

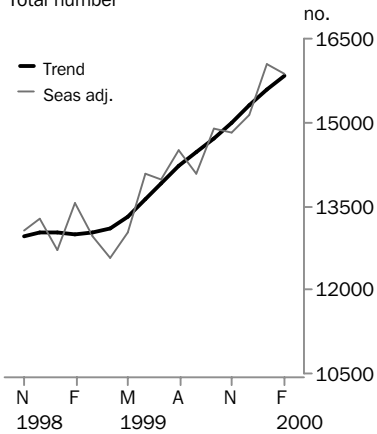
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FEBRUARY KEY FIGURES

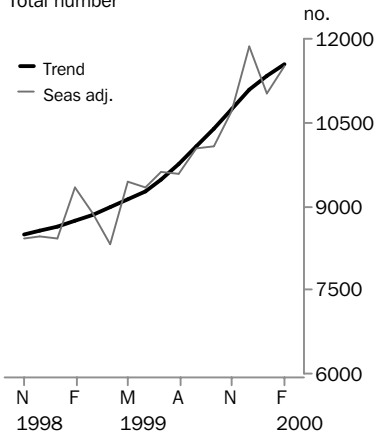
Dwelling units approved

Total number



Private sector houses approved

Total number



TREND ESTIMATES

	<i>Feb 2000</i>	<i>% change Jan 2000 to Feb 2000</i>	<i>% change Feb 1999 to Feb 2000</i>
Dwelling units approved			
Private sector houses	11 561	1.9	32.5
Total dwelling units	15 827	1.5	21.7

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	<i>Feb 2000</i>	<i>% change Jan 2000 to Feb 2000</i>	<i>% change Feb 1999 to Feb 2000</i>
Dwelling units approved			
Private sector houses	11 494	4.3	23.3
Total dwelling units	15 855	-1.1	16.8

FEBRUARY KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for total dwellings approved continues to show growth, rising 1.5% in February 2000. The trend has risen by 21.7% from the level of a year ago.
- The trend estimate for private sector house approvals increased by 1.9% in February 2000, and is at its highest level since September 1988. The rate of increase has eased since November 1999.
- The trend estimate for other dwellings rose 0.7% in February 2000

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for private sector house approvals rose 4.3% in February 2000, following a fall of 7.0% in the previous month.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for other dwellings fell by 14.8% in February 2000 following a rise of 56.2% in January 2000. The January figure was the highest since October 1994.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwellings fell in all States and Territories except New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Roger Mableson on Adelaide 08 8237 7494 or Client Services in any ABS office as shown on the back cover of this publication.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
March 2000	5 May 2000
April 2000	31 May 2000
May 2000	3 July 2000
June 2000	1 August 2000
July 2000	30 August 2000
August 2000	3 October 2000



CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.



DATA NOTES

There will be some changes to the content and format of this publication, commencing with the next issue (March 2000) which will be released on 5 May 2000. A number of additional tables containing State/Territory data will be included. Some table numbers will also change.

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 will in future be issued on a quarterly, instead of a monthly basis.



SIGNIFICANT REVISIONS THIS MONTH

There are no significant revisions this month.



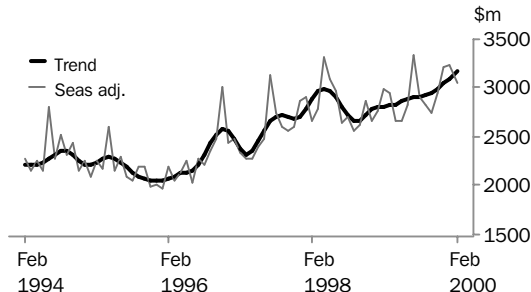
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VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED

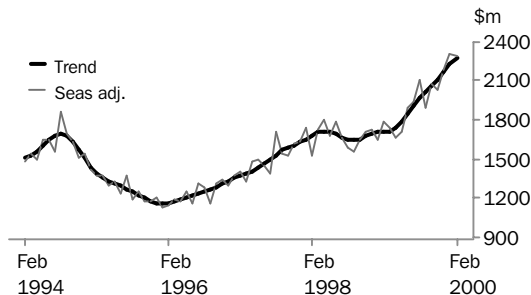
VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING

The trend estimate of the value of total building approvals has shown steady growth since September 1998, with slightly stronger growth over the last four months.



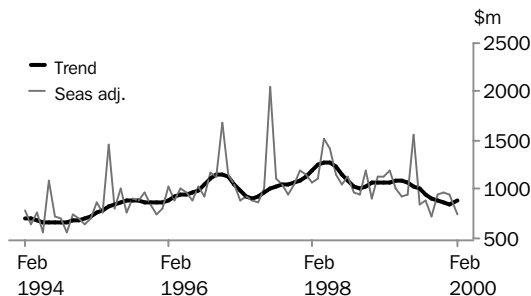
VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

The trend estimate of the value of residential building approvals continues to grow strongly.



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

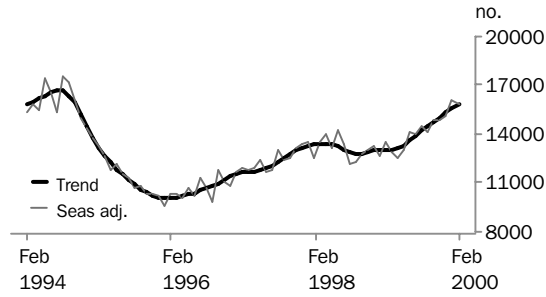
The trend estimate of the value of non-residential building approvals has risen this month following falls over the last eight months.



DWELLINGS APPROVED

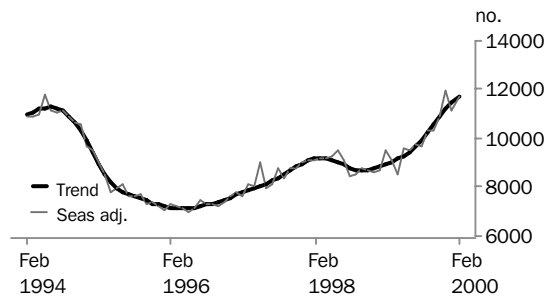
TOTAL DWELLING UNITS

The trend estimate of dwelling units approved has risen 21.7% since February 1999.



