 million. Shops accounted for \$24.4 million, followed by Health (\$8.5 million) and Offices (\$7.5 million).
- There were two jobs valued at \$5 million and over.

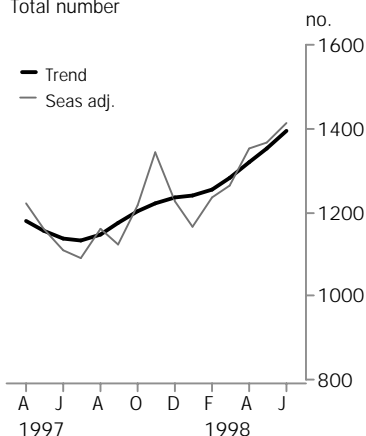
Dwelling units approved

Total number



Private sector houses approved

Total number



- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Merv Leaker on 08 8237 7585, or any ABS Office.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
July 1998	8 September 1998
August 1998	7 October 1998
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.



DATA NOTES

As advised in the last issue, Census Collectors District level information for dwelling approval data up to December 1997 is now available. This has also involved some changes to the Statistical Local Area coding for approximately 60 dwellings throughout Western Australia. For further information please contact Tamra Nitschke on 08 8237 7655.



REVISIONS THIS MONTH

There are no revisions this month.

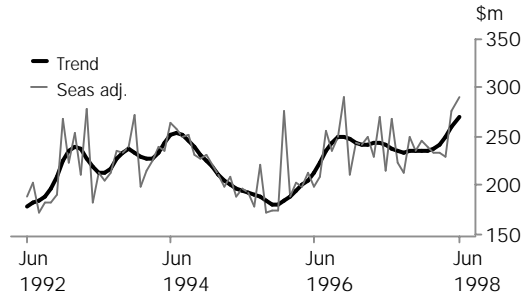


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VALUE OF BUILDINGS APPROVED

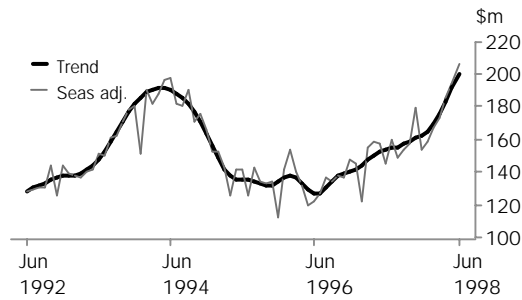
VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING

The trend continued its upward movement in June to be 3.8% higher than May and 15.4% higher than September 1997.



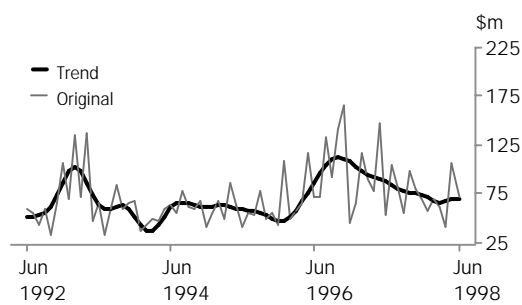
VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

The trend has grown consistently since mid 1996 with the rate of growth accelerating since December 1997. It has increased by 23.2% since that time.



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

The trend has been increasing since March 1998 following a continuous fall from late 1996. The June trend is 6% above the March level.



SUMMARY OF 1997-98 BUILDINGS APPROVED

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED The number of dwelling units approved in 1997-98 and the percentage movements between 1996-1997 and 1997-98 for Western Australia are summarised below.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Conversions</i>	<i>Non residential building</i>	<i>Total dwelling units</i>
No. of dwelling units 1997-98	18 354	45	21	40	18 460
1996-97 to 1997-98 % change	17.3	-27.4	600.0	25.0	17.3

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED Percentage movements for the value of building approved between 1996-97 and 1997-98 for Western Australia are summarised below

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED

	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings creating dwellings</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings not creating dwellings</i>	<i>Conversions</i>	<i>Non residential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
Value (\$M) 1997-98	1 856.2	2.4	184.3	0.9	899.8	2 943.8
1996-97 to 1997-98 % change	21.7	-51.0	9.9	800.0	-25.3	1.5

(a) See Glossary for definition.

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

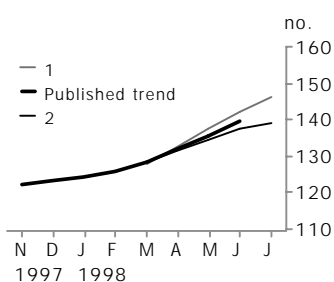
TREND REVISIONS

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.

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.

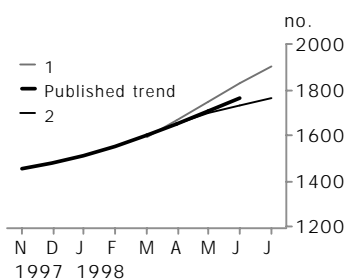
The graphs and tables which follow present the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates: that the July seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the June estimate by 6% for the number of private sector houses approved and 9% for total dwelling units approved; and that the July seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the June estimate by 6% for the number of private sector houses approved and 9% for total 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



	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	no.	% change	1 <i>rises by 6% on Jun 1998</i>		2 <i>falls by 6% on Jun 1998</i>	
	no.	% change	no.	% change	no.	% change
February 1998	1 256	1.2	1 252	1.1	1 258	1.3
March 1998	1 282	2.1	1 280	2.3	1 283	2.0
April 1998	1 318	2.8	1 323	3.4	1 316	2.5
May 1998	1 354	2.8	1 373	3.7	1 347	2.4
June 1998	1 394	2.9	1 421	3.5	1 373	1.9
July 1998	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1 463	3.0	1 390	1.3

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS



	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	no.	% change	1 <i>rises by 9% on Jun 1998</i>		2 <i>falls by 9% on Jun 1998</i>	
	no.	% change	no.	% change	no.	% change
February 1998	1 549	2.7	1 541	2.5	1 552	2.8
March 1998	1 596	3.1	1 592	3.4	1 598	3.0
April 1998	1 653	3.5	1 664	4.5	1 649	3.2
May 1998	1 709	3.4	1 745	4.9	1 696	2.8
June 1998	1 767	3.4	1 826	4.6	1 733	2.2
July 1998	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1 900	4.1	1 760	1.5

