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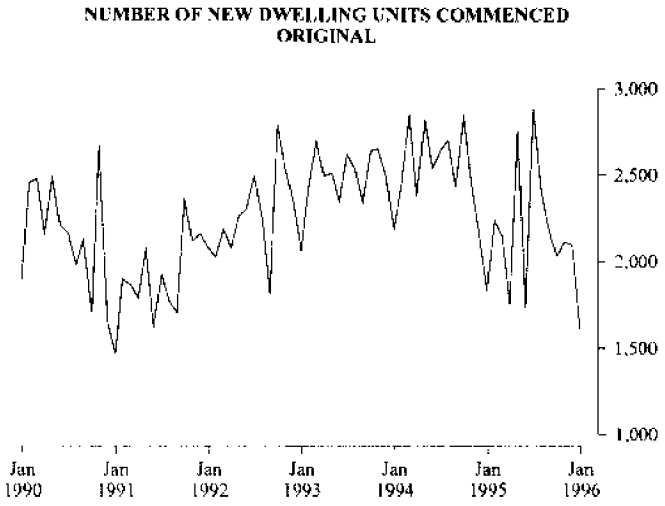

- The number of dwelling units reported as commenced in January was 1,616. Of these, 997 were in the Melbourne Statistical Division (MSD).
- There were 1,403 private sector houses reported as commenced, with 805 of these in the MSD.
- The number of other residential buildings that were reported as commenced in the whole State was 188.

NOTE: This publication includes a number of dwellings commenced prior to January for some Local Government Areas. Some of these figures relate to dwellings that were approved prior to July 1995 and have just been reported as commenced to the ABS. These figures have been included as January 1996 commencements.

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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY OWNERSHIP AND TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

	Private sector			*Public sector*			*Total*		
Period	*Houses*	*Other residential buildings (a)*	*Total*	*Houses*	*Other residential buildings (a)*	*Total*	*Houses*	*Other residential buildings (a)*	*Total*
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION (b)									
1992-93	16,622	1,877	18,499	639	213	852	17,261	2,090	19,351
1993-94	16,918	2,881	19,799	760	296	1,056	17,678	3,177	20,855
1994-95	16,932	2,506	19,438	209	392	601	17,141	2,898	20,039
1994—									
November	1,489	226	1,715	8		8	1,497	226	1,723
December	1,358	213	1,571	8	25	33	1,366	238	1,604
1995—									
January	1,102	194	1,296	42	40	82	1,144	234	1,378
February	1,465	149	1,614	31	91	122	1,496	240	1,736
March	1,293	205	1,498	41	14	55	1,334	219	1,553
April	1,072	93	1,165	23	44	67	1,095	137	1,232
May	1,474	611	2,085	5	42	47	1,479	653	2,132
June	1,099	86	1,185	—	43	43	1,099	129	1,228
July	1,967	171	2,138	14	75	89	1,981	246	2,227
August	1,525	186	1,711	38	48	86	1,563	234	1,797
September	1,410	183	1,593	35	28	63	1,445	211	1,656
October	1,118	376	1,494	54	15	69	1,172	391	1,563
November	1,295	231	1,526	7	9	16	1,302	240	1,542
December	988	235	1,223	107	271	378	1,095	506	1,601
1996—									
January	805	73	878	20	99	119	825	172	997
VICTORIA									
1992-93	25,248	2,214	27,462	978	322	1,300	26,226	2,536	28,762
1993-94	25,895	3,070	28,965	1,107	441	1,548	27,002	3,511	30,513
1994-95	24,088	2,629	26,717	459	542	1,001	24,547	3,171	27,718
1994—									
November	2,187	258	2,445	17	5	22	2,204	263	2,467
December	1,854	221	2,075	56	33	89	1,910	254	2,164
1995—									
January	1,531	194	1,725	65	47	112	1,596	241	1,837
February	1,953	159	2,112	34	91	125	1,987	250	2,237
March	1,819	214	2,033	80	28	108	1,899	242	2,141
April	1,524	105	1,629	43	82	125	1,567	187	1,754
May	2,074	611	2,685	30	42	72	2,104	653	2,757
June	1,562	86	1,648	43	43	86	1,605	129	1,734
July	2,513	175	2,688	40	163	203	2,553	338	2,891
August	2,122	192	2,314	48	48	96	2,170	240	2,410
September	1,934	183	2,117	45	32	77	1,979	215	2,194
October	1,584	376	1,960	55	15	70	1,639	391	2,030
November	1,863	237	2,100	8	9	17	1,871	246	2,117
December	1,411	238	1,649	121	329	450	1,532	567	2,099
1996—									
January	1,403	77	1,480	25	111	136	1,428	188	1,616

(a) Number of dwelling units. (b) As a result of minor changes to the Melbourne Statistical Division boundary, data for the periods prior to July 1995 are not strictly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onward. For further details refer to paragraphs 12 to 14 of the explanatory notes.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF NEW PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES AND TOTAL NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED, VICTORIA