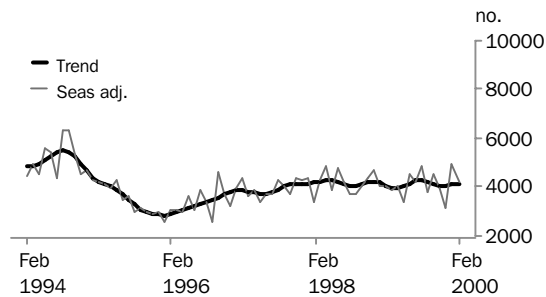
PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES

The main contributor to growth in the number of dwelling units approved has been private sector houses, with the trend estimate increasing 36.8% since October 1998. This series has been rising since March 1996 apart from a slight dip between March 1998 and October 1998.



OTHER DWELLINGS

The trend estimate of other dwellings approved has remained relatively flat over the past two years.



WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

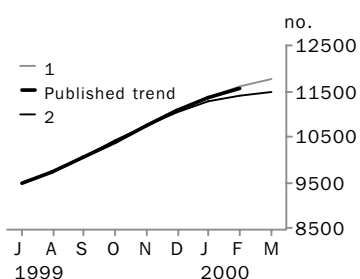
Readers should exercise care when interpreting trend estimates. The last six trend estimates, in particular, are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

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.

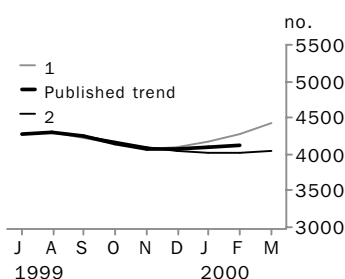
The graphs and tables which follow present the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates: that the March seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the February estimate by 3% for the number of private sector houses approved and 11% for other dwelling units approved; and that the March seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the February 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



	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	no.	% change	1 rises by 3% on Feb 2000	% change	2 falls by 3% on Feb 2000	% change
October 1999	10 395	3.3	10 393	3.3	10 416	3.4
November 1999	10 748	3.4	10 745	3.4	10 756	3.3
December 1999	11 076	3.1	11 082	3.1	11 051	2.7
January 2000	11 348	2.5	11 368	2.6	11 266	1.9
February 2000	11 561	1.9	11 604	2.1	11 411	1.3
March 2000	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11 771	1.4	11 480	0.6

OTHER DWELLINGS



	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	no.	% change	1 rises by 11% on Feb 2000	% change	2 falls by 11% on Feb 2000	% change
October 1999	4 152	-2.1	4 138	-2.3	4 169	-2.0
November 1999	4 077	-1.8	4 070	-1.6	4 086	-2.0
December 1999	4 059	-0.4	4 085	0.4	4 044	-1.0
January 2000	4 087	0.7	4 169	2.1	4 033	-0.3
February 2000	4 117	0.7	4 276	2.6	4 020	-0.3
March 2000	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	4 432	3.6	4 045	0.6

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							
1998							
December	7 984	8 114	4 325	4 577	12 309	382	12 691
1999							
January	6 533	6 734	3 100	3 318	9 633	419	10 052
February	8 348	8 492	3 905	4 108	12 253	347	12 600
March	9 818	10 047	3 468	3 758	13 286	519	13 805
April	8 106	8 346	3 967	4 153	12 073	426	12 499
May	9 921	10 102	3 364	3 685	13 285	502	13 787
June	9 620	9 922	3 910	4 526	13 530	918	14 448
July	9 828	9 971	4 361	4 606	14 189	388	14 577
August	10 266	10 346	4 854	4 975	15 120	201	15 321
September	11 003	11 250	3 749	3 948	14 752	446	15 198
October	9 910	10 096	3 647	3 822	13 557	361	13 918
November	11 394	11 538	4 017	4 181	15 411	308	15 719
December	10 934	11 051	3 036	3 221	13 970	302	14 272
2000							
January	8 716	8 810	3 780	3 924	12 496	238	12 734
February	10 844	11 010	4 054	4 248	14 898	360	15 258
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1998							
December	8 471	8 618	4 413	4 662	12 884	396	13 280
1999							
January	8 413	8 655	3 829	4 042	12 242	455	12 697
February	9 321	9 491	3 877	4 078	13 198	371	13 569
March	8 868	9 086	3 622	3 854	12 490	450	12 940
April	8 313	8 506	3 855	4 067	12 168	405	12 573
May	9 432	9 612	3 157	3 409	12 589	432	13 021
June	9 350	9 536	4 152	4 532	13 502	566	14 068
July	9 603	9 762	3 861	4 199	13 464	497	13 961
August	9 581	9 676	4 708	4 841	14 289	228	14 517
September	10 052	10 296	3 415	3 799	13 467	628	14 095
October	10 081	10 320	4 346	4 550	14 427	443	14 870
November	10 718	10 858	3 794	3 954	14 512	300	14 812
December	11 844	11 983	2 931	3 137	14 775	345	15 120
2000							
January	11 019	11 134	4 768	4 900	15 787	247	16 034
February	11 494	11 679	4 008	4 176	15 502	353	15 855
TREND ESTIMATES							
1998							
December	8 559	8 771	4 009	4 241	12 568	444	13 012
1999							
January	8 633	8 839	3 970	4 191	12 603	427	13 030
February	8 727	8 928	3 851	4 073	12 578	423	13 001
March	8 842	9 037	3 745	3 976	12 587	426	13 013
April	8 975	9 162	3 698	3 948	12 673	437	13 110
May	9 122	9 301	3 741	4 014	12 863	452	13 315
June	9 274	9 448	3 869	4 159	13 143	463	13 606
July	9 473	9 647	3 975	4 269	13 448	468	13 916
August	9 739	9 916	4 011	4 293	13 750	459	14 209
September	10 060	10 238	3 984	4 242	14 044	436	14 480
October	10 395	10 571	3 924	4 152	14 319	404	14 723
November	10 748	10 918	3 876	4 077	14 624	371	14 995
December	11 076	11 237	3 879	4 059	14 955	342	15 297
2000							
January	11 348	11 502	3 924	4 087	15 272	317	15 589
February	11 561	11 710	3 962	4 117	15 523	304	15 827