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

Month	HOUSES.....		OTHER DWELLINGS(a)		TOTAL DWELLING UNITS	
	<i>Private sector</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Private sector</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Private sector</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
ORIGINAL						
1997						
April	1 398	1 457	131	169	1 529	1 626
May	1 329	1 378	161	198	1 490	1 576
June	1 106	1 151	87	103	1 193	1 254
July	1 150	1 284	206	247	1 356	1 531
August	1 178	1 228	133	145	1 311	1 373
September	1 186	1 216	98	112	1 284	1 328
October	1 304	1 323	147	185	1 451	1 508
November	1 309	1 356	164	185	1 473	1 541
December	1 167	1 214	107	198	1 274	1 412
1998						
January	953	976	163	179	1 116	1 155
February	1 123	1 162	238	279	1 361	1 441
March	1 330	1 363	252	384	1 582	1 747
April	1 296	1 377	143	199	1 439	1 576
May	1 481	1 505	261	289	1 742	1 794
June	1 491	1 832	212	222	1 703	2 054
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
1997						
April	1 223	1 269	n.a.	n.a.	1 472	1 552
May	1 159	1 196	n.a.	n.a.	1 300	1 358
June	1 108	1 132	n.a.	n.a.	1 219	1 252
July	1 088	1 272	n.a.	n.a.	1 289	1 479
August	1 159	1 217	n.a.	n.a.	1 282	1 384
September	1 121	1 153	n.a.	n.a.	1 213	1 279
October	1 218	1 254	n.a.	n.a.	1 365	1 444
November	1 345	1 404	n.a.	n.a.	1 497	1 600
December	1 225	1 281	n.a.	n.a.	1 340	1 477
1998						
January	1 166	1 204	n.a.	n.a.	1 315	1 382
February	1 237	1 288	n.a.	n.a.	1 466	1 556
March	1 263	1 290	n.a.	n.a.	1 484	1 605
April	1 354	1 418	n.a.	n.a.	1 587	1 705
May	1 364	1 382	n.a.	n.a.	1 612	1 649
June	1 415	1 604	n.a.	n.a.	1 668	1 836
TREND ESTIMATES						
1997						
April	1 177	1 221	122	151	1 299	1 372
May	1 156	1 198	141	181	1 296	1 379
June	1 135	1 177	153	202	1 288	1 378
July	1 131	1 172	152	207	1 283	1 379
August	1 146	1 188	140	197	1 286	1 385
September	1 174	1 218	128	183	1 301	1 401
October	1 203	1 249	126	178	1 329	1 427
November	1 223	1 271	134	184	1 357	1 454
December	1 233	1 278	148	200	1 382	1 478
1998						
January	1 241	1 282	170	226	1 411	1 508
February	1 256	1 298	194	251	1 449	1 549
March	1 282	1 331	215	266	1 497	1 596
April	1 318	1 379	233	274	1 551	1 653
May	1 354	1 432	248	277	1 602	1 709
June	1 394	1 492	261	275	1 655	1 767

(a) See Glossary for definition.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Percentage Change

Month	HOUSES.....		OTHER DWELLINGS(a)...		TOTAL DWELLING UNITS	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)						
1997						
April	45.9	40.2	-7.1	-4.5	39.1	33.7
May	-4.9	-5.4	22.9	17.2	-2.6	-3.1
June	-16.8	-16.5	-46.0	-48.0	-19.9	-20.4
July	4.0	11.6	136.8	139.8	13.7	22.1
August	2.4	-4.4	-35.4	-41.3	-3.3	-10.3
September	0.7	-1.0	-26.3	-22.8	-2.1	-3.3
October	9.9	8.8	50.0	65.2	13.0	13.6
November	0.4	2.5	11.6	0.0	1.5	2.2
December	-10.8	-10.5	-34.8	7.0	-13.5	-8.4
1998						
January	-18.3	-19.6	52.3	-9.6	-12.4	-18.2
February	17.8	19.1	46.0	55.9	22.0	24.8
March	18.4	17.3	5.9	37.6	16.2	21.2
April	-2.6	1.0	-43.3	-48.2	-9.0	-9.8
May	14.3	9.3	82.5	45.2	21.1	13.8
June	0.7	21.7	-18.8	-23.2	-2.2	14.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)						
1997						
April	1.8	0.1	n.a.	n.a.	14.6	12.1
May	-5.2	-5.8	n.a.	n.a.	-11.7	-12.5
June	-4.4	-5.3	n.a.	n.a.	-6.2	-7.8
July	-1.8	12.3	n.a.	n.a.	5.8	18.2
August	6.5	-4.3	n.a.	n.a.	-0.6	-6.4
September	-3.3	-5.3	n.a.	n.a.	-5.4	-7.6
October	8.6	8.8	n.a.	n.a.	12.5	12.9
November	10.4	11.9	n.a.	n.a.	9.7	10.8
December	-8.9	-8.8	n.a.	n.a.	-10.5	-7.7
1998						
January	-4.8	-6.0	n.a.	n.a.	-1.9	-6.4
February	6.1	7.0	n.a.	n.a.	11.5	12.5
March	2.1	0.1	n.a.	n.a.	1.2	3.1
April	7.2	9.9	n.a.	n.a.	7.0	6.3
May	0.8	-2.5	n.a.	n.a.	1.6	-3.3
June	3.7	16.0	n.a.	n.a.	3.4	11.3
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)						
1997						
April	-0.7	-0.7	15.8	21.3	0.7	1.3
May	-1.8	-1.8	15.4	20.0	-0.2	0.6
June	-1.7	-1.8	8.3	11.3	-0.7	-0.1
July	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	2.5	-0.4	0.0
August	1.3	1.4	-7.9	-4.7	0.2	0.5
September	2.4	2.5	-8.9	-7.2	1.2	1.1
October	2.5	2.5	-1.1	-2.8	2.1	1.8
November	1.7	1.7	6.3	3.1	2.1	1.9
December	0.8	0.6	10.7	8.9	1.8	1.6
1998						
January	0.6	0.4	14.6	13.0	2.1	2.1
February	1.2	1.2	13.9	11.0	2.7	2.7
March	2.1	2.5	10.8	6.0	3.3	3.1
April	2.8	3.6	8.6	3.2	3.6	3.5
May	2.8	3.9	6.4	0.9	3.3	3.4
June	2.9	4.2	5.0	-0.6	3.3	3.4

(a) See Glossary for definition.

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED

Month	New residential building \$m	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(a) \$m	Total residential building \$m	Non-residential building \$m	Total building \$m
ORIGINAL					
1997					
April	159.2	16.8	176.0	78.8	254.8
May	157.3	15.2	172.4	146.4	318.9
June	130.2	14.1	144.3	54.1	198.4
July	147.2	16.0	163.2	105.3	268.5
August	135.0	15.7	150.7	81.4	232.1
September	139.3	15.8	155.1	56.5	211.7
October	150.6	18.3	169.0	98.3	267.2
November	154.6	16.2	170.8	79.4	250.2
December	135.2	16.2	151.3	70.3	221.6
1998					
January	122.3	13.8	136.1	57.6	193.7
February	138.8	16.5	155.3	69.1	224.4
March	172.8	16.2	189.0	62.4	251.4
April	163.3	12.4	175.7	42.3	218.0
May	195.5	16.7	212.2	106.1	318.3
June	201.7	13.8	215.5	71.1	286.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
1997					
April	144.4	14.6	159.0	n.a.	229.0
May	141.8	16.2	158.0	n.a.	269.8
June	128.6	16.3	144.9	n.a.	215.3
July	144.9	15.6	160.5	n.a.	267.9
August	132.7	16.1	148.8	n.a.	222.8
September	139.0	15.0	154.0	n.a.	213.7
October	141.5	16.0	157.5	n.a.	250.2
November	164.6	15.5	180.1	n.a.	234.9
December	138.2	16.1	154.3	n.a.	245.3
1998					
January	142.5	16.0	158.4	n.a.	239.2
February	151.2	16.5	167.7	n.a.	234.2
March	159.3	14.2	173.5	n.a.	234.6
April	171.8	14.0	185.8	n.a.	229.6
May	176.2	17.6	193.8	n.a.	275.7
June	190.8	15.4	206.1	n.a.	291.8
TREND ESTIMATES					
1997					
April	135.2	15.6	150.8	92.8	243.6
May	136.9	15.8	152.6	91.2	243.8
June	137.8	15.9	153.7	88.1	241.8
July	138.7	15.9	154.6	83.4	238.0
August	139.7	15.8	155.5	80.0	235.5
September	141.2	15.7	156.9	77.7	234.6
October	143.3	15.8	159.0	76.4	235.5
November	145.0	15.8	160.8	75.5	236.3
December	146.5	15.8	162.3	74.0	236.3
1998					
January	149.2	15.7	164.9	71.4	236.2
February	153.9	15.6	169.4	68.7	238.2
March	160.5	15.5	176.0	66.7	242.7
April	168.4	15.5	183.9	66.9	250.8
May	176.1	15.5	191.7	69.2	260.9
June	184.4	15.6	200.0	70.7	270.7

