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**DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY  
APPROVING AUTHORITIES, VICTORIA,  
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**PLEASE NOTE** - Two major changes have taken place in the collection and presentation of Building Commencement statistics, commencing with the reference month of July 1994:

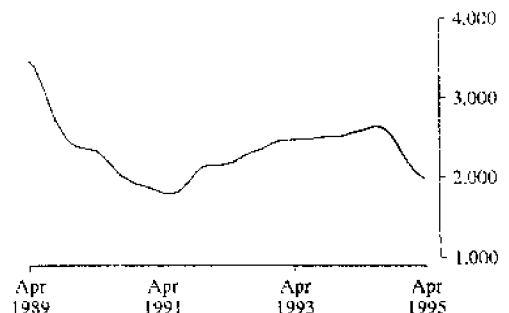
(1) Inclusion in dwelling unit commencement (first inspection) statistics, details relating to approvals issued by Registered Private Surveyors following implementation by the Victorian Government of the Building Act 1993, on 1 July 1994 - refer to paragraph 2 of the explanatory notes.

(2) Presentation in Table 3 in this publication, of Statistical Local Area information, which reflects boundary changes implemented by the State Government as part of its on-going review of local government boundaries. Refer to paragraphs 15 and 16 in the Explanatory Notes, and the lists of boundary changes enclosed with the July 1994, October 1994, and February 1995 issues of this publication. Copies of these lists are available upon request.

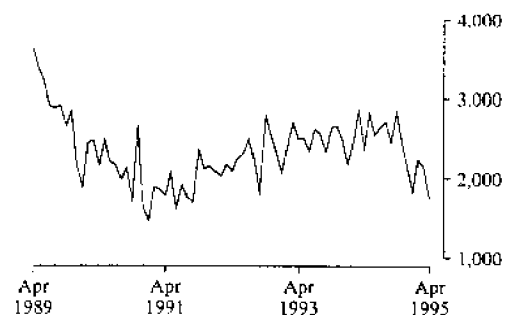
**MAIN FEATURES**

- Trend estimates of the number of dwelling units commenced in April 1995 (1,976) showed a 3 per cent decrease from the level recorded for March 1995 (2,031), and a 23 per cent decrease from the figure for April 1994 (2,579). The trend estimate has decreased slightly each month for the last nine months.
- In original terms the number of dwelling units commenced in April 1995 (1,754) was 18 per cent lower than in March 1995 (2,141), and 26 per cent lower than the level recorded for April 1994 (2,374).
- In original terms, there were 1,524 new private sector houses commenced during April 1995. This is the lowest number since December 1991, when 1,506 were recorded.

NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED  
TREND ESTIMATES



NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED  
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**INQUIRIES**

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

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings (a)	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings (a)	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings (a)	Total
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION (b)									
1991-92	14,063	1,446	15,509	411	541	952	14,474	1,987	16,461
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—									
February	1,408	152	1,560	42	49	91	1,450	201	1,651
March	1,744	180	1,924	42	20	62	1,786	200	1,986
April	1,299	260	1,559	35	34	69	1,334	294	1,628
May	1,538	346	1,884	38	36	74	1,576	382	1,958
June	1,494	158	1,652	36	16	52	1,530	174	1,704
July	1,575	182	1,757	20	86	106	1,595	268	1,863
August	1,685	147	1,832	16	3	19	1,701	150	1,851
September	1,597	95	1,692	12	4	16	1,609	99	1,708
October	1,723	305	2,028	3	—	3	1,726	305	2,031
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
VICTORIA									
1991-92	21,655	1,944	23,599	613	751	1,364	22,268	2,695	24,963
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—									
February	2,084	166	2,250	48	148	196	2,132	314	2,446
March	2,576	199	2,775	58	25	83	2,634	224	2,858
April	2,001	270	2,271	62	41	103	2,063	311	2,374
May	2,375	362	2,737	49	36	85	2,424	398	2,822
June	2,286	167	2,453	45	44	89	2,331	211	2,542
July	2,318	200	2,518	29	92	121	2,347	292	2,639
August	2,480	169	2,649	26	28	54	2,506	197	2,703
September	2,305	105	2,410	19	13	32	2,324	118	2,442
October	2,481	307	2,788	17	38	55	2,498	345	2,843
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