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)							
1998							
December	-6.8	-7.8	-3.2	-2.4	-5.5	-17.0	-5.9
1999							
January	-18.2	-17.0	-28.3	-27.5	-21.7	9.7	-20.8
February	27.8	26.1	26.0	23.8	27.2	-17.2	25.3
March	17.6	18.3	-11.2	-8.5	8.4	49.6	9.6
April	-17.4	-16.9	14.4	10.5	-9.1	-17.9	-9.5
May	22.4	21.0	-15.2	-11.3	10.0	17.8	10.3
June	-3.0	-1.8	16.2	22.8	1.8	82.9	4.8
July	2.2	0.5	11.5	1.8	4.9	-57.7	0.9
August	4.5	3.8	11.3	8.0	6.6	-48.2	5.1
September	7.2	8.7	-22.8	-20.6	-2.4	121.9	-0.8
October	-9.9	-10.3	-2.7	-3.2	-8.1	-19.1	-8.4
November	15.0	14.3	10.1	9.4	13.7	-14.7	12.9
December	-4.0	-4.2	-24.4	-23.0	-9.4	-1.9	-9.2
2000							
January	-20.3	-20.3	24.5	21.8	-10.6	-21.2	-10.8
February	24.4	25.0	7.2	8.3	19.2	51.3	19.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)							
1998							
December	0.5	-0.7	6.6	6.3	2.5	-20.0	1.7
1999							
January	-0.7	0.4	-13.2	-13.3	-5.0	14.9	-4.4
February	10.8	9.7	1.2	0.9	7.8	-18.5	6.9
March	-4.9	-4.3	-6.6	-5.5	-5.4	21.3	-4.6
April	-6.3	-6.4	6.4	5.5	-2.6	-10.0	-2.8
May	13.5	13.0	-18.1	-16.2	3.5	6.7	3.6
June	-0.9	-0.8	31.5	32.9	7.3	31.0	8.0
July	2.7	2.4	-7.0	-7.3	-0.3	-12.2	-0.8
August	-0.2	-0.9	21.9	15.3	6.1	-54.1	4.0
September	4.9	6.4	-27.5	-21.5	-5.8	175.4	-2.9
October	0.3	0.2	27.2	19.8	7.1	-29.5	5.5
November	6.3	5.2	-12.7	-13.1	0.6	-32.3	-0.4
December	10.5	10.4	-22.7	-20.7	1.8	15.0	2.1
2000							
January	-7.0	-7.1	62.7	56.2	6.8	-28.4	6.0
February	4.3	4.9	-15.9	-14.8	-1.8	42.9	-1.1
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)							
1998							
December	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	-3.5	0.6
1999							
January	0.9	0.8	-1.0	-1.2	0.3	-3.8	0.1
February	1.1	1.0	-3.0	-2.8	-0.2	-0.9	-0.2
March	1.3	1.2	-2.8	-2.4	0.1	0.7	0.1
April	1.5	1.4	-1.2	-0.7	0.7	2.6	0.7
May	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.5	3.4	1.6
June	1.7	1.6	3.4	3.6	2.2	2.4	2.2
July	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.6	2.3	1.1	2.3
August	2.8	2.8	0.9	0.6	2.2	-1.9	2.1
September	3.3	3.2	-0.7	-1.2	2.1	-5.0	1.9
October	3.3	3.3	-1.5	-2.1	2.0	-7.3	1.7
November	3.4	3.3	-1.2	-1.8	2.1	-8.2	1.8
December	3.1	2.9	0.1	-0.4	2.3	-7.8	2.0
2000							
January	2.5	2.4	1.2	0.7	2.1	-7.3	1.9
February	1.9	1.8	1.0	0.7	1.6	-4.1	1.5

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					
1998					
December	1 389.9	219.0	1 609.0	740.2	2 349.1
1999					
January	1 080.1	190.2	1 270.2	1 021.3	2 291.5
February	1 425.9	240.8	1 666.7	1 230.9	2 897.6
March	1 554.2	261.5	1 815.7	1 099.5	2 915.2
April	1 410.6	228.7	1 639.3	816.8	2 456.0
May	1 629.5	252.1	1 881.6	1 003.7	2 885.3
June	1 663.4	253.5	1 916.9	986.8	2 903.7
July	1 749.0	290.3	2 039.3	1 226.8	3 266.1
August	1 849.9	308.5	2 158.4	1 101.0	3 259.4
September	1 810.4	298.4	2 108.8	856.1	2 964.8
October	1 667.6	288.2	1 955.7	858.3	2 814.0
November	1 905.4	281.0	2 186.4	990.1	3 176.5
December	1 778.2	257.9	2 036.1	826.9	2 863.0
2000					
January	1 602.5	221.0	1 823.5	881.7	2 705.2
February	1 884.8	305.9	2 190.7	823.4	3 014.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
1998					
December	1 483.1	245.9	1 721.2	911.0	2 654.4
1999					
January	1 409.2	235.8	1 644.3	1 133.1	2 756.5
February	1 517.4	254.7	1 793.1	1 128.1	2 997.3
March	1 495.0	234.6	1 736.1	1 187.0	2 946.7
April	1 462.4	232.1	1 663.8	1 002.4	2 663.3
May	1 465.8	244.4	1 707.9	928.3	2 653.1
June	1 696.7	244.8	1 889.2	948.7	2 834.2
July	1 602.1	289.5	1 938.7	1 560.0	3 343.3
August	1 790.6	311.2	2 112.4	845.5	2 899.6
September	1 634.8	277.4	1 900.2	885.9	2 819.6
October	1 787.6	286.2	2 071.5	724.5	2 745.6
November	1 755.9	254.7	2 030.4	941.2	2 951.0
December	1 921.5	288.7	2 179.1	976.0	3 204.8
2000					
January	1 996.6	278.6	2 303.3	947.3	3 244.4
February	1 957.6	308.5	2 290.1	745.7	3 059.2
TREND ESTIMATES					
1998					
December	1 451.8	238.5	1 696.1	1 069.2	2 776.8
1999					
January	1 461.7	239.4	1 705.0	1 078.9	2 804.8
February	1 467.3	238.5	1 705.6	1 080.0	2 811.4
March	1 481.8	238.4	1 715.4	1 081.2	2 818.3
April	1 508.4	242.0	1 742.3	1 086.1	2 836.0
May	1 548.7	250.9	1 790.8	1 088.2	2 865.3
June	1 595.1	262.8	1 851.9	1 074.8	2 890.6
July	1 640.1	274.4	1 912.3	1 040.6	2 903.3
August	1 683.5	281.9	1 966.8	1 000.5	2 916.6
September	1 728.1	284.3	2 015.4	956.4	2 932.7
October	1 773.5	282.7	2 058.8	914.1	2 950.9
November	1 823.9	281.0	2 107.7	883.4	2 986.4
December	1 879.0	281.7	2 165.6	870.1	3 043.9
2000					
January	1 932.1	284.2	2 224.2	857.1	3 100.0
February	1 970.4	288.0	2 272.9	878.9	3 172.0