(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)					
1997					
April	26.5	11.9	25.0	-12.8	10.2
May	-1.2	-9.5	-2.0	85.8	25.1
June	-17.2	-7.1	-16.3	-63.1	-37.8
July	13.1	13.8	13.1	94.7	35.4
August	-8.3	-2.2	-7.7	-22.7	-13.6
September	3.2	1.1	3.0	-30.5	-8.8
October	8.1	15.7	8.9	73.8	26.2
November	2.6	-11.5	1.1	-19.2	-6.4
December	-12.6	-0.3	-11.4	-11.5	-11.4
1998					
January	-9.5	-14.9	-10.1	-18.0	-12.6
February	13.5	19.6	14.1	19.9	15.8
March	24.5	-1.7	21.7	-9.7	12.0
April	-5.5	-23.1	-7.0	-32.3	-13.3
May	19.8	34.1	20.8	150.9	46.0
June	3.2	-17.3	1.6	-32.9	-9.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)					
1997					
April	5.1	-15.2	2.8	n.a.	-8.7
May	-1.8	11.3	-0.6	n.a.	17.8
June	-9.3	0.5	-8.3	n.a.	-20.2
July	12.7	-4.4	10.7	n.a.	24.4
August	-8.4	3.7	-7.2	n.a.	-16.8
September	4.7	-6.8	3.5	n.a.	-4.1
October	1.8	6.5	2.3	n.a.	17.1
November	16.4	-3.5	14.3	n.a.	-6.1
December	-16.0	3.9	-14.3	n.a.	4.4
1998					
January	3.1	-0.5	2.7	n.a.	-2.5
February	6.1	3.4	5.9	n.a.	-2.1
March	5.4	-14.0	3.5	n.a.	0.1
April	7.9	-1.6	7.1	n.a.	-2.1
May	2.5	26.1	4.3	n.a.	20.1
June	8.3	-12.8	6.3	n.a.	5.8
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)					
1997					
April	2.1	1.5	2.0	-2.2	0.4
May	1.2	1.1	1.2	-1.7	0.1
June	0.7	0.7	0.7	-3.4	-0.8
July	0.6	0.1	0.6	-5.4	-1.6
August	0.7	-0.6	0.6	-4.0	-1.0
September	1.1	-0.4	0.9	-2.9	-0.4
October	1.4	0.5	1.3	-1.6	0.4
November	1.2	0.0	1.1	-1.2	0.4
December	1.1	-0.2	0.9	-2.0	0.0
1998					
January	1.8	-0.6	1.6	-3.5	0.0
February	3.1	-0.7	2.8	-3.7	0.8
March	4.3	-0.5	3.8	-2.9	1.9
April	4.9	-0.1	4.5	0.3	3.3
May	4.6	0.4	4.2	3.5	4.0
June	4.7	0.4	4.4	2.2	3.8

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Private and Public Sector: **Original**

<i>Period</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 (Number)						
1995-96	11 946	2 900	(b) 65	(b) 0	50	14 961
1996-97	13 067	1 682	56	3	32	14 840
1997-98	14 960	2 026	45	21	40	17 092
1997						
June	1 106	87	0	0	0	1 193
July	1 149	182	3	1	21	1 356
August	1 175	120	9	1	6	1 311
September	1 186	81	4	13	0	1 284
October	1 304	145	2	0	0	1 451
November	1 308	163	1	1	0	1 473
December	1 167	80	18	0	9	1 274
1998						
January	953	162	0	0	1	1 116
February	1 123	237	1	0	0	1 361
March	1 330	248	3	0	1	1 582
April	1 295	140	1	1	2	1 439
May	1 480	260	1	1	0	1 742
June	1 490	208	2	3	0	1 703
PUBLIC SECTOR (Number)						
1995-96	266	627	(b) 0	(b) 0	0	893
1996-97	565	331	6	0	0	902
1997-98	868	500	0	0	0	1 368
1997						
June	45	16	0	0	0	61
July	134	41	0	0	0	175
August	50	12	0	0	0	62
September	30	14	0	0	0	44
October	19	38	0	0	0	57
November	47	21	0	0	0	68
December	47	91	0	0	0	138
1998						
January	23	16	0	0	0	39
February	39	41	0	0	0	80
March	33	132	0	0	0	165
April	81	56	0	0	0	137
May	24	28	0	0	0	52
June	341	10	0	0	0	351
TOTAL (Number)						
1995-96	12 212	3 527	(b) 65	(b) 0	50	15 854
1996-97	13 632	2 013	62	3	32	15 742
1997-98	15 828	2 526	45	21	40	18 460
1997						
June	1 151	103	0	0	0	1 254
July	1 283	223	3	1	21	1 531
August	1 225	132	9	1	6	1 373
September	1 216	95	4	13	0	1 328
October	1 323	183	2	0	0	1 508
November	1 355	184	1	1	0	1 541
December	1 214	171	18	0	9	1 412
1998						
January	976	178	0	0	1	1 155
February	1 162	278	1	0	0	1 441
March	1 363	380	3	0	1	1 747
April	1 376	196	1	1	2	1 576
May	1 504	288	1	1	0	1 794
June	1 831	218	2	3	0	2 054

(a) See Glossary for definition.