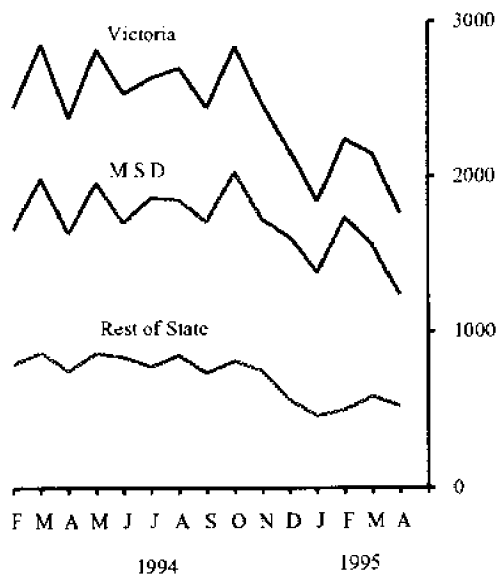
(a) Number of dwelling units. (b) Please refer to page 14 for a summary of changes to Statistical Divisions which were implemented on 1 July 1991.

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

Period	Private sector houses			Total dwellings		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted(a)	Trend estimate(a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted(a)	Trend estimate(a)
1991-92	21,655	21,553	21,540	24,963	24,891	24,938
1992-93	25,248	25,252	25,282	28,762	28,757	28,848
1993-94	25,895	25,916	25,902	30,513	30,540	30,469
1994—						
February	2,084	2,130	2,175	2,446	2,545	2,543
March	2,576	2,441	2,217	2,858	2,630	2,563
April	2,001	2,154	2,251	2,374	2,517	2,579
May	2,375	2,212	2,288	2,822	2,593	2,600
June	2,286	2,353	2,321	2,542	2,658	2,625
July	2,318	2,280	2,344	2,639	2,581	2,649
August	2,480	2,349	2,338	2,703	2,617	2,642
September	2,305	2,467	2,295	2,442	2,681	2,596
October	2,481	2,284	2,215	2,843	2,707	2,513
November	2,187	1,908	2,108	2,467	2,255	2,404
December	1,854	2,071	2,001	2,164	2,287	2,290
1995—						
January	1,531	1,742	1,909	1,837	1,960	2,187
February	1,953	1,993	1,836	2,237	2,326	2,102
March	1,819	1,778	1,775	2,141	2,044	2,031
April	1,524	1,685	1,736	1,754	1,910	1,976

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

NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING COMMENCEMENTS



NEW DWELLING COMMENCEMENTS, VICTORIA, ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE

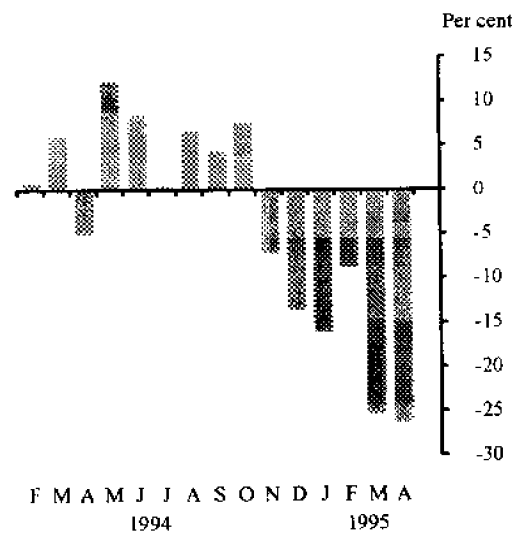


TABLE 3. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING (a)