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Percentage Change

Month	<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 (% change from preceding month)					
1998					
December	-9.9	-11.8	-10.2	-40.3	-22.5
1999					
January	-22.3	-13.2	-21.1	38.0	-2.5
February	32.0	26.6	31.2	20.5	26.5
March	9.0	8.6	8.9	-10.7	0.6
April	-9.2	-12.5	-9.7	-25.7	-15.7
May	15.5	10.2	14.8	22.9	17.5
June	2.1	0.6	1.9	-1.7	0.6
July	5.1	14.5	6.4	24.3	12.5
August	5.8	6.3	5.8	-10.3	-0.2
September	-2.1	-3.3	-2.3	-22.2	-9.0
October	-7.9	-3.4	-7.3	0.3	-5.1
November	14.3	-2.5	11.8	15.4	12.9
December	-6.7	-8.2	-6.9	-16.5	-9.9
2000					
January	-9.9	-14.3	-10.4	6.6	-5.5
February	17.6	38.4	20.1	-6.6	11.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)					
1998					
December	1.7	4.6	0.7	-23.7	-7.3
1999					
January	-5.0	-4.1	-4.5	24.4	3.8
February	7.7	8.0	9.1	-0.4	8.7
March	-1.5	-7.9	-3.2	5.2	-1.7
April	-2.2	-1.1	-4.2	-15.6	-9.6
May	0.2	5.3	2.6	-7.4	-0.4
June	15.8	0.2	10.6	2.2	6.8
July	-5.6	18.3	2.6	64.4	18.0
August	11.8	7.5	9.0	-45.8	-13.3
September	-8.7	-10.8	-10.0	4.8	-2.8
October	9.3	3.2	9.0	-18.2	-2.6
November	-1.8	-11.0	-2.0	29.9	7.5
December	9.4	13.4	7.3	3.7	8.6
2000					
January	3.9	-3.5	5.7	-2.9	1.2
February	-2.0	10.8	-0.6	-21.3	-5.7
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)					
1998					
December	1.1	0.6	1.0	2.9	2.1
1999					
January	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.0
February	0.4	-0.4	0.0	0.1	0.2
March	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.2
April	1.8	1.5	1.6	0.5	0.6
May	2.7	3.7	2.8	0.2	1.0
June	3.0	4.7	3.4	-1.2	0.9
July	2.8	4.4	3.3	-3.2	0.4
August	2.6	2.7	2.8	-3.9	0.5
September	2.6	0.8	2.5	-4.4	0.6
October	2.6	-0.6	2.2	-4.4	0.6
November	2.8	-0.6	2.4	-3.4	1.2
December	3.0	0.2	2.7	-1.5	1.9
2000					
January	2.8	0.9	2.7	-1.5	1.8
February	2.0	1.3	2.2	2.5	2.3

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

DWELLING UNITS 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								
1998								
December	4 311	3 301	2 333	563	1 641	114	139	289
1999								
January	3 510	2 475	1 928	444	1 307	117	139	132
February	3 862	3 784	2 288	607	1 547	109	187	216
March	4 441	3 637	2 583	750	1 938	126	152	178
April	4 005	3 416	2 387	568	1 625	126	225	147
May	4 759	3 610	2 392	683	1 941	95	124	183
June	4 614	3 312	2 847	845	2 386	88	180	176
July	4 896	3 893	2 466	842	2 043	158	140	139
August	4 884	4 770	2 472	771	2 067	118	123	116
September	4 325	4 105	3 188	907	2 063	133	116	361
October	4 116	3 839	2 952	794	1 819	161	110	127
November	4 482	4 223	3 052	993	2 389	183	192	205
December	4 150	4 019	2 812	842	1 976	180	156	137
2000								
January	3 501	3 841	2 462	712	1 675	181	114	248
February	4 201	4 612	2 733	1 073	1 972	168	165	334
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
1998								
December	4 451	3 470	2 481	615	1 653	112	n.a.	n.a.
1999								
January	4 286	3 256	2 512	659	1 673	119	n.a.	n.a.
February	4 126	3 716	2 559	655	1 679	115	n.a.	n.a.
March	4 277	3 313	2 559	660	1 700	122	n.a.	n.a.
April	4 265	3 688	2 307	596	1 726	122	n.a.	n.a.
May	4 252	3 544	2 418	721	1 899	100	n.a.	n.a.
June	4 548	3 225	2 646	735	1 998	98	n.a.	n.a.
July	4 578	3 964	2 319	758	2 048	164	n.a.	n.a.
August	5 024	4 483	2 326	701	2 026	116	n.a.	n.a.
September	4 052	3 877	2 822	807	2 077	128	n.a.	n.a.
October	4 560	3 770	2 991	826	1 894	143	n.a.	n.a.
November	4 056	3 999	2 844	937	2 260	185	n.a.	n.a.
December	4 232	4 224	3 210	952	2 026	176	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	4 116	5 165	3 256	1 090	2 281	187	n.a.	n.a.
February	4 450	4 341	2 818	1 048	1 974	169	n.a.	n.a.
TREND ESTIMATES								
1998								
December	4 309	3 347	2 557	620	1 640	118	190	161
1999								
January	4 281	3 430	2 525	629	1 662	116	182	176
February	4 247	3 464	2 497	642	1 692	115	175	184
March	4 254	3 480	2 475	655	1 735	114	170	177
April	4 304	3 519	2 445	670	1 797	115	166	165
May	4 399	3 597	2 423	687	1 873	116	159	158
June	4 498	3 707	2 426	706	1 945	118	148	164
July	4 556	3 801	2 469	729	1 997	122	138	177
August	4 542	3 890	2 569	760	2 035	131	132	191
September	4 466	3 983	2 708	802	2 059	142	131	205
October	4 363	4 083	2 849	853	2 076	153	135	218
November	4 276	4 198	2 969	913	2 093	164	143	230
December	4 227	4 328	3 052	971	2 107	172	153	243
2000								
January	4 210	4 456	3 104	1 025	2 116	179	163	260
February	4 204	4 570	3 119	1 070	2 117	186	173	273