	Private sector houses			*Total dwellings*		
Period	*Original*	*Seasonally adjusted(a)*	*Trend estimate(a)*	*Original*	*Seasonally adjusted(a)*	*Trend estimate(a)*
1992-93	25,248	25,336	25,335	28,762	28,873	28,896
1993-94	25,895	25,919	25,938	30,513	30,567	30,517
1994-95	24,088	24,030	24,400	27,718	27,643	28,312
1994—						
November	2,187	1,983	2,100	2,467	2,359	2,373
December	1,854	2,044	2,018	2,164	2,242	2,279
1995—						
January	1,531	1,847	1,931	1,837	2,153	2,194
February	1,953	2,041	1,859	2,237	2,285	2,148
March	1,819	1,755	1,821	2,141	2,088	2,159
April	1,524	1,752	1,835	1,754	1,918	2,231
May	2,074	1,890	1,882	2,757	2,547	2,327
June	1,562	1,568	1,932	1,734	1,793	2,392
July	2,513	2,461	1,955	2,891	2,768	2,402
August	2,122	1,954	1,930	2,410	2,332	2,349
September	1,934	2,015	1,858	2,194	2,334	2,249
October	1,584	1,364	1,761	2,030	1,746	2,138
November	1,863	1,711	1,672	2,117	2,042	2,053
December	1,411	1,630	1,608	2,099	2,266	1,994
1996—						
January	1,403	1,637	1,530	1,616	1,868	1,933

(a) See paragraphs 8 to 11 of Explanatory notes.

NEW DWELLING COMMENCEMENTS, VICTORIA
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE

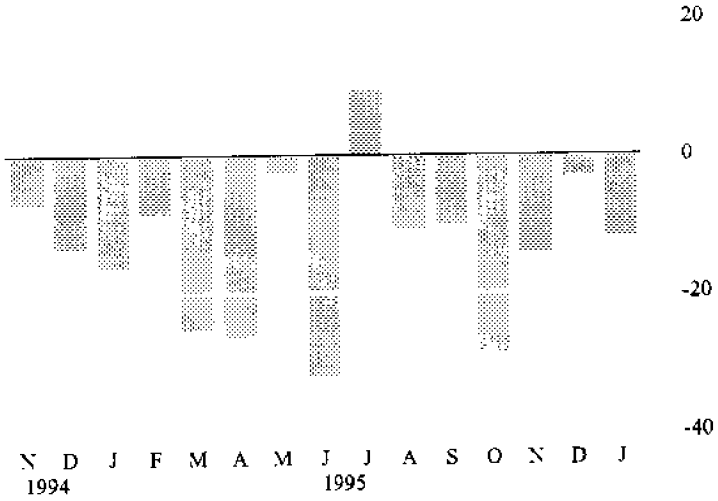

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a) BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (a)

Statistical Local Area	Houses				Other residential buildings (b)				Total residential buildings			
		July - Jan.	January			July - Jan.	January			July - Jan.	January	
	1994-95	1995-96	1995	1996	1994-95	1995-96	1995	1996	1994-95	1995-96	1995	1996
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Banyule (C)												
Heidelberg	n.a.	148	n.a.	24	n.a.	115	n.a.	—	n.a.	263	n.a.	24
North	n.a.	98	n.a.	14	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	104	n.a.	14
Total	*n.a.*	*246*	*n.a.*	*38*	*n.a.*	*121*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*367*	*n.a.*	*38*
Bayside (C)												
Brighton	164	93	16	5	39	9	—	—	203	102	16	5
South	n.a.	111	n.a.	9	n.a.	86	n.a.	-	n.a.	197	n.a.	9
Total	*n.a.*	*204*	*n.a.*	*14*	*n.a.*	*95*	*n.a.*	-	*n.a.*	*299*	*n.a.*	*14*
Boroondara (C)												
Camberwell North	n.a.	134	n.a.	8	n.a.	21	n.a.	2	n.a.	155	n.a.	10
Camberwell South	n.a.	90	n.a.	11	n.a.	13	n.a.	—	n.a.	103	n.a.	11
Hawthorn	58	16	—	1	53	8	3	2	111	24	3	3
Kew	184	61	23	3	21	22	2	—	205	83	25	3
Total	*658*	*301*	*37*	*23*	*120*	*64*	*5*	*4*	*778*	*365*	*42*	*27*
Brimbank (C)												
Keilor	n.a.	542	n.a.	30	n.a.	2	n.a.		n.a.	544	n.a.	30
Sunshine	n.a.	140	n.a.	8	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	n.a.	145	n.a.	8
Total	*n.a.*	*682*	*n.a.*	*38*	*n.a.*	*7*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*689*	*n.a.*	*38*
Cardinia (S)												
Pakenham	n.a.	109	n.a.	8	n.a.	—	n.a.	-	n.a.	109	n.a.	8
South	n.a.	10	n.a.	2	n.a.	-	n.a.	—	n.a.	10	n.a.	2
Total	*n.a.*	*119*	*n.a.*	*10*	*n.a.*		*n.a.*		*n.a.*	*119*	*n.a.*	*10*
Casey (C)												
Berwick	n.a.	770	n.a.	56	n.a.	6	n.a.	6	n.a.	776	n.a.	62
South	n.a.	343	n.a.	28	n.a.	27	n.a.		n.a.	370	n.a.	28
Total	*n.a.*	*1,113*	*n.a.*	*84*	*n.a.*	*33*	*n.a.*	*6*	*n.a.*	*1,146*	*n.a.*	*90*
Darebin (C)												
Northcote	n.a.	50	n.a.	1	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	50	n.a.	1
Preston	n.a.	107	n.a.	14	n.a.	66	n.a.	2	n.a.	173	n.a.	16
Total	*n.a.*	*157*	*n.a.*	*15*	*n.a.*	*66*	*n.a.*	*2*	*n.a.*	*223*	*n.a.*	*17*
Frankston (C)												
East	n.a.	186	n.a.	24	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	186	n.a.	24
West	n.a.	133	n.a.	26	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	133	n.a.	26
Total	*n.a.*	*319*	*n.a.*	*50*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*319*	*n.a.*	*50*
Glen Eira (C)												
Caulfield	217	237	11	15	169	21	2	. .	386	258	13	15
South	n.a.	143	n.a.	15	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	145	n.a.	15
Total	*n.a.*	*380*	*n.a.*	*30*	*n.a.*	*23*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*403*	*n.a.*	*30*
Greater Dandenong (C)												
Dandenong	103	55	4	4	—	—			103	55	4	4
Balance	n.a.	91	n.a.	15	n.a.	28	n.a.	—	n.a.	119	n.a.	15
Total	*n.a.*	*146*	*n.a.*	*19*	*n.a.*	*28*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*174*	*n.a.*	*19*
Hobsons Bay (C)												
Altona	n.a.	221	n.a.	27	n.a.	8	n.a.	4	n.a.	229	n.a.	31
Williamstown	n.a.	119	n.a.	7	n.a.	51	n.a.	—	n.a.	170	n.a.	7
Total	*n.a.*	*340*	*n.a.*	*34*	*n.a.*	*59*	*n.a.*	*4*	*n.a.*	*399*	*n.a.*	*38*