(b) Conversions are included in alterations and additions to residential buildings

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Private and Public Sector: **Original**

Period	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	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR (\$ million)								
1995-96	1 123.8	225.5	(b) 3.4	158.9	(b) 0.0	1 511.8	692.1	2 203.6
1996-97	1 294.1	154.0	4.8	163.9	0.1	1 616.6	773.9	2 390.9
1997-98	1 561.5	189.6	2.4	182.5	0.9	1 936.9	706.7	2 643.5
1997								
June	116.8	8.4	0.0	13.4	0.0	138.6	46.3	184.9
July	118.2	14.7	0.2	15.7	0.1	149.0	71.2	220.2
August	119.6	9.0	0.6	15.1	0.0	144.3	51.8	196.2
September	126.1	8.3	0.1	15.3	0.3	150.1	54.3	204.4
October	134.4	12.2	0.2	18.0	0.0	164.9	64.6	229.5
November	138.4	11.2	0.1	16.1	0.0	165.8	70.5	236.3
December	119.2	6.9	0.6	15.5	0.0	142.2	57.3	199.4
1998								
January	103.7	16.2	0.0	13.8	0.0	133.6	46.3	179.9
February	116.8	15.8	0.1	16.3	0.0	148.9	59.8	208.7
March	140.4	22.0	0.1	15.9	0.0	178.5	60.2	238.7
April	137.1	15.1	0.1	12.1	0.0	164.3	33.7	198.0
May	149.6	41.0	0.0	15.7	0.0	206.4	74.6	281.0
June	158.0	17.2	0.3	13.0	0.5	188.9	62.4	251.2
PUBLIC SECTOR (\$ million)								
1995-96	24.6	46.7	(b) 0.0	0.5	(b) 0.0	72.0	111.0	183.0
1996-97	54.9	21.7	0.0	4.0	0.0	80.5	430.0	510.7
1997-98	72.9	32.5	0.0	1.7	0.0	107.4	193.3	300.3
1997								
June	3.8	1.2	0.0	0.7	0.0	5.7	7.7	13.4
July	11.6	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	34.0	48.3
August	5.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.4	29.6	35.9
September	2.9	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	5.1	2.3	7.3
October	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	33.7	37.8
November	3.8	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	8.9	13.9
December	4.3	4.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	9.2	13.0	22.1
1998								
January	1.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	11.3	13.8
February	3.4	2.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	6.4	9.3	15.7
March	3.3	7.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	10.5	2.3	12.8
April	7.0	4.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	11.4	8.6	20.0
May	2.3	2.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	5.8	31.5	37.3
June	25.3	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	26.7	8.8	35.4
TOTAL (\$ million)								
1995-96	1 148.3	272.4	(b) 3.4	159.3	(b) 0.0	1 583.6	803.1	2 386.7
1996-97	1 348.9	175.8	4.9	167.7	0.1	1 697.3	1 204.5	2 901.8
1997-98	1 634.2	222.0	2.4	184.3	0.9	2 043.9	899.8	2 943.8
1997								
June	120.6	9.6	0.0	14.1	0.0	144.3	54.1	198.4
July	129.8	17.4	0.2	15.7	0.1	163.2	105.3	268.5
August	125.1	10.0	0.6	15.1	0.0	150.7	81.4	232.1
September	129.0	10.3	0.1	15.4	0.3	155.1	56.5	211.7
October	136.4	14.2	0.2	18.1	0.0	169.0	98.3	267.2
November	142.2	12.4	0.1	16.1	0.0	170.8	79.4	250.2
December	123.4	11.7	0.6	15.6	0.0	151.3	70.3	221.6
1998								
January	105.1	17.2	0.0	13.8	0.0	136.1	57.6	193.7
February	120.2	18.6	0.1	16.4	0.0	155.3	69.1	224.4
March	143.7	29.1	0.1	16.1	0.0	189.0	62.4	251.4
April	144.1	19.1	0.1	12.3	0.0	175.7	42.3	218.0
May	151.9	43.6	0.0	16.6	0.0	212.2	106.1	318.3
June	183.3	18.4	0.3	13.1	0.5	215.5	71.1	286.7

(a) See Glossary for definition.

(b) Conversions are included in alterations and additions creating dwellings

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED IN NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING(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 DWELLINGS		
1995-96	12 212	2 932	354	3 286	6	83	152	241	3 527	15 739
1996-97	13 632	1 179	376	1 555	75	194	189	458	2 013	15 645
1997-98	15 828	1 672	324	1 996	166	95	269	530	2 526	18 354
1997										
April	1 456	80	20	100	50	13	0	63	163	1 619
May	1 376	165	5	170	0	25	0	25	195	1 571
June	1 151	74	7	81	19	3	0	22	103	1 254
July	1 283	192	4	196	19	8	0	27	223	1 506
August	1 225	106	26	132	0	0	0	0	132	1 357
September	1 216	81	8	89	0	0	6	6	95	1 311
October	1 323	161	14	175	0	0	8	8	183	1 506
November	1 355	162	13	175	3	0	6	9	184	1 539
December	1 214	135	13	148	4	19	0	23	171	1 385
1998										
January	976	83	30	113	20	6	39	65	178	1 154
February	1 162	178	59	237	0	19	22	41	278	1 440
March	1 363	235	17	252	56	22	50	128	380	1 743
April	1 376	135	44	179	6	5	6	17	196	1 572
May	1 504	96	33	129	25	16	118	159	288	1 792
June	1 831	108	63	171	33	0	14	47	218	2 049
VALUE (\$ million)										
1995-96	1 148.3	207.1	33.8	240.9	0.3	10.7	20.4	31.4	272.3	1 420.7
1996-97	1 349.0	86.5	31.9	118.4	7.5	17.9	31.9	57.3	175.7	1 524.6
1997-98	1 634.3	117.3	31.4	148.7	13.5	10.7	49.2	73.4	222.1	1 856.4
1997										
April	143.8	5.4	2.0	7.4	5.2	2.8	0.0	8.0	15.4	159.2
May	140.5	13.5	0.4	14.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	2.8	16.8	157.3
June	120.6	6.9	0.9	7.8	1.6	0.2	0.0	1.8	9.6	130.2
July	129.8	14.6	0.5	15.1	1.5	0.8	0.0	2.3	17.4	147.2
August	125.1	7.6	2.4	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	135.0
September	129.0	7.5	0.9	8.3	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	10.3	139.3
October	136.4	10.5	1.6	12.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.1	14.2	150.6
November	142.2	9.8	1.7	11.5	0.3	0.0	0.7	1.0	12.4	154.6
December	123.4	8.5	1.4	9.9	0.4	1.4	0.0	1.8	11.7	135.2
1998										
January	105.1	6.9	3.3	10.2	1.8	0.4	4.8	7.0	17.2	122.3
February	120.2	10.6	4.8	15.4	0.0	0.5	2.7	3.2	18.6	138.8
March	143.7	14.9	1.7	16.5	5.0	2.8	4.8	12.6	29.1	172.8
April	144.1	10.7	4.7	15.4	0.4	0.8	2.6	3.8	19.1	163.3
May	151.9	6.9	3.8	10.7	2.1	4.1	26.7	32.9	43.6	195.5
June	183.3	8.8	4.8	13.6	2.0	0.0	2.8	4.8	18.4	201.7