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)								
1998								
December	-9.4	-4.0	-9.6	-7.1	-0.5	5.6	-37.1	122.3
1999								
January	-18.6	-25.0	-17.4	-21.1	-20.4	2.6	0.0	-54.3
February	10.0	52.9	18.7	36.7	18.4	-6.8	34.5	63.6
March	15.0	-3.9	12.9	23.6	25.3	15.6	-18.7	-17.6
April	-9.8	-6.1	-7.6	-24.3	-16.2	0.0	48.0	-17.4
May	18.8	5.7	0.2	20.2	19.4	-24.6	-44.9	24.5
June	-3.0	-8.3	19.0	23.7	22.9	-7.4	45.2	-3.8
July	6.1	17.5	-13.4	-0.4	-14.4	79.5	-22.2	-21.0
August	-0.2	22.5	0.2	-8.4	1.2	-25.3	-12.1	-16.5
September	-11.4	-13.9	29.0	17.6	-0.2	12.7	-5.7	211.2
October	-4.8	-6.5	-7.4	-12.5	-11.8	21.1	-5.2	-64.8
November	8.9	10.0	3.4	25.1	31.3	13.7	74.5	61.4
December	-7.4	-4.8	-7.9	-15.2	-17.3	-1.6	-18.8	-33.2
2000								
January	-15.6	-4.4	-12.4	-15.4	-15.2	0.6	-26.9	81.0
February	20.0	20.1	11.0	50.7	17.7	-7.2	44.7	34.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)								
1998								
December	0.7	2.9	-3.7	-1.1	-3.4	-2.1	n.a.	n.a.
1999								
January	-3.7	-6.2	1.2	7.2	1.2	6.6	n.a.	n.a.
February	-3.7	14.1	1.9	-0.6	0.4	-3.0	n.a.	n.a.
March	3.7	-10.8	0.0	0.8	1.3	5.7	n.a.	n.a.
April	-0.3	11.3	-9.8	-9.7	1.5	0.1	n.a.	n.a.
May	-0.3	-3.9	4.8	21.0	10.0	-18.3	n.a.	n.a.
June	7.0	-9.0	9.4	1.9	5.2	-1.3	n.a.	n.a.
July	0.7	22.9	-12.4	3.1	2.5	67.1	n.a.	n.a.
August	9.7	13.1	0.3	-7.5	-1.1	-29.2	n.a.	n.a.
September	-19.3	-13.5	21.3	15.1	2.5	9.8	n.a.	n.a.
October	12.5	-2.8	6.0	2.4	-8.8	12.0	n.a.	n.a.
November	-11.1	6.1	-4.9	13.4	19.3	29.1	n.a.	n.a.
December	4.3	5.6	12.9	1.6	-10.4	-4.8	n.a.	n.a.
2000								
January	-2.7	22.3	1.4	14.5	12.6	6.4	n.a.	n.a.
February	8.1	-16.0	-13.5	-3.9	-13.5	-9.6	n.a.	n.a.
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
1998					n.a.	n.a.		
December	-0.6	3.3	-0.9	0.0	0.9	-0.8	-3.1	8.4
1999								
January	-0.6	2.5	-1.3	1.5	1.3	-1.4	-4.1	8.9
February	-0.8	1.0	-1.1	2.1	1.8	-1.1	-3.9	4.7
March	0.2	0.5	-0.9	2.0	2.5	-0.3	-3.1	-3.9
April	1.2	1.1	-1.2	2.3	3.6	0.4	-2.1	-7.0
May	2.2	2.2	-0.9	2.5	4.2	0.6	-4.6	-3.9
June	2.3	3.1	0.1	2.8	3.8	1.7	-6.6	3.7
July	1.3	2.5	1.8	3.3	2.7	4.0	-6.9	8.0
August	-0.3	2.3	4.1	4.3	1.9	6.8	-4.4	7.9
September	-1.7	2.4	5.4	5.5	1.2	8.4	-0.6	7.5
October	-2.3	2.5	5.2	6.4	0.8	8.2	2.9	6.1
November	-2.0	2.8	4.2	7.0	0.8	6.7	5.8	5.5
December	-1.1	3.1	2.8	6.4	0.7	5.4	7.0	5.8
2000								
January	-0.4	3.0	1.7	5.6	0.4	3.8	6.8	6.8
February	-0.1	2.6	0.5	4.4	0.0	3.9	6.0	5.2

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	104 263	42 183	662	2 541	476	150 125
1999						
February	8 340	3 567	104	232	10	12 253
March	9 809	3 187	41	212	37	13 286
April	8 096	3 642	74	201	60	12 073
May	9 908	3 192	29	132	24	13 285
June	9 607	3 701	45	142	35	13 530
July	9 819	4 133	22	151	64	14 189
August	10 259	4 539	35	211	76	15 120
September	10 998	3 645	36	42	31	14 752
October	9 904	3 490	30	94	39	13 557
November	11 387	3 768	59	176	21	15 411
December	10 918	2 833	47	130	42	13 970
2000						
January	8 709	3 565	80	88	54	12 496
February	10 832	3 795	90	145	36	14 898
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						
February	144	202	1	0	0	347
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	186	175	0	0	0	361
November	144	159	4	0	1	308
December	117	174	2	5	4	302
2000						
January	94	125	19	0	0	238
February	166	188	5	0	1	360
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	106 986	45 169	697	2 543	480	155 875
1999						
February	8 484	3 769	105	232	10	12 600
March	10 038	3 473	43	212	39	13 805
April	8 336	3 823	79	201	60	12 499
May	10 089	3 511	31	132	24	13 787
June	9 906	4 312	53	142	35	14 448
July	9 962	4 369	31	151	64	14 577
August	10 339	4 652	43	211	76	15 321
September	11 245	3 844	36	42	31	15 198
October	10 090	3 665	30	94	39	13 918
November	11 531	3 927	63	176	22	15 719
December	11 035	3 007	49	135	46	14 272
2000						
January	8 803	3 690	99	88	54	12 734
February	10 998	3 983	95	145	37	15 258

(a) See Glossary for definition.