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TABLE 3. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a) BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (a)—*continued*

	Houses				*Other residential buildings (b)*				*Total residential buildings*			
		July - Jan.	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*	
Statistical Local Area	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION —*continued*												
Hume (C)												
Broadmeadows	n.a.	77	n.a.	3	n.a.	20	n.a.	.	n.a.	97	n.a.	3
Craigieburn	n.a.	291	n.a.	24	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	291	n.a.	24
Sunbury	n.a.	120	n.a.	8	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	120	n.a.	8
Total	*n.a.*	*488*	*n.a.*	*35*	*n.a.*	*20*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*508*	*n.a.*	*35*
Kingston (C)												
North	n.a.	173	n.a.	12	n.a.	15	n.a.	—	n.a.	188	n.a.	12
South	n.a.	207	n.a.	22	n.a.	61	n.a.	—	n.a.	268	n.a.	22
Total	*n.a.*	*380*	*n.a.*	*34*	*n.a.*	*76*	*n.a.*	.	*n.a.*	*456*	*n.a.*	*34*
Knox (C)	n.a.	331	n.a.	21	n.a.	8	n.a.	4	n.a.	339	n.a.	25
Manningham (C)	n.a.	248	n.a.	25	n.a.	43	n.a.	—	n.a.	291	n.a.	25
Maribyrnong (C)	n.a.	96	n.a.	1	n.a.	126	n.a.	24	n.a.	222	n.a.	25
Maroondah (C)												
Croydon	n.a.	168	n.a.	18	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	171	n.a.	18
Ringwood	n.a.	84	n.a.	12	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	n.a.	89	n.a.	12
Total	*n.a.*	*252*	*n.a.*	*30*	*n.a.*	*8*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*260*	*n.a.*	*30*
Melbourne (C)												
Inner	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	11	n.a.	—	n.a.	11	n.a.	
Remainder	n.a.	18	n.a.	8	n.a.	277	n.a.	—	n.a.	295	n.a.	8
Total	*16*	*18*	—	*8*	*881*	*288*	*41*		*897*	*306*	*41*	*8*
Melton (S)												
East	n.a.	88	n.a.	12	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	88	n.a.	12
Balance	n.a.	139	n.a.	14	n.a.		n.a.		n.a.	139	n.a.	14
Total	*n.a.*	*227*	*n.a.*	*26*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	*227*	*n.a.*	*26*
Monash (C)												
South-West	n.a.	152	n.a.	25	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	156	n.a.	25
Waverley East	n.a.	93	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	93	n.a.	6
Waverley West	n.a.	230	n.a.	40	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	230	n.a.	40
Total	*n.a.*	*475*	*n.a.*	*71*	*n.a.*	*4*	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	*479*	*n.a.*	*71*
Moonee Valley (C)												
Essendon	131	111	3	7	170	34	40	9	301	145	43	16
West	n.a.	126	n.a	21	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	129	n.a.	21
Total	*n.a.*	*237*	*n.a.*	*28*	*n.a.*	*37*	*n.a.*	*9*	*n.a.*	*274*	*n.a.*	*37*
Moreland (C)												
Brunswick	23	21	2	1	91	14		—	114	35	2	1
Coburg	n.a.	32	n.a.	3	n.a.	11	n.a.	7	n.a.	43	n.a.	10
North	n.a.	90	n.a.	1	n.a.	8	n.a.		n.a.	98	n.a.	1
Total	*n.a.*	*143*	*n.a.*	*5*	*n.a.*	*33*	*n.a.*	*7*	*n.a.*	*176*	*n.a.*	*12*
Mornington Peninsula (S)												
East	n.a.	122	n.a.	13	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	122	n.a.	13
South	454	247	15	25		—	-		454	247	15	25
West	n.a.	171	n.a.	14	n.a.	—	n.a.	-	n.a.	171	n.a.	14
Total	*n.a.*	*540*	*n.a.*	*52*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*540*	*n.a.*	*52*