(a) See Glossary for definition

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Average 1989-90 Prices

<i>Period</i>	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings(a)</i>	<i>Total residential building</i>	<i>Non-residential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
ORIGINAL (\$ million)							
1994-95	1 391.6	407.6	1 799.2	160.4	1 959.6	701.2	2 660.8
1995-96	1 155.8	259.2	1 414.9	163.9	1 578.9	759.0	2 337.9
1996-97	1 359.1	164.5	1 523.6	174.0	1 697.6	1 119.6	2 817.1
1996							
December	327.9	46.2	374.1	42.7	416.8	328.4	745.2
1997							
March	294.4	50.3	344.7	42.4	387.1	254.7	641.8
June	408.6	38.8	447.4	46.4	493.8	257.5	751.3
September	387.4	34.9	422.2	48.0	470.2	222.9	693.1
December	405.3	35.3	440.6	51.1	491.7	225.9	717.6
1998							
March	372.1	59.4	431.5	46.7	478.2	171.3	649.5
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding quarter)							
1996							
December	-0.1	58.4	4.7	0.6	4.2	17.6	9.8
1997							
March	-10.2	8.8	-7.9	-0.7	-7.1	-22.4	-13.9
June	38.8	-22.8	29.8	9.4	27.6	1.1	17.1
September	-5.2	-10.2	-5.6	3.4	-4.8	-13.4	-7.7
December	4.6	1.3	4.4	6.6	4.6	1.3	3.5
1998							
March	-8.2	68.3	-2.1	-8.6	-2.7	-24.2	-9.5

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12

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												
1998												
April	8	0.7	22	2.1	12	1.4	15	1.3	20	2.1	3	0.3
May	3	0.2	23	1.9	12	1.2	17	1.4	31	3.0	1	0.1
June	4	0.4	21	1.9	13	1.4	20	2.2	16	2.0	2	0.2
Value—\$200,000—\$499,999												
1998												
April	13	3.4	5	1.5	9	2.4	3	0.7	7	2.2	1	0.3
May	0	0.0	17	5.2	6	1.5	7	2.4	13	3.6	1	0.3
June	0	0.0	6	1.7	10	3.2	3	0.9	8	2.1	4	1.3
Value—\$500,000—\$999,999												
1998												
April	0	0.0	1	0.8	3	2.1	1	0.5	4	2.3	1	0.5
May	0	0.0	4	2.7	3	1.8	1	1.0	3	2.0	1	0.5
June	3	1.9	5	3.0	4	2.5	0	0.0	3	2.1	0	0.0
Value—\$1,000,000—\$4,999,999												
1998												
April	0	0.0	1	3.1	0	0.0	1	1.6	2	3.0	0	0.0
May	1	3.9	1	1.3	0	0.0	2	3.4	2	3.1	1	3.9
June	0	0.0	5	11.5	0	0.0	3	4.4	0	0.0	1	3.9
Value—\$5,000,000 and over												
1998												
April	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.6
May	0	0.0	2	26.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.1	2	12.9
June	0	0.0	1	6.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Value—Total												
1995-96	118	113.3	304	119.0	285	80.4	277	106.5	340	112.0	109	80.4
1996-97	91	75.4	408	164.2	319	102.6	314	156.4	402	160.4	120	152.0
1997-98	99	53.1	445	186.0	287	88.4	283	123.5	398	150.0	128	114.7
1998												
April	21	4.1	29	7.4	24	5.8	20	4.2	33	9.6	6	6.7
May	4	4.1	47	37.3	21	4.6	27	8.2	50	16.7	6	17.7
June	7	2.3	38	24.4	27	7.0	26	7.5	27	6.3	7	5.4

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										
1998										
April	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.2	2	0.2	84	8.3
May	0	0.0	3	0.3	3	0.3	10	0.7	103	9.1
June	4	0.3	3	0.2	2	0.1	3	0.3	88	9.1
Value—\$200,000-\$499,999										
1998										
April	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.0	2	0.4	43	12.0
May	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.7	3	0.9	50	14.6
June	0	0.0	2	0.7	2	0.6	1	0.2	36	10.7
Value—\$500,000-\$999,999										
1998										
April	0	0.0	1	0.7	1	0.8	0	0.0	12	7.7
May	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.0	0	0.0	13	8.9
June	1	0.6	0	0.0	1	0.8	0	0.0	17	10.8
Value—\$1,000,000-\$4,999,999										
1998										
April	0	0.0	1	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	8.7
May	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4	0	0.0	8	17.0
June	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	5.7	1	1.0	12	26.5
Value—\$5,000,000 and over										
1998										
April	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.6
May	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	12.3	0	0.0	6	56.5
June	0	0.0	1	7.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	13.9
Value—Total										
1995-96	23	4.4	50	32.8	79	48.0	253	106.2	1 838	803.1
1996-97	20	5.4	69	214.5	98	92.2	117	81.3	1 958	1 204.4
1997-98	27	8.7	56	72.5	86	65.3	92	37.6	1 901	899.8
1998										
April	0	0.0	2	1.7	6	2.0	4	0.6	145	42.3
May	0	0.0	3	0.3	9	15.7	13	1.5	180	106.1
June	5	1.0	6	8.5	7	7.2	5	1.5	155	71.1

VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS APPROVED

Period	Hotels, motels & other short term accomm- odation	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertain- ment and recreational	Miscell- aneous	Total non- residential building
PRIVATE SECTOR (\$ million)											
1995-96	113.1	117.6	79.5	72.8	107.9	43.5	4.5	31.8	34.1	87.4	692.1
1996-97	75.5	162.8	96.2	117.2	113.7	38.8	5.3	96.1	36.6	32.5	773.9
1997-98	51.7	185.4	86.4	81.6	142.0	32.0	8.7	58.4	39.4	21.1	706.7
1997											
June	5.6	7.5	8.7	2.0	11.5	4.0	0.3	3.8	2.0	1.0	46.3
July	6.4	23.8	9.7	5.3	8.9	2.9	0.8	4.1	2.8	6.5	71.2
August	6.8	9.2	7.1	9.0	11.6	1.7	0.8	4.0	0.8	0.8	51.8
September	2.3	11.3	6.1	4.7	13.4	3.5	0.5	8.4	2.2	2.0	54.3
October	4.1	12.5	5.2	10.6	13.7	9.0	0.2	1.7	7.1	0.4	64.6
November	2.4	11.7	6.3	10.5	13.8	3.8	3.5	7.0	9.5	1.9	70.5
December	2.4	15.2	10.4	9.6	10.7	3.0	0.4	0.9	0.1	4.6	57.3
1998											
January	2.2	5.9	5.3	8.1	11.9	1.9	0.2	8.2	1.9	0.8	46.3
February	7.0	8.0	10.1	4.5	9.0	2.5	1.0	12.7	4.5	0.6	59.8
March	7.6	18.8	9.0	2.2	16.5	1.0	0.3	0.9	3.3	0.7	60.2
April	4.1	7.4	5.8	3.1	9.5	1.1	0.0	1.7	0.5	0.4	33.7
May	4.1	37.3	4.6	6.9	16.7	0.8	0.0	0.3	3.0	0.9	74.6
June	2.3	24.3	6.8	7.1	6.3	0.8	1.0	8.5	3.7	1.5	62.4
PUBLIC SECTOR (\$ million)											
1995-96	0.0	1.6	0.8	33.7	4.1	37.0	0.0	1.2	14.0	18.8	111.0
1996-97	0.0	1.6	6.5	39.2	46.8	113.1	0.2	118.4	55.7	48.7	430.0
1997-98	1.4	0.7	2.1	41.7	8.0	82.7	0.0	14.1	25.9	16.7	193.3
1997											
June	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	2.2	7.7
July	0.0	0.0	1.5	25.3	0.4	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	34.0
August	0.6	0.1	0.0	2.3	2.3	9.7	0.0	7.9	1.9	4.8	29.6
September	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	2.3
October	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.3	16.2	0.0	6.2	2.5	4.7	33.7
November	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.7	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	8.9
December	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.5	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	13.0
1998											
January	0.0	0.2	0.0	4.6	0.1	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.1	11.3
February	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	3.9	9.3
March	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.9	2.3
April	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.1	5.7	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.2	8.6
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	16.8	0.0	0.0	12.8	0.7	31.5
June	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.0	8.8
TOTAL (\$ million)											
1995-96	113.1	119.1	80.3	106.6	111.9	80.6	4.5	33.0	48.0	106.2	803.1
1996-97	75.5	164.3	102.8	156.4	160.3	151.9	5.5	214.5	92.3	81.3	1 204.5
1997-98	53.1	186.0	88.6	123.5	149.9	114.6	8.7	72.5	65.1	37.6	899.8
1997											
June	5.6	7.5	8.7	2.1	12.6	4.0	0.3	3.8	6.2	3.2	54.1
July	6.4	23.8	11.2	30.6	9.2	8.9	0.8	4.1	2.8	7.4	105.3
August	7.4	9.3	7.1	11.3	13.9	11.4	0.8	11.9	2.7	5.6	81.4
September	2.3	11.5	6.1	5.2	13.7	4.5	0.5	8.4	2.2	2.1	56.5
October	4.2	12.5	5.2	14.2	14.0	25.2	0.2	7.9	9.6	5.2	98.3
November	2.4	11.7	6.8	10.7	14.6	11.2	3.5	7.0	9.6	1.9	79.4
December	2.4	15.2	10.4	11.9	11.2	12.5	0.4	0.9	0.5	4.9	70.3
1998											
January	2.2	6.1	5.3	12.6	11.9	7.6	0.2	8.2	2.6	0.9	57.6
February	7.7	8.0	10.1	4.9	12.2	2.5	1.0	12.7	5.6	4.4	69.1
March	7.6	18.8	9.0	2.2	16.6	1.0	0.3	0.9	4.6	1.6	62.4
April	4.1	7.4	5.8	4.2	9.6	6.7	0.0	1.7	2.0	0.6	42.3
May	4.1	37.3	4.6	8.2	16.7	17.7	0.0	0.3	15.7	1.5	106.1
June	2.3	24.4	7.0	7.5	6.3	5.4	1.0	8.5	7.2	1.5	71.1