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(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	12 342.8	4 570.9	67.2	2 509.4	245.8	19 736.0	8 995.3	28 731.3
1999								
February	982.9	411.4	8.7	203.2	22.5	1 628.8	834.5	2 463.4
March	1 178.0	327.7	5.2	224.2	23.1	1 758.2	818.6	2 576.8
April	967.2	402.5	9.3	186.3	24.4	1 589.7	649.6	2 239.3
May	1 205.3	379.0	2.6	229.9	14.5	1 831.3	848.5	2 679.8
June	1 196.6	384.5	2.9	226.9	9.3	1 820.1	626.1	2 446.2
July	1 221.2	492.4	1.8	249.5	30.0	1 994.9	863.0	2 858.0
August	1 260.2	571.8	2.4	268.1	26.8	2 129.4	785.9	2 915.3
September	1 368.8	396.5	3.9	284.8	7.0	2 061.0	665.2	2 726.2
October	1 251.4	370.7	2.9	271.2	10.5	1 906.8	658.6	2 565.3
November	1 442.7	430.9	4.6	259.6	11.5	2 149.2	606.7	2 755.9
December	1 397.0	353.2	5.1	227.9	12.8	1 996.0	597.0	2 593.0
2000								
January	1 122.6	457.6	9.4	194.0	5.6	1 789.1	646.1	2 435.2
February	1 395.9	451.4	8.3	268.2	19.9	2 143.7	620.3	2 764.0
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	3 563.5	4 188.4
1999								
February	16.1	15.4	0.1	6.2	0.0	37.8	396.4	434.2
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	19.3	26.1	0.0	3.6	0.0	49.0	199.7	248.7
November	17.0	14.8	0.2	5.2	0.0	37.2	383.4	420.6
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
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	12 635.3	4 810.9	71.6	2 597.5	245.8	20 361.4	12 558.7	32 919.9
1999								
February	999.0	426.9	8.8	209.5	22.5	1 666.7	1 230.9	2 897.6
March	1 203.3	350.9	5.4	232.9	23.1	1 815.7	1 099.5	2 915.2
April	994.5	416.1	10.5	193.8	24.4	1 639.3	816.8	2 456.0
May	1 225.2	404.3	2.8	234.8	14.5	1 881.6	1 003.7	2 885.3
June	1 228.8	434.6	3.6	240.6	9.3	1 916.9	986.8	2 903.7
July	1 235.5	513.5	3.1	257.2	30.0	2 039.3	1 226.8	3 266.1
August	1 268.9	581.0	2.8	278.9	26.8	2 158.4	1 101.0	3 259.4
September	1 396.0	414.4	3.9	287.5	7.0	2 108.8	856.1	2 964.8
October	1 270.7	396.8	2.9	274.7	10.5	1 955.7	858.3	2 814.0
November	1 459.7	445.7	4.8	264.8	11.5	2 186.4	990.1	3 176.5
December	1 410.1	368.1	5.3	238.9	13.7	2 036.1	826.9	2 863.0
2000								
January	1 134.1	468.4	10.4	205.1	5.6	1 823.5	881.7	2 705.2
February	1 416.1	468.7	8.8	277.2	19.9	2 190.7	823.4	3 014.0

(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				
	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	106 986	10 068	11 768	21 836	4 695	4 910	13 728	23 333	45 169	152 155
1998										
December	8 101	884	879	1 763	506	564	1 392	2 462	4 225	12 326
1999										
January	6 731	572	892	1 464	299	358	1 031	1 688	3 152	9 883
February	8 484	673	833	1 506	392	478	1 393	2 263	3 769	12 253
March	10 038	886	944	1 830	468	250	925	1 643	3 473	13 511
April	8 336	952	887	1 839	342	454	1 188	1 984	3 823	12 159
May	10 089	746	1 021	1 767	326	371	1 047	1 744	3 511	13 600
June	9 906	1 118	1 086	2 204	603	537	968	2 108	4 312	14 218
July	9 962	883	1 210	2 093	351	436	1 489	2 276	4 369	14 331
August	10 339	800	806	1 606	428	367	2 251	3 046	4 652	14 991
September	11 245	1 188	1 035	2 223	259	283	1 079	1 621	3 844	15 089
October	10 090	688	1 083	1 771	187	206	1 501	1 894	3 665	13 755
November	11 531	801	847	1 648	608	345	1 326	2 279	3 927	15 458
December	11 035	714	913	1 627	254	228	898	1 380	3 007	14 042
2000										
January	8 803	602	955	1 557	266	377	1 490	2 133	3 690	12 493
February	10 998	1 066	1 267	2 333	353	402	895	1 650	3 983	14 981

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	12 635.3	783.9	1 168.3	1 952.4	394.3	498.0	1 966.2	2 858.7	4 810.9	17 446.4
1998										
December	948.5	66.9	87.8	154.7	39.7	53.5	193.6	286.8	441.4	1 389.9
1999										
January	788.8	46.1	81.5	127.7	21.5	32.3	109.8	163.6	291.2	1 080.1
February	999.0	52.8	85.9	138.8	31.4	54.7	202.0	288.1	426.9	1 425.9
March	1 203.3	72.2	96.6	168.8	35.6	22.1	124.4	182.1	350.9	1 554.2
April	994.5	71.7	94.0	165.8	27.3	53.0	170.1	250.4	416.1	1 410.6
May	1 225.2	61.3	109.6	170.8	31.9	38.1	163.4	233.5	404.3	1 629.5
June	1 228.8	85.4	113.4	198.8	58.0	55.2	122.6	235.8	434.6	1 663.4
July	1 235.5	78.4	119.5	197.9	32.5	46.5	236.6	315.6	513.5	1 749.0
August	1 268.9	64.4	86.5	150.9	37.5	34.2	358.4	430.0	581.0	1 849.9
September	1 396.0	98.4	112.7	211.1	24.8	31.9	146.6	203.3	414.4	1 810.4
October	1 270.7	55.2	109.3	164.5	18.4	19.9	194.0	232.3	396.8	1 667.6
November	1 459.7	64.1	84.6	148.7	58.0	34.1	204.9	297.0	445.7	1 905.4
December	1 410.1	59.1	94.8	153.9	19.2	24.5	170.5	214.2	368.1	1 778.2
2000										
January	1 134.1	52.7	99.8	152.5	21.6	41.1	253.2	315.9	468.4	1 602.5
February	1 416.1	94.4	127.4	221.8	35.9	48.9	162.1	246.9	468.7	1 884.8

(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 1997-1998.
Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraphs 20-21.