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TABLE 3. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a) BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (a) *continued*

	Houses				*Other residential buildings (b)*				*Total residential buildings*			
		July - Jan.	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*	
Statistical Local Area	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION *continued*												
Nillumbik (S)												
South-West	n.a.	22	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	22	n.a.	2
Balance	n.a.	64	n.a.	7	n.a.	·	n.a.	—	n.a.	64	n.a.	7
Total	*n.a.*	*86*	*n.a.*	*9*	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*86*	*n.a.*	*9*
Port Phillip (C)												
St Kilda	n.a.	33	n.a.	1	n.a.	63	n.a.	34	n.a.	96	n.a.	35
West	25	67	1	8	129	131	—		154	198	1	8
Total	*n.a.*	*100*	*n.a.*	*9*	*n.a.*	*194*	*n.a.*	*34*	*n.a.*	*294*	*n.a.*	*43*
Stonnington (C)												
Prahran	n.a.	51	n.a.	1	n.a.	245	n.a.	·	n.a.	296	n.a.	1
Malvern	143	53	3	2	102	87	30	14	245	140	33	16
Total	*n.a.*	*104*	*n.a.*	*3*	*n.a.*	*332*	*n.a.*	*14*	*n.a.*	*436*	*n.a.*	*17*
Whitehorse (C)												
Box Hill	205	138	21	5	60	21	—	—	265	159	21	5
Nunawading East	n.a.	63	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	63	n.a.	3
Nunawading West	n.a.	173	n.a.	11	n.a.	12	n.a.		n.a.	185	n.a.	11
Total	*522*	*374*	*51*	*19*	*65*	*33*	*5*	—	*587*	*407*	*56*	*19*
Whittlesea (C)	n.a.	518	n.a.	37	n.a.	48	n.a.	35	n.a.	566	n.a.	72
Wyndham (C)	n.a.	407	n.a.	32	n.a.	2	n.a.		n.a.	409	n.a.	32
Yarra (C)												
North	n.a.	30	n.a.	4	n.a.	180	n.a.	7	n.a.	210	n.a.	11
Richmond	29	16	3	3	40	68	15	22	69	84	18	25
Total	*n.a.*	*46*	*n.a.*	*7*	*n.a.*	*248*	*n.a.*	*29*	*n.a.*	*294*	*n.a.*	*36*
Yarra Ranges (S) (c)												
Central	n.a.	15	n.a.	2	n.a.	·	n.a.		n.a.	15	n.a.	2
North	n.a.	21	n.a.	3	n.a.		n.a.		n.a.	21	n.a.	3
South-West	n.a.	270	n.a.	13	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	274	n.a.	13
Total	*n.a.*	*306*	*n.a.*	*18*	*n.a.*	*4*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*310*	*n.a.*	*18*
Total Division	**n.a.**	**9,383**	**n.a.**	**825**	**n.a.**	**2,000**	**n.a.**	**172**	**n.a.**	**11,383**	**n.a.**	**997**

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TABLE 3. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a) BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (a)—*continued*

	Houses				*Other residential buildings (b)*				*Total residential buildings*			
		July - Jan.	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*	
Statistical Local Area	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*
BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Colac-Otway (S)												
Colac	20	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	20	1	2	
North	n.a.	8	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	8	n.a.	—
South	n.a.	13	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	13	n.a.	1
Total	*n.a.*	*22*	*n.a.*	*1*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*22*	*n.a.*	*1*
Golden Plains (S)												
North-West	34	29	1	3	—		—	—	34	29	1	3
South-East	n.a.	17	n.a.	1	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	17	n.a.	1
Total	*n.a.*	*46*	*n.a.*	*4*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*46*	*n.a.*	*4*
Greater Geelong (C)												
Part A												
Bellarine — Inner	163	117	9	64		—	—		163	117	9	64
Corio — Inner	246	113	8	39	—	—	—	—	246	113	8	39
Geelong	44	19	2	6	17	5	7	—	61	24	9	6
Geelong West	18	11	1	4	6	—	—		24	11	1	4
Newtown	21	9	—	1	8	—	—		29	9	—	1
South Barwon — Inner	259	147	7	31	7	—		—	266	147	7	31
Part B	211	161	13	80	6	—		—	217	161	13	80
Part C	n.a.	1	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	—
Total	*n.a.*	*578*	*n.a.*	*225*	*n.a.*	*5*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*583*	*n.a.*	*225*
Queenscliffe (B)	23	24		1	—	7		—	23	31	—	1
Surf Coast (S)												
East	194	137	4	19	—	4		—	194	141	4	19
West	n.a.	33	n.a.	4	n.a.	4	n.a.	4	n.a.	37	n.a.	8
Total	*n.a.*	*170*	*n.a.*	*23*	*n.a.*	*8*	*n.a.*	*4*	*n.a.*	*178*	*n.a.*	*27*
Total Division	**n.a.**	**840**	**n.a.**	**254**	**n.a.**	**20**	**n.a.**	**4**	**n.a.**	**860**	**n.a.**	**258**