Statistical Local Area	Houses				Other residential buildings (b)				Total residential buildings			
	July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April	
	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Hanyule (C) —	278	252	18	23	34	21	—	—	312	273	18	23
— Heidelberg (C)												
Hayside (C) —	121	137	14	5	35	39	—	—	156	176	14	5
— Brighton (C)	131	136	10	22	10	57	—	—	141	193	10	22
— Sandringham (C)												
Boroondara (C) —	355	366	34	19	43	36	—	3	398	402	34	22
— Camberwell (C)	36	56	2	7	77	42	2	—	113	98	4	7
— Hawthorn (C)	85	173	13	6	187	21	—	—	272	194	13	6
— Kew (C)												
Brimbank (C) —	968	789	58	43	34	19	—	—	1,002	808	58	43
— Keilor (C)	239	182	20	11	36	24	11	—	275	206	31	11
— Sunshine (C)												
Cardinia (S) —	437	235	28	39	—	—	—	—	437	235	28	39
— Pakenham (S)												
Casey (C) —	1,850	1,312	135	68	35	10	—	—	1,885	1,322	135	68
— Berwick (C)	1,385	942	85	41	36	3	32	—	1,421	945	117	41
— Cranbourne (C)												
Darebin (C) —	52	93	3	3	63	12	21	—	115	105	24	3
— Northcote (C)	259	245	16	22	103	31	22	5	362	276	38	27
— Preston (C)												
Frankston (C) —	264	258	14	7	6	6	—	—	270	264	14	7
— Frankston (C)												
Glen Eira (C) —	203	170	25	10	129	131	11	—	332	301	36	10
— Caulfield (C)												
Greater Dandenong (C) —	73	94	9	5	16	—	4	—	89	94	13	5
— Dandenong (C)	446	276	44	17	31	45	—	—	477	321	44	17
— Springvale (C)												
Hobsons Bay (C) —	238	222	22	18	61	4	12	—	299	226	34	18
— Altona (C)	170	127	14	18	23	11	23	—	193	138	37	18
— Williamstown (C)												
Hume (C) —	280	334	30	48	47	22	—	—	327	356	30	48
— Broadmeadows (C)	1,091	725	66	57	—	21	—	—	1,091	746	66	57
— Bulla (S)												
Kingston (C) —	95	121	7	5	6	13	—	—	101	134	7	5
— Chelsea (C)	321	405	23	19	34	31	—	—	355	436	23	19
— Moorabbin (C)	117	110	14	10	19	—	7	—	136	110	21	10
— Mordialloc (C)												
Knox (C) —	1,193	645	109	23	3	7	—	—	1,196	652	109	23
— Knox (C)												
Manningham (C) —	432	375	34	27	84	54	4	—	516	429	38	27
— Doncaster and Templestowe (C)												
Maribyrnong (C) —	33	86	3	5	59	41	8	—	92	127	11	5
— Footscray (C)												
Maroondah (C) —	292	272	24	27	12	5	—	—	304	277	24	27
— Croydon (C)	221	151	17	1	2	—	—	—	223	151	17	1
— Ringwood (C)												

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	July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April	
	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION—continued												
Melbourne (C)	25	15	1	—	649	314	4	—	674	329	5	—
Melton (C)	427	366	23	17	2	4	—	—	429	370	23	17
— Melton (S)												
Monash (C)	142	199	8	11	37	32	—	7	179	231	8	18
— Oakleigh (C)												
— Waverley (C)	326	230	31	17	132	25	15	2	458	255	46	19
Moonee Valley (C)	97	110	9	3	53	92	—	5	150	202	9	8
— Essendon (C)												
Moreland (C)	36	23	4	1	39	91	5	19	75	114	9	20
— Brunswick (C)												
— Coburg (C)	71	53	13	9	30	33	—	27	101	86	13	36
Mornington Peninsula (S)	554	361	39	35	—	—	—	—	554	361	39	35
— Flinders (S)												
— Hastings (S)	246	203	6	19	—	—	—	—	246	203	6	19
— Mornington (S)	364	390	19	35	9	—	—	—	373	390	19	35
Nilumbik (S)	280	229	12	22	6	35	—	2	286	264	12	24
— Diamond Valley (S)												
— Eltham (S)	231	193	15	13	41	—	—	—	272	193	15	13
Port Phillip (C)	13	7	1	—	21	33	—	23	34	40	1	23
— Port Melbourne (C)												
— St Kilda (C)	18	42	—	3	28	99	—	—	46	141	—	3
— South Melbourne (C)	28	15	2	3	222	93	—	—	250	108	2	3
Stonnington (C)	95	132	21	27	82	96	19	33	177	228	40	60
— Malvern (C)												
— Prahran (C)	42	41	12	2	167	154	82	—	209	195	94	2
Whitehorse (C)	162	195	11	5	35	60	—	3	197	255	11	8
— Box Hill (C)												
— Nunawading (C)	299	227	33	22	82	5	6	—	381	232	39	22
Whittlesea (C)	744	778	80	78	30	11	—	3	774	789	80	81
— Whittlesea (C)												
Wyndham (C)	1,117	797	50	105	2	19	—	—	1,119	816	50	105
— Werribee (C)												
Yarra (C)	20	8	1	3	17	127	—	—	37	135	1	3
— Collingwood (C)												
— Fitzroy (C)	39	17	—	3	178	25	6	—	217	42	6	3
— Richmond (C)	25	29	—	9	77	38	—	—	102	67	—	9
Yarra Ranges (S)	64	58	6	2	—	—	—	—	64	58	6	2
— Healesville (S)												
— Lillydale (S)	436	418	36	34	13	24	—	5	449	442	36	39
— Sherbrooke (S)	51	92	5	6	—	—	—	—	51	92	5	6
— Upper Yarra (S) Pt. A	61	46	5	5	—	—	—	—	61	46	5	5
<b>Total Division</b>	<b>17,678</b>	<b>14,563</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>2,116</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>20,855</b>	<b>16,679</b>	<b>1,628</b>	<b>1,232</b>