BUILDING APPROVED IN THE PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION: Original

Period	DWELLINGS (no.).....			VALUE(\$'000).....					
	New houses	New other residential building	Total dwellings(a)	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building (b)	Total residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR									
1996-97	9 105	1 434	10 600	903 128	136 134	136 874	1 176 136	542 481	1 718 617
1997-98	10 293	1 546	11 927	1 074 352	152 837	150 499	1 377 688	523 117	1 900 805
1997									
June	784	66	850	82 538	6 233	11 102	99 873	27 160	127 033
July	762	150	936	78 321	11 962	12 575	102 858	53 935	156 793
August	808	101	919	82 342	7 552	12 423	102 318	30 522	132 839
September	813	74	904	86 839	7 650	12 679	107 168	41 839	149 007
October	836	115	952	84 583	10 498	13 688	108 768	52 176	160 944
November	913	96	1 011	94 902	7 767	12 658	115 328	56 886	172 214
December	824	63	912	84 928	5 078	12 984	102 990	40 860	143 849
1998									
January	668	124	792	72 268	12 145	12 032	96 446	37 395	133 841
February	783	175	959	81 118	11 730	13 327	106 175	36 167	142 341
March	961	201	1 164	102 167	18 068	13 626	133 861	41 693	175 555
April	923	89	1 013	97 625	10 201	10 055	117 881	20 308	138 189
May	928	215	1 144	97 741	37 407	13 236	148 383	61 123	209 506
June	1 074	143	1 221	111 520	12 779	11 216	135 514	50 214	185 728
PUBLIC SECTOR									
1996-97	261	192	459	20 061	11 100	2 662	33 823	237 420	271 243
1997-98	493	389	882	33 838	22 635	1 383	57 856	128 996	186 851
1997									
June	23	0	23	1 817	0	664	2 481	1 248	3 729
July	51	24	75	4 235	1 360	0	5 595	33 602	39 197
August	20	4	24	1 852	300	0	2 152	24 674	26 826
September	14	14	28	1 075	2 050	115	3 240	385	3 625
October	6	38	44	431	1 985	0	2 415	18 761	21 176
November	35	21	56	1 998	1 220	0	3 218	4 741	7 959
December	22	76	98	1 366	3 828	70	5 263	8 075	13 338
1998									
January	22	16	38	1 354	1 041	0	2 395	10 328	12 723
February	30	17	47	2 297	932	89	3 317	5 015	8 333
March	17	130	147	1 525	6 826	0	8 351	415	8 766
April	48	43	91	2 995	2 794	131	5 920	1 221	7 141
May	6	6	12	395	301	854	1 550	13 501	15 050
June	222	0	222	14 315	0	124	14 439	8 277	22 716
TOTAL									
1996-97	9 366	1 626	11 059	923 189	147 234	139 536	1 209 959	779 900	1 989 860
1997-98	10 786	1 935	12 809	1 108 190	175 472	151 882	1 435 544	652 112	2 087 656
1997									
June	807	66	873	84 355	6 233	11 766	102 354	28 408	130 762
July	813	174	1 011	82 557	13 322	12 575	108 453	87 537	195 990
August	828	105	943	84 194	7 852	12 423	104 469	55 196	159 665
September	827	88	932	87 914	9 700	12 795	110 409	42 224	152 632
October	842	153	996	85 013	12 482	13 688	111 183	70 937	182 121
November	948	117	1 067	96 900	8 987	12 658	118 546	61 627	180 173
December	846	139	1 010	86 293	8 906	13 054	108 253	48 934	157 187
1998									
January	690	140	830	73 622	13 186	12 032	98 840	47 724	146 564
February	813	192	1 006	83 415	12 662	13 416	109 492	41 182	150 674
March	978	331	1 311	103 692	24 894	13 626	142 213	42 108	184 321
April	971	132	1 104	100 620	12 995	10 186	123 800	21 529	145 330
May	934	221	1 156	98 136	37 708	14 090	149 933	74 623	224 556
June	1 296	143	1 443	125 835	12 779	11 340	149 953	58 491	208 444

(a) Refer to footnote (a) in Table 12.