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TABLE 3. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a) BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (a) – *continued*

	Houses				*Other residential buildings (b)*				*Total residential buildings*			
		July - Jan.	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*	
Statistical Local Area	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*
WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Corangamite (S)												
North	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	6	n.a.	
South	n.a.	9	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	9	n.a.	—
Total	*n.a.*	*15*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*15*	*n.a.*	—
Glenelg (S)												
Heywood	n.a.	17	n.a.	4	n.a.		n.a.		n.a.	17	n.a.	4
North	n.a.	2	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	2	n.a.	2
Portland	32	13	2	3	—	—	—		32	13	2	3
Total	*n.a.*	*32*	*n.a.*	*9*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*32*	*n.a.*	*9*
Moyne (S)												
North-East	n.a.	2	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	2	n.a.	—
South-West	n.a.	16	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	16	n.a.	3
Balance	n.a.	12	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	12	n.a.	1
Total	*n.a.*	*30*	*n.a.*	*4*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*30*	*n.a.*	*4*
Southern Grampians (S)												
Hamilton	21	12	1	1		—	—	—	21	12	1	1
Wannon	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	
Balance	n.a.	5	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	5	n.a.	1
Total	*n.a.*	*17*	*n.a.*	*2*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	*17*	*n.a.*	*2*
Warrnambool (C)	n.a.	105	n.a.	9	n.a.	58	n.a.		n.a.	163	n.a.	9
Lady Julia Percy Island	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	
Total Division	**n.a.**	**199**	**n.a.**	**24**	**n.a.**	**58**	**n.a.**	—	**n.a.**	**257**	**n.a.**	**24**
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Ararat (RC)	n.a.	7	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	7	n.a.	—
Ballarat (C)												
Central	153	85	5	4	10	1	—	—	163	86	5	4
Inner North	104	68	6	6	—	—			104	68	6	6
North	2	3	—	—		—	—	—	2	3	—	—
South	165	76	9	5	4		—		169	76	9	5
Total	*424*	*232*	*20*	*15*	*14*	*1*		—	*438*	*233*	*20*	*15*
Hepburn (S)												
East	n.a.	44	n.a.	2	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	46	n.a.	2
West	n.a.	7	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	7	n.a.	1
Total	*n.a.*	*51*	*n.a.*	*3*	*n.a.*	*2*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*53*	*n.a.*	*3*
Moorabool (S)												
Bacchus Marsh	n.a.	53	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	53	n.a.	5
Ballan	46	12	3	1	8	—		—	54	12	3	1
West	20	16	—	4			—	—	20	16	—	4
Total	*n.a.*	*81*	*n.a.*	*10*	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*81*	*n.a.*	*10*
Pyrenees (S)	n.a.	17	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	17	n.a.	4
Total Division	**n.a.**	**388**	**n.a.**	**32**	**n.a.**	**3**	**n.a.**	—	**n.a.**	**391**	**n.a.**	**32**

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TABLE 3. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a) BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (a)—*continued*

	Houses				*Other residential buildings (b)*				*Total residential buildings*			
		July - Jan.	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*	
Statistical Local Area	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Hindmarsh (S)	n.a.	17	n.a.	10	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	17	n.a.	10
Horsham (RC)												
Central	81	34	10	5	4		—	—	85	34	10	5
Balance	n.a.	7	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	7	n.a.	—
Total	*n.a.*	*41*	*n.a*	*5*	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*41*	*n.a.*	*5*
Northern Grampians (S)												
St Arnaud	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	6	n.a.	
Stawell	n.a.	23	n.a.	5	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	23	n.a.	5
Total	*n.a.*	*29*	*n.a.*	*5*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*29*	*n.a.*	*5*
West Wimmera (S)	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	4	n.a.	—
Yarriambiack (S)												
North	3	1	—	—	3	—	—		6	1		—
South	n.a.	1	n.a.	.	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	
Total	*n.a.*	*2*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*2*	*n.a.*	—
Total Division	**n.a.**	**93**	**n.a.**	**20**	**n.a.**	**—**	**n.a.**	—	**n.a.**	**93**	**n.a.**	**20**
MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Buloke (S)												
North	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	.
South	n.a.	.	n.a.	—	n.a.	.	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—
Total	*n.a.*	*1*	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	—	*n.a*		*n.a.*	*1*	*n.a.*	
Gannawarra (S)	n.a.	13	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	.	n.a.	13	n.a.	2
Mildura (RC)												
Part A	n.a.	96	n.a.	11	n.a.	4	n.a.	4	n.a.	100	n.a.	15
Part B	n.a.	9	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	9	n.a.	1
Total	*271*	*105*	*11*	*12*	*2*	*4*		*4*	*273*	*109*	*11*	*16*
Swan Hill (RC)												
Central	67	19	3	3	2	.	—	—	69	19	3	3
Balance	n.a.	20	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	20	n.a.	2
Total	*n.a.*	*39*	*n.a.*	*5*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	.	*n.a.*	*39*	*n.a.*	*5*
Total Division	**n.a.**	**158**	**n.a.**	**19**	**n.a.**	**4**	**n.a.**	**4**	**n.a.**	**162**	**n.a.**	**23**