(b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

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

Period	Hotels, motels and other short term accommodation....		Shops.....		Factories.....		Offices.....		Other business premises.....		Educational.....	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
Value—\$50,000—\$199,999												
1999												
December	20	2.0	269	23.5	86	9.1	136	13.6	115	11.1	74	7.6
2000												
January	27	2.9	244	22.1	76	8.9	150	14.3	100	10.0	53	5.4
February	23	2.5	253	22.7	97	10.9	191	18.5	130	12.6	42	3.9
Value—\$200,000—\$499,999												
1999												
December	18	5.4	48	14.2	58	16.9	52	16.0	55	15.8	42	13.8
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
Value—\$500,000—\$999,999												
1999												
December	7	5.2	20	12.6	28	18.7	33	22.8	25	17.3	20	12.9
2000												
January	6	4.1	24	16.8	8	6.0	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
Value—\$1,000,000—\$4,999,999												
1999												
December	8	16.1	22	41.5	13	26.5	16	29.8	16	33.7	20	43.2
2000												
January	6	9.2	11	25.0	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
Value—\$5,000,000 and over												
1999												
December	2	54.0	4	32.7	0	0.0	2	22.2	2	23.0	2	48.8
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
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	634	829.1	4 663	2 452.6	2 057	944.8	3 210	1 778.6	2 938	2 038.8	1 383	1 408.5
1999												
December	55	82.6	363	124.5	185	71.2	239	104.4	213	100.9	158	126.3
2000												
January	58	84.4	352	117.0	145	62.3	261	163.1	226	129.1	118	103.9
February	55	41.5	358	121.1	198	79.5	315	179.5	256	139.1	95	102.5

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										
1999										
December	13	1.3	23	2.5	39	3.5	56	5.5	831	79.6
2000										
January	5	0.4	15	1.4	39	3.9	36	3.4	745	72.7
February	9	0.9	24	2.8	35	3.6	53	4.9	857	83.2
Value—\$200,000–\$499,999										
1999										
December	6	1.9	15	4.8	17	5.2	22	6.6	333	100.7
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
Value—\$500,000–\$999,999										
1999										
December	5	3.4	14	9.5	6	4.2	8	6.0	166	112.5
2000										
January	1	0.9	8	5.1	3	2.1	6	4.5	123	83.6
February	2	1.3	7	5.0	11	8.0	10	6.8	150	103.6
Value—\$1,000,000–\$4,999,999										
1999										
December	4	6.3	12	21.7	8	16.6	11	19.3	130	254.7
2000										
January	3	5.0	16	40.0	9	21.4	7	11.9	131	278.7
February	1	1.3	14	30.3	9	19.2	7	11.9	129	251.4
Value—\$5,000,000 and over										
1999										
December	1	7.2	0	0.0	2	91.4	0	0.0	15	279.4
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
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	230	92.9	797	1 313.3	989	1 184.2	1 070	516.3	17 971	12 558.7
1999										
December	29	20.2	64	38.4	72	121.0	97	37.4	1 475	826.9
2000										
January	14	8.0	55	141.5	73	42.9	64	29.4	1 366	881.7
February	18	5.6	56	69.9	81	51.1	88	33.7	1 520	823.4

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>
<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR						
New South Wales	2 556	1 447	20	34	23	4 080
Victoria	3 419	1 019	52	35	12	4 537
Queensland	2 200	477	2	0	1	2 680
South Australia	836	233	2	0	0	1 071
Western Australia	1 458	420	14	8	0	1 900
Tasmania	135	33	0	0	0	168
Northern Territory	63	68	0	0	0	131
Australian Capital Territory	165	98	0	68	0	331
Australia	10 832	3 795	90	145	36	14 898
PUBLIC SECTOR						
New South Wales	23	94	3	0	1	121
Victoria	35	38	2	0	0	75
Queensland	35	18	0	0	0	53
South Australia	2	0	0	0	0	2
Western Australia	40	32	0	0	0	72
Tasmania	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Territory	28	6	0	0	0	34
Australian Capital Territory	3	0	0	0	0	3
Australia	166	188	5	0	1	360
TOTAL						
New South Wales	2 579	1 541	23	34	24	4 201
Victoria	3 454	1 057	54	35	12	4 612
Queensland	2 235	495	2	0	1	2 733
South Australia	838	233	2	0	0	1 073
Western Australia	1 498	452	14	8	0	1 972
Tasmania	135	33	0	0	0	168
Northern Territory	91	74	0	0	0	165
Australian Capital Territory	168	98	0	68	0	334
Australia	10 998	3 983	95	145	37	15 258

(a) See Glossary for definition.

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	365.9	151.0	2.2	106.8	7.1	633.0	229.4	862.4
Victoria	460.0	110.8	4.7	89.4	3.8	668.6	202.3	871.0
Queensland	275.1	41.1	0.1	23.5	0.3	340.1	78.1	418.2
South Australia	85.2	26.4	0.1	17.8	0.0	129.5	28.6	158.1
Western Australia	164.2	97.7	1.2	18.1	0.7	282.1	54.3	336.3
Tasmania	14.0	2.4	0.0	4.3	0.0	20.8	20.7	41.4
Northern Territory	6.7	7.6	0.0	2.3	0.0	16.6	5.7	22.3
Australian Capital Territory	24.8	14.4	0.0	5.9	8.0	53.1	1.1	54.3
Australia	1 395.9	451.4	8.3	268.2	19.9	2 143.7	620.3	2 764.0
PUBLIC SECTOR								
New South Wales	3.5	8.9	0.4	1.3	0.0	14.1	50.0	64.1
Victoria	3.3	2.6	0.1	1.7	0.0	7.7	69.3	77.0
Queensland	4.5	1.6	0.0	3.8	0.0	10.0	23.7	33.7
South Australia	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.0	14.7	15.8
Western Australia	3.7	3.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.2	9.5	16.7
Tasmania	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7
Northern Territory	4.3	0.8	0.0	1.3	0.0	6.4	5.1	11.5
Australian Capital Territory	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	30.0	30.5
Australia	20.1	17.3	0.4	9.0	0.0	46.9	203.1	250.0
TOTAL								
New South Wales	369.4	159.9	2.6	108.1	7.1	647.1	279.4	926.5
Victoria	463.3	113.3	4.7	91.1	3.8	676.3	271.6	947.9
Queensland	279.6	42.7	0.1	27.4	0.3	350.1	101.9	451.9
South Australia	85.5	26.4	0.1	18.6	0.0	130.5	43.3	173.9
Western Australia	167.9	101.2	1.2	18.2	0.7	289.3	63.8	353.1
Tasmania	14.0	2.4	0.0	4.3	0.0	20.8	21.4	42.2
Northern Territory	11.1	8.4	0.0	3.5	0.0	23.0	10.8	33.8
Australian Capital Territory	25.3	14.4	0.0	5.9	8.0	53.6	31.2	84.8
Australia	1 416.1	468.7	8.8	277.2	19.9	2 190.7	823.4	3 014.0