(b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

BUILDINGS APPROVED IN STATISTICAL AREAS: Original

Statistical Area	DWELLINGS(no).....			VALUE(\$'000).....					
	New houses	New other residential building	Total dwellings(a)	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations & additions to residential buildings(b)	Total residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1 831	218	2 054	183 328	18 407	13 810	215 546	71 126	286 672
Perth (SD)	1 296	143	1 443	125 835	12 779	11 340	149 953	58 491	208 444
Central Metropolitan (SSD)	75	24	99	9 640	4 192	2 952	16 785	14 897	31 682
Cambridge (T)	11	2	13	1 726	345	454	2 525	100	2 625
Claremont (T)	4	0	4	505	0	307	812	130	942
Cottesloe (T)	5	0	5	1 250	0	918	2 168	70	2 238
Mosman Park (T)	5	0	5	695	0	200	895	0	895
Nedlands (C)	3	2	5	461	458	471	1 389	8 050	9 439
Peppermint Grove (C)	0	0	0	0	0	122	122	0	122
Perth (C)- Inner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 750	2 750
Perth (C) - Remainder	22	14	36	1 951	2 800	0	4 751	1 110	5 861
Subiaco (C)	9	4	13	1 184	350	52	1 585	100	1 685
Vincent (T)	16	2	18	1 869	240	429	2 537	2 587	5 124
East Metropolitan (SSD)	208	0	208	18 493	0	1 481	19 974	5 113	25 087
Bassendean (T)	24	0	24	1 654	0	95	1 749	0	1 749
Bayswater (C)	17	0	17	1 462	0	402	1 864	570	2 434
Kalamunda (S)	14	0	14	1 474	0	298	1 772	0	1 772
Mundaring (S)	28	0	28	3 318	0	406	3 724	200	3 924
Swan (S)	125	0	125	10 584	0	280	10 864	4 343	15 207
North Metropolitan (SSD)	361	102	464	35 853	6 963	2 937	45 753	9 443	55 196
Stirling (C) - Central	61	16	77	4 901	1 082	237	6 220	1 130	7 350
Stirling (C) - Coastal	53	18	71	4 687	1 369	736	6 793	160	6 953
Stirling (C) - South-Eastern	14	38	52	1 705	2 438	472	4 615	3 277	7 892
Wanneroo (C) - Central Coastal	42	5	47	4 731	345	222	5 299	800	6 099
Wanneroo (C) - North-East	57	0	57	4 620	0	224	4 844	1 000	5 844
Wanneroo (C) - North-West	54	0	55	5 467	0	288	5 755	2 228	7 983
Wanneroo (C) - South-East	56	6	62	4 741	568	40	5 349	502	5 851
Wanneroo (C) - South-West	24	19	43	5 000	1 160	717	6 877	347	7 223
South West Metropolitan (SSD)	307	5	314	29 566	275	2 206	32 047	16 393	48 441
Cockburn (C)	130	0	130	10 394	0	258	10 652	2 136	12 788
East Fremantle (T)	1	0	1	180	0	340	520	0	520
Fremantle (C) - Inner	0	0	2	0	0	444	444	140	584
Fremantle (C) - Remainder	22	0	22	1 845	0	176	2 021	6 480	8 501
Kwinana (T)	10	0	10	644	0	0	644	418	1 062
Melville (C)	60	5	65	8 921	275	790	9 986	369	10 355
Rockingham (C)	84	0	84	7 583	0	197	7 780	6 850	14 630
South East Metropolitan (SSD)	345	12	358	32 282	1 348	1 764	35 394	12 645	48 039
Armadale (C)	14	0	14	1 689	0	181	1 870	320	2 190
Belmont (C)	50	0	50	4 915	0	136	5 051	760	5 811
Canning (C)	130	10	140	11 082	998	402	12 483	5 689	18 171
Gosnells (C)	91	0	91	8 120	0	122	8 242	1 473	9 715
Serpentine-Jarrahdale (S)	15	0	15	1 617	0	96	1 713	340	2 053
South Perth (C)	17	2	20	2 121	350	521	2 992	1 585	4 577
Victoria Park (T)	28	0	28	2 738	0	305	3 043	2 479	5 522
South West (SD)	248	53	301	24 883	3 468	1 097	29 448	7 529	36 976
Dale (SSD)	77	4	81	8 387	218	296	8 901	2 140	11 041
Boddington (S)	3	0	3	233	0	0	233	0	233
Mandurah (C)	58	4	62	6 805	218	145	7 168	1 935	9 103
Murray (S)	13	0	13	1 083	0	139	1 222	205	1 427
Waroona (S)	3	0	3	266	0	12	278	0	278
Preston (SSD)	104	21	125	8 842	1 766	473	11 081	4 120	15 200
Bunbury (C)	52	21	73	4 173	1 766	167	6 106	3 885	9 990
Capel (S)	4	0	4	479	0	26	504	0	504
Collie (S)	8	0	8	634	0	93	727	0	727
Dardanup (S)	14	0	14	1 171	0	165	1 336	0	1 336
Donnybrook-Balingup (S)	8	0	8	712	0	0	712	0	712
Harvey (S)	18	0	18	1 674	0	22	1 696	235	1 931

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	New houses	New other residential building	Total dwellings(a)	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations & additions to residential buildings(b)	Total residential building	Non-residential buildings	Total building
Vasse (SSD)	56	28	84	6 504	1 483	319	8 306	1 133	9 439
Augusta-Margaret River (S)	20	28	48	2 642	1 483	78	4 203	555	4 758
Busselton (S)	36	0	36	3 862	0	241	4 102	578	4 680
Blackwood (SSD)	11	0	11	1 151	0	10	1 161	136	1 297
Boyup Brook (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bridgetown-Greenbushes (S)	3	0	3	346	0	0	346	0	346
Manjimup (S)	6	0	6	634	0	10	644	136	780
Nannup (S)	2	0	2	171	0	0	171	0	171
Lower Great Southern (SD)	52	0	52	5 353	0	250	5 603	528	6 131
Pallinup (SSD)	4	0	4	340	0	0	340	305	645
Broomehill (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gnowangerup (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jerramungup (S)	1	0	1	61	0	0	61	0	61
Katanning (S)	3	0	3	279	0	0	279	305	584
Kent (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kojonup (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tambellup (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodanilling (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
King (SSD)	48	0	48	5 013	0	250	5 263	223	5 486
Albany (T)	32	0	32	3 450	0	51	3 501	110	3 611
Albany (S)	9	0	9	774	0	151	925	113	1 038
Cranbrook (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark (S)	6	0	6	673	0	48	721	0	721
Plantagenet (S)	1	0	1	116	0	0	116	0	116
Upper Great Southern (SD)	18	0	18	1 584	0	40	1 624	131	1 755
Hotham (SSD)	12	0	12	1 096	0	40	1 136	0	1 136
Brookton (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cuballing (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dumbleyung (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Narrogin (T)	6	0	6	531	0	40	571	0	571
Narrogin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pingelly (S)	4	0	4	347	0	0	347	0	347
Wagin (S)	2	0	2	218	0	0	218	0	218
Wandering (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Arthur (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wickepin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lakes (SSD)	6	0	6	488	0	0	488	131	619
Corrigin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kondinin (S)	6	0	6	488	0	0	488	0	488
Kulin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Grace (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	131
Midlands (SD)	49	4	53	4 364	320	255	4 939	592	5 531
Moore (SSD)	20	0	20	1 663	0	61	1 724	132	1 856
Chittering (S)	3	0	3	307	0	12	319	0	319
Dandaragan (S)	6	0	6	479	0	49	528	0	528
Gingin (S)	4	0	4	363	0	0	363	132	494
Moora (S)	7	0	7	515	0	0	515	0	515
Victoria Plains (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BUILDINGS APPROVED IN STATISTICAL AREA: **Original** *continued*