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TABLE 3. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a) BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (a)—*continued*

	Houses				*Other residential buildings (b)*				*Total residential buildings*			
		July - Jan.	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*	
Statistical Local Area	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*
LODDON STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Central Goldfields (S)												
Maryborough	16	11	1	.	—	—	—	—	16	11	1	
Balance	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	8	n.a.	—
Total	*n.a.*	*17*	*n.a.*	.	*n.a.*	*2*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*19*	*n.a.*	.
Greater Bendigo (C)												
Part A												
Eaglehawk	51	34	2	3	23	—			74	34	2	3
Central	95	79	3	10	5	6	..		100	85	3	10
Huntly - Inner	24	25	.			—	—		24	25	—	
Marong — Inner	118	62	2	8	. .	22	—		118	84	2	8
Strathfieldsaye - . Inner	107	71	6	6	11		—	—	118	71	6	6
Part B	n.a.	50	n.a.	4	n.a.		n.a.	..	n.a.	50	n.a.	4
Total	*n.a.*	*321*	*n.a.*	*31*	*n.a.*	*28*	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	*349*	*n.a.*	*31*
Loddon (S)												
North	n.a.	3	n.a.		n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	3	n.a.	
South	n.a.	40	n.a.	3	n.a.		n.a.		n.a.	40	n.a.	3
Total	*n.a.*	*43*	*n.a.*	*3*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	.	*n.a.*	*43*	*n.a.*	*3*
Macedon Ranges (S)												
Kyneton	n.a.	29	n.a.	7	n.a.	.	n.a.	—	n.a.	29	n.a.	7
Romsey	63	40	1	7	..	.	—	..	63	40	1	7
Balance	n.a.	109	n.a.	13	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	109	n.a.	13
Total	*n.a*	*178*	*n.a.*	*27*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	*178*	*n.a.*	*27*
Mount Alexander (S)												
Castlemaine	28	3	1	1	2	—		—	30	3	1	1
Balance	n.a.	17	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	17	n.a.	2
Total	*n.a.*	*20*	*n.a.*	*3*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	*20*	*n.a.*	*3*
Total Division	**n.a.**	**579**	**n.a.**	**64**	**n.a.**	**30**	**n.a.**	**—**	**n.a.**	**609**	**n.a.**	**64**

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TABLE 3. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a) BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (a) *continued*

	Houses				*Other residential buildings (b)*				*Total residential buildings*			
		July - Jan.	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*	
Statistical Local Area	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*
GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Campaspe (S)												
Echuca	116	30	9	1		—	—	—	116	30	9	1
Kyabram	n.a.	18	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	18	n.a.	2
Rochester	n.a.	27	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	27	n.a.	5
South	n.a.	2	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	2	n.a.	1
Total	*n.a.*	*77*	*n.a.*	*9*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	*77*	*n.a.*	*9*
Delatite (S)												
Benalla	50	14	6	1	7	24		—	57	38	6	1
North	n.a.	16	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	16	n.a.	2
South	81	37	3	7		—	—		81	37	3	7
Total	*n.a.*	*67*	*n.a.*	*10*	*n.a.*	*24*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a*	*91*	*n.a.*	*10*
Greater Shepparton (C)												
Part A	n.a.	126	n.a.	13	n.a.	12	n.a.	8	n.a.	138	n.a.	21
Part B												
East	n.a.	11	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	11	n.a.	—
West	n.a.	14	n.a.	2	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	14	n.a.	2
Total	*n.a.*	*151*	*n.a.*	*15*	*n.a.*	*12*	*n.a.*	*8*	*n.a.*	*163*	*n.a.*	*23*
Mitchell (S)												
North	n.a.	21	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	21	n.a.	4
South	n.a.	71	n.a.	16	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	71	n.a.	16
Total	*n.a.*	*92*	*n.a.*	*20*	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*92*	*n.a.*	*20*
Moira (S)	n.a.	76	n.a.	6	n.a.	23	n.a.	—	n.a.	99	n.a.	6
Murrindindi (S)												
East	34	12	1	2	—	—			34	12	1	2
West	n.a.	9	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	9	n.a.	1
Total	*n.a.*	*21*	*n.a.*	*3*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*21*	*n.a.*	*3*
Strathbogie (S)	n.a.	12	n.a.	5	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	12	n.a.	5
Total Division	**n.a.**	**496**	**n.a.**	**68**	**n.a.**	**59**	**n.a.**	**8**	**n.a.**	**555**	**n.a.**	**76**

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TABLE 3. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a) BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (a)—*continued*