(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	Entertainment and recreational	Miscellaneous	Total non-residential building
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
PRIVATE SECTOR											
New South Wales	7.8	40.5	26.2	73.0	40.4	16.5	1.8	3.4	12.1	7.7	229.4
Victoria	15.7	37.3	28.0	25.8	57.9	5.9	1.0	19.4	5.4	5.8	202.3
Queensland	5.9	21.5	6.6	10.1	15.1	0.4	2.1	8.8	7.5	0.2	78.1
South Australia	7.0	3.3	5.2	4.4	5.5	2.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5	28.6
Western Australia	3.5	14.6	12.1	11.0	9.8	1.1	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.7	54.3
Tasmania	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	4.0	12.4	0.3	20.7
Northern Territory	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	2.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.7	5.7
Australian Capital Territory	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Australia	40.9	118.7	79.1	126.5	132.5	26.1	5.6	36.3	38.5	16.0	620.3
PUBLIC SECTOR											
New South Wales	0.0	0.7	0.2	22.7	3.6	13.0	0.0	3.1	2.7	4.0	50.0
Victoria	0.3	0.0	0.0	11.4	0.1	22.6	0.0	29.1	2.9	2.9	69.3
Queensland	0.2	0.0	0.2	6.1	1.7	7.8	0.0	0.4	0.7	6.6	23.7
South Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.9	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.3	2.3	14.7
Western Australia	0.0	1.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.5	2.0	0.8	9.5
Tasmania	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.7
Northern Territory	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.4	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.2	5.1
Australian Capital Territory	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	28.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0
Australia	0.5	2.4	0.4	53.0	6.5	76.4	0.0	33.6	12.5	17.8	203.1
TOTAL											
New South Wales	7.8	41.2	26.4	95.7	44.1	29.5	1.8	6.5	14.8	11.7	279.4
Victoria	16.0	37.3	28.0	37.2	58.1	28.5	1.0	48.5	8.3	8.7	271.6
Queensland	6.1	21.5	6.8	16.1	16.7	8.2	2.1	9.2	8.2	6.8	101.9
South Australia	7.0	3.3	5.2	13.3	5.6	2.3	0.1	0.4	3.4	2.8	43.3
Western Australia	3.5	15.6	12.1	11.4	9.8	5.7	0.3	0.9	3.1	1.5	63.8
Tasmania	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.3	1.5	0.0	0.0	4.3	12.4	0.3	21.4
Northern Territory	1.0	1.1	0.0	1.8	3.3	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.9	1.9	10.8
Australian Capital Territory	0.0	0.5	0.0	2.6	0.0	28.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.2
Australia	41.5	121.1	79.5	179.5	139.1	102.5	5.6	69.9	51.1	33.7	823.4

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 7, 8, 12 and 13. 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 10 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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 10, 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. 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

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)
- *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.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

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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. Prior to July 1996, Table 7 includes the number of Conversions in the 'Alterations and additions to residential buildings' category while Table 8 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 (e.g. caretakers residences) associated with a non-residential building are defined as houses.

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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 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 7). 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 9 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.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

INTRODUCTION

The ABS collects detailed building information, of which only a relatively small amount is published. Some of the unpublished data available from just the monthly Building Approvals collection includes:

- material of outer walls, roofs and floors of new houses
- average value of new dwelling units
- floor area of new houses
- information for small geographical regions

We can provide data as printed tables or electronic files (e.g. text, spreadsheets). Our consultants can discuss the availability of data you are interested in and provide you with a quote for supplying information tailored to your needs. It is simply a matter of either contacting them via email, fax or telephone with your data request.

The following example illustrates a potential use of our building approvals data and provides an insight into the type of data and detail available.

CASE STUDY

A carpet retailer wanted to know the 5 Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) in NSW which had the highest number of new houses approved over the latest 12 month period, together with the average value of new houses for each SLA. The purpose was to help determine which areas to target for a marketing campaign.

The ABS provided the company with a table containing the number of new houses approved and their average value for each of the top 5 areas. In addition, it was suggested that another useful data item might be indicative data on average floor area. The client agreed it would be useful to help decide on which areas to concentrate and asked for the State total for NSW to be included for comparison. The data could also be used to help decide which areas to target in view of the locations of their retail outlets. The table provided appears below.

NEW HOUSES APPROVED, Top 5 SLAs In NSW, 12 Months to December 1997

SLA	Houses No.	Average value \$'000	Average floor area(a) sq. metres
Liverpool	2 089	106.2	226.4
Blacktown	1 672	106.7	208.7
Baulkam Hills	1 249	157.7	301.8
Auburn(b)	1 118	129.0	249.4
Wyang	1 080	98.9	n.a.
Total NSW	27 702	119.7	220.3

(a) The average of those house approvals that reported the floor area.

(b) Note that most of these new houses approved are part of the Olympic Games village.

The client was also made aware of the availability of data from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing, which can be used to create a demographic profile of the areas of interest. The data available is extensive and includes distributions by age, income ranges and occupation. This data can be cross tabulated to give a detailed picture of the socio-economic characteristics of the areas of interest and hence influence the marketing approach.

If you would like to discuss your data needs, please contact Richard Mason on (08) 8237 7663 or Tony Bammann on (08) 8237 7316 or fax requests on (08) 8237 7620.

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