Statistical Area	DWELLINGS(no.).....			VALUE(\$'000).....			Total residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
	New houses	New other residential building	Total dwellings(a)	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations & additions to residential buildings(b)			
Avon (SSD)	17	4	21	1 595	320	194	2 109	272	2 380
Beverley (S)	2	0	2	96	0	0	96	0	96
Cunderdin (S)	2	0	2	131	0	27	158	0	158
Dalwallinu (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dowerin (S)	1	0	1	150	0	0	150	0	150
Goomalling (S)	0	4	4	0	320	47	367	0	367
Koorda (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northam (T)	1	0	1	72	0	0	72	0	72
Northam (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quairading (S)	2	0	2	166	0	20	185	0	185
Tammin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toodyay (S)	9	0	9	981	0	40	1 021	0	1 021
Wongan-Ballidu (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyalkatchem (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
York (S)	0	0	0	0	0	60	60	272	332
Campion (SSD)	12	0	12	1 106	0	0	1 106	188	1 294
Bruce Rock (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kellerberrin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merredin (S)	2	0	2	173	0	0	173	132	305
Mount Marshall (S)	3	0	3	353	0	0	353	56	410
Mukinbudin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Narembeen (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nungarin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trayning (S)	6	0	6	441	0	0	441	0	441
Westonia (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yilgarn (S)	1	0	1	139	0	0	139	0	139
South Eastern (SD)	37	4	41	4 139	265	109	4 513	1 880	6 393
Lefroy (SSD)	24	4	28	2 619	265	41	2 925	1 764	4 689
Coolgardie (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalgoorlie/Boulder (C)	24	4	28	2 619	265	41	2 925	1 764	4 689
Laverton (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leonora (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Menzies (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ngaanyatjarraku (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnston (SSD)	13	0	13	1 520	0	68	1 588	116	1 704
Dundas (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Esperance (S)	13	0	13	1 520	0	68	1 588	116	1 704
Ravensthorpe (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central (SD)	57	0	58	6 160	0	559	6 719	430	7 149
Gascoyne (SSD)	12	0	13	1 069	0	195	1 264	0	1 264
Carnarvon (S)	12	0	12	1 069	0	180	1 249	0	1 249
Exmouth (S)	0	0	1	0	0	15	15	0	15
Shark Bay (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Gascoyne (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carnegie (SSD)	1	0	1	196	0	0	196	0	196
Cue (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meekatharra (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Magnet (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murchison (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandstone (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wiluna (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yalgoo (S)	1	0	1	196	0	0	196	0	196

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Statistical Area	DWELLINGS(no.).....			VALUE(\$'000).....					
	New houses	New other residential building	Total dwellings(a)	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations & additions to residential buildings(b)	Total residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
Greenough River (SSD)	44	0	44	4 895	0	364	5 259	430	5 689
Carnamah (S)	1	0	1	95	0	0	95	0	95
Chapman Valley (S)	3	0	3	395	0	28	423	0	423
Coorow (S)	1	0	1	112	0	0	112	0	112
Geraldton (C)	9	0	9	935	0	123	1 058	430	1 488
Greenough (S)	18	0	18	2 011	0	64	2 075	0	2 075
Irwin (S)	5	0	5	455	0	40	495	0	495
Mingenew (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morawa (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mullewa (S)	4	0	4	442	0	0	442	0	442
Northampton (S)	3	0	3	450	0	109	559	0	559
Perenjori (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Three Springs (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilbara (SD)	51	8	59	7 444	662	136	8 241	309	8 550
De Grey (SSD)	35	8	43	5 122	662	12	5 796	0	5 796
East Pilbara (S)	4	2	6	517	240	0	757	0	757
Port Hedland (T)	31	6	37	4 605	422	12	5 039	0	5 039
Fortescue (SSD)	16	0	16	2 321	0	124	2 445	309	2 754
Ashburton (S)	4	0	4	611	0	10	621	0	621
Roebourne (S)	12	0	12	1 710	0	114	1 824	309	2 133
Kimberley (SD)	23	6	29	3 567	914	26	4 507	1 237	5 743
Ord (SSD)	5	4	9	580	487	0	1 067	950	2 017
Halls Creek (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyndham-East Kimberley (S)	4	5	9	580	487	0	1 067	950	2 017
Fitzroy (SSD)	18	2	20	2 986	427	26	3 439	287	3 726
Broome (S)	6	0	6	804	0	0	804	207	1 010
Derby-West Kimberly (S)	12	2	14	2 183	427	26	2 636	80	2 716

(a) Includes conversions and dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions or the construction of non-residential buildings.

(b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

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;
- approvals issued by the Rural Housing Authority in areas not subject to building control by local government authorities;
- 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* (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 of this rule is the treatment of 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 May 1998 issue of this publication, Conversions were published as part of a category called 'Conversions, etc.'. From the May 1998 issue onwards, Conversion jobs are shown separately in tables 5 and 6. However, in other tables they are included within existing categories, as follows: in tables 1, 2, 11 and 12 they are included in the appropriate Type of Building category, and in tables 3, 4, 11 and 12 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.

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 further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring Trends: an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TREND ESTIMATES

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19 While the smoothing techniques described in paragraph 18 enables trend estimates to be produced for the latest few periods, it does 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.

CONSTANT PRICE ESTIMATES

20 Constant price estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated.

The deflators used to revalue the current price estimates are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwelling and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'.

21 Estimates at constant prices are subject to a number of approximations and assumptions. For more information on the nature and concepts of constant price estimates, see Chapter 4 of *Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (5216.0). Monthly value data at constant prices are not available.

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

GEOGRAPHIC CLASSIFICATION (ASGC)

22 Area statistics are now being classified to the ASGC, 1996 Edition (Cat. no. 1216.0), effective from 1 July 1996, and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics.

UNPUBLISHED DATA

23 The ABS can also make available certain building approvals data which are not published. Where the data cannot be provided by telephone, it can be provided via fax, photocopy, computer printout, floppy disk and email. A charge may be made for providing unpublished data in these forms.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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

- *Building Approvals, Australia* (8731.0)
- *Building Activity, Australia: Dwelling Unit Commencements* (8750.0)
- *Building Activity, Australia* (8752.0)
- *Building Activity, Western Australia* (8752.5)
- *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (8762.0)
- *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0)
- *Price Index of Materials Used in House Building* (6408.0)
- *Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building* (6407.0)
- *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities* (6416.0).

ROUNDING

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

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- n.a. not available
n.y.a. not yet available
(C) City
(S) Shire
(SD) Statistical Division
(SDD) Statistical SubDivision
(T) Town

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 May 1998 issue. Prior to that issue, conversions were published as part of the 'Conversions, etc.' category or included elsewhere within a table. Prior to July 1996, Table 5 includes the number of Conversions in the 'Alterations and additions to residential buildings' category while Table 6 includes the value of Conversions in the 'Alterations and additions to residential buildings, creating dwellings' category. See also Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.
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 (eg. caretakers residences) associated with a non-residential building are defined as houses.

GLOSSARY

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.
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 May 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 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 7 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.

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