	Houses				*Other residential buildings (b)*				*Total residential buildings*			
		July - Jan.	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*	
Statistical Local Area	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*
OVENS-MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Alpine (S)												
East	n.a.	35	n.a.	9	n.a.	.	n.a.		n.a.	35	n.a.	9
West	n.a.	15	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	15	n.a.	1
Total	*n.a.*	*50*	*n.a.*	*10*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*50*	*n.a.*	*10*
Indigo (S)												
Part A	n.a.	26	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	26	n.a.	4
Part B	26	13	5	1	—	—	—		26	13	5	1
Total	*n.a.*	*39*	*n.a.*	*5*	*n.a.*	.	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	*39*	*n.a.*	*5*
Milawa (S)												
North	n.a.	20	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	20	n.a.	2
South	n.a.	8	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.		n.a.	8	n.a.	—
Wangaratta	51	61	9	4	6	1			57	62	9	4
Total	*n.a.*	*89*	*n.a.*	*6*	*n.a.*	*1*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*90*	*n.a.*	*6*
Towong (S)												
Part A	n.a.	4	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	4	n.a.	2
Part B	n.a.	10	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	10	n.a.	2
Total	*31*	*14*	*1*	*4*	.	.	—	.	*31*	*14*	*1*	*4*
Wodonga (RC)	n.a.	148	n.a.	16	n.a.	4	n.a.		n.a.	152	n.a.	16
Total Division	**n.a.**	**340**	**n.a.**	**41**	**n.a.**	**5**	**n.a.**	—	**n.a.**	**345**	**n.a.**	**41**
EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION												
East Gippsland (S)												
Bairnsdale	n.a.	105	n.a.	21	n.a.	2	n.a.		n.a.	107	n.a.	21
Orbost	41	16	1	1	3	—			44	16	1	1
South-West	n.a.	8	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	8	n.a.	2
Balance	n.a.	15	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	15	n.a.	5
Total	*n.a.*	*144*	*n.a.*	*29*	*n.a.*	*2*	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	*146*	*n.a.*	*29*
Wellington (S)												
Alberton	30	11	—	—	—				30	11	—	—
Avon	n.a.	10	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.		n.a.	10	n.a.	4
Maffra	42	17	1	1	13	—	—	—	55	17	1	1
Rosedale	n.a.	32	n.a.	.	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	32	n.a.	
Sale	39	38	1	3	—	—			39	38	1	3
Total	*n.a.*	*108*	*n.a.*	*8*	*n.a.*	.	*n.a.*	.	*n.a.*	*108*	*n.a.*	*8*
Total Division	**n.a.**	**252**	**n.a.**	**37**	**n.a.**	**2**	**n.a.**	—	**n.a.**	**254**	**n.a.**	**37**

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TABLE 3. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a) BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (a) *continued*

	Houses				*Other residential buildings (b)*				*Total residential buildings*			
		July - Jan.	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*			*July - Jan.*	*January*	
Statistical Local Area	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1995*	*1996*
GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Bass Coast (S)												
Phillip Island	119	85	6	10		—	—	—	119	85	6	10
Balance	n.a.	82	n.a.	7	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	82	n.a.	7
Total	*n.a.*	*167*	*n.a.*	*17*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*167*	*n.a.*	*17*
Baw Baw (S)												
Part A	n.a.	12	n.a.	1	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	12	n.a.	1
Part B												
East	n.a.	4	n.a.	.	n.a.	-	n.a.		n.a.	4	n.a.	
West	n.a.	60	n.a.	10	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	60	n.a.	10
Total	*n.a.*	*76*	*n.a.*	*11*	*n.a.*	..	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*76*	*n.a.*	*11*
La Trobe (S)												
Moe	n.a.	29	n.a.	3	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	33	n.a.	3
Morwell	n.a.	16	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	16	n.a.	1
Traralgon	n.a.	60	n.a.	4	n.a.	-	n.a.	—	n.a.	60	n.a.	4
Balance	n.a.	10	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	10	n.a.	1
Total	*n.a.*	*115*	*n.a.*	*9*	*n.a.*	*4*	*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*119*	*n.a.*	*9*
South Gippsland (S)												
Central	n.a.	64	n.a.	2	n.a.		n.a.	—	n.a.	64	n.a.	2
East	34	10	5	2		—	—		34	10	5	2
West	n.a.	10	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	10	n.a.	2
Total	*n.a.*	*84*	*n.a.*	*6*	*n.a.*		*n.a.*	—	*n.a.*	*84*	*n.a.*	*6*
Yarra Ranges (S) — Part B (c)	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	—
Bass Strait Islands	—		—		—			—			—	.
French Island	1		—		—		—	—	1	—	—	.
Yallourn Works Area	.	—	-	—		-		—	—		.	—
Total Division	**n.a.**	**443**	**n.a.**	**43**	**n.a.**	**4**	**n.a.**	**—**	**n.a.**	**447**	**n.a.**	**43**
TOTAL VICTORIA												
	24,547	**13,172**	**1,596**	**1,428**	**3,171**	**2,185**	**241**	**188**	**27,718**	**15,357**	**1,837**	**1,616**

(a) For details of changes to Statistical Local Areas and Statistical Divisions, please refer to paragraphs 12 to 14 of the explanatory notes. (b) Number of dwelling units. (c) The Shire of Yarra Ranges comprises four Statistical Local Areas (SLA). Commencements for three SLAs are included in the Melbourne Satistical Division and the other SLA is included in the Gippsland Statistical Division

TABLE 4. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS, OWNERSHIP, AND STATISTICAL DIVISION, JANUARY 1996

Statistical division (a)	*Double brick, stone and concrete*	*Brick veneer*	*Fibre cement*	*Timber*	*Other and not stated*	*Total*
			PRIVATE SECTOR			
Melbourne	5	509	1	37	253	805
Barwon	6	202	2	9	35	254
Western District	—	20	2	2		24
Central Highlands	—	3	—	4	25	32
Wimmera	—	6	—	10	4	20
Mallee	—	5	—	1	13	19
Loddon	1	31	1	3	27	63
Goulburn		26	2	5	35	68
Ovens-Murray	—	31	—	4	6	41
East Gippsland	1	15	1	3	15	35
Gippsland	—	15	4	6	16	41
Total Victoria	**13**	**864**	**13**	**84**	**429**	**1,403**
			PUBLIC SECTOR			
Melbourne		6	—	—	14	20
Barwon	—		—	—	—	—
Western District	—		—	—	—	—
Central Highlands	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wimmera	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mallee	—	—	—	—	—	—
Loddon	—	—	1	—	—	1
Goulburn	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ovens-Murray	—	—	—	—	—	—
East Gippsland	—	1	—	1	—	2
Gippsland		2	—	—	—	2
Total Victoria	—	**9**	**1**	**1**	**14**	**25**
			TOTAL			
Melbourne	5	515	1	37	267	825
Barwon	6	202	2	9	35	254
Western District	—	20	2	2	—	24
Central Highlands	—	3	—	4	25	32
Wimmera	—	6	—	10	4	20
Mallee	—	5	—	1	13	19
Loddon	1	31	2	3	27	64
Goulburn	—	26	2	5	35	68
Ovens-Murray	—	31	—	4	6	41
East Gippsland	1	16	1	4	15	37
Gippsland	—	17	4	6	16	43
Total Victoria	**13**	**873**	**14**	**85**	**443**	**1,428**

(a) For details of changes to Statistical Divisions, please refer to paragraphs 12 to 14 of the explanatory notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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

Scope and coverage

2. The statistics were compiled from monthly reports, provided by local and other government authorities, together with licensed private building surveyors, of commencements of new houses and new other residential buildings for which:

(a) building permits were issued by licensed municipal building surveyors employed in local government authorities; and

(b) contracts were let or day labour work was authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities.

(c) building permits were issued by licensed municipal building surveyors.

The last category reflects implementation of the 1993 Building Act by the Victorian Government from 1 July 1994.

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

Definitions

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

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

(a) A *house* is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Thus, detached 'granny flats' and detached dwelling units (such as caretakers' residences) associated with non-residential buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics.

(b) An *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit (*e.g.* includes townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings etc.).

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

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

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

7. *Ownership of a building* is classified as either Public Sector or Private Sector according to the sector of the intended owner of the completed building as evident at the time of approval. Residential buildings being constructed by private sector builders under government housing authority schemes whereby the authority has contracted, or intends to contract, to purchase the buildings on or before completion, are classified as public sector.

Seasonal Adjustment

8. Original and seasonal adjusted building statistics are shown in Table 2. In the seasonally adjusted series, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month) and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months.

9. Since seasonally adjusted statistics reflect both irregular and trend movements, an upward or downward movement in a seasonal adjusted series does not necessarily indicate a change of trend. Particular care should therefore be taken in interpreting individual month to month movements.

Trend Estimates

10. Trend estimate dwelling unit commencement statistics are shown in Table 2. The trend estimates have been obtained by applying a 13–term Henderson–weighted moving average to the series.

11. While this technique enables trend estimate data to be produced for the latest few months, it does result in revisions to the trend estimates as new data become available. Revisions to the original data and re-analysis of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.

Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)

12. Area statistics are now being classified to the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification, Edition 2.5* (1216.0) and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics.

13. Edition 2.5 of the ASGC includes major changes to Victorian Statistical Local Areas (SLAs). Some changes to Statistical Division (SD) and Statistical Sub-division (SSD) boundaries have also been necessary. These changes are the last required to incorporate the recent local Government boundary re-structures. Complete details of the changes are available in the ABS Information Paper *Victorian Local Government Amalgamations 1994-95: Changes to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification* (1257.0).

14. Table 3 shows commencements statistics according to the new SLA structure and includes data for periods prior to July 1995 relating to those geographic areas for which no boundary changes have been made. Table 1 includes data for the Melbourne Statistical Division for periods prior to July 1995 because only minor boundary changes have been made. (Historical data for SDs subject to significant boundary changes can, in some instances, be provided as a special data service. Charges apply for these services.)

Comparability of statistics

15. Because of the difference in data sources, collection methodologies and timing of notification of commencements, care should be exercised in comparing quarterly data derived from monthly dwelling unit commencement statistics with the quarterly dwelling unit commencement statistics from the Building Activity Survey.

Unpublished data

16. The ABS can also make available certain dwelling unit commencement data which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided in the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, computer printout and clerically extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

Related publications

17. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0) – issued monthly
Building Approvals, Victoria (8731.2) – issued monthly
Building Activity, Australia: Dwelling Unit Commencements, Preliminary (8750.0) – issued quarterly
Building Activity, Victoria (8752.2) – issued quarterly

18. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

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