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	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995
BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Bannockburn (S) Pt. A and Pt. B	49	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	49	n.a.	2	n.a.
Barrabool (S) Pt. A and Pt. B	204	n.a.	32	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	206	n.a.	32	n.a.
Bellarine (RC) Pt. A and Pt. B	483	n.a.	21	n.a.	8	n.a.	—	n.a.	491	n.a.	21	n.a.
Colac-Otway (S) —												
— Colac (C)	18	16	—	1	—	—	—	—	18	16	—	1
— Colac (S)	42	23	2	3	—	—	—	—	42	23	2	3
— Otway (S)	59	38	3	4	8	—	—	—	67	38	3	4
Corio (S) Pt. A and Pt. B	305	n.a.	26	n.a.	4	n.a.	4	n.a.	309	n.a.	30	n.a.
Geelong (C)	37	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	37	n.a.	1	n.a.
Geelong West (C)	20	n.a.	—	n.a.	4	n.a.	4	n.a.	24	n.a.	4	n.a.
Golden Plains (S) —												
— Central	n.a.	6	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	6	n.a.	2
— East	n.a.	31	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	31	n.a.	2
Greater Geelong (C) —												
— Part A												
Bellarine — Inner	n.a.	141	n.a.	8	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	141	n.a.	8
Corio — Inner	n.a.	221	n.a.	18	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	221	n.a.	18
Geelong	n.a.	17	n.a.	—	n.a.	17	n.a.	—	n.a.	34	n.a.	—
Geelong West	n.a.	17	n.a.	1	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	23	n.a.	1
Newtown	n.a.	19	n.a.	2	n.a.	8	n.a.	—	n.a.	27	n.a.	2
South Barwon — Inner	n.a.	232	n.a.	13	n.a.	7	n.a.	—	n.a.	239	n.a.	13
— Part B	n.a.	171	n.a.	9	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	177	n.a.	9
— Part C	n.a.	9	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	9	n.a.	1
Leigh (S)	18	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	18	n.a.	2	n.a.
Newtown (C)	25	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	25	n.a.	2	n.a.
Queenscliffe (B)	27	20	3	1	—	—	—	—	27	20	3	1
South Barwon (C) Pt. A and Pt. B	420	n.a.	26	n.a.	31	n.a.	—	n.a.	451	n.a.	26	n.a.
Surf Coast (S) —												
— Part A	n.a.	157	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	157	n.a.	6
— Part B	n.a.	51	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	51	n.a.	1
Winchelsea (S)	52	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	52	n.a.	3	n.a.
<b>Total Division</b>	<b>1,759</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>72</b>

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

Statistical Local Area	Houses				Other residential buildings (b)				Total residential buildings			
	July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April	
	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995
WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Corangamite (S) —	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Camperdown (T)	22	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Hampden (S)	30	17	6	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Heytesbury (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Glenelg (S) —	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Glenelg (S)	25	23	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Heywood (S)	46	25	7	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Portland (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Moyne (S) —	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Belfast (S)	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Minhamite (S)	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Mortlake (S)	27	19	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Port Fairy (B)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Warmambool (S)	51	30	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southern Grampians (S) —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Dundas (S)	5	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Hamilton (C)	27	14	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Mount Rouse (S)	3	12	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Wannon (S)	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Warmambool (C) —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Warmambool (C)	236	187	15	16	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lady Julia Percy Island and Tower Hill Lake Reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Division</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>

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Statistical Local Area	Houses				Other residential buildings (b)				Total residential buildings			
	July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April	
	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995
Ararat (RC) —	13	13	1	1	—	—	—	—	13	13	1	1
— Ararat (C)	15	9	2	—	2	—	—	—	17	9	2	—
— Ararat (S)	126	n.a.	5	n.a.	10	n.a.	—	n.a.	136	n.a.	5	n.a.
Ballaarat (C)	49	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	49	n.a.	4	n.a.
Ballan (S)	n.a.	124	n.a.	11	n.a.	10	n.a.	—	n.a.	134	n.a.	11
Ballaarat (C) —	n.a.	84	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	—	—	n.a.	84	n.a.	5
— Central	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	—	n.a.	2	n.a.	—
— Inner North	n.a.	130	n.a.	7	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	134	n.a.	7
— North	142	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	142	n.a.	6	n.a.
— South	65	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	65	n.a.	5	n.a.
Ballaarat (S) Pt A and Pt B	100	n.a.	12	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	102	n.a.	12	n.a.
Bungaree (S) Pt A and Pt B	12	11	—	—	2	—	—	—	14	11	—	—
Buninyong (S) Pt A and Pt B	n.a.	29	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	—	—	n.a.	29	n.a.	2
Central Goldfields (S) —	106	n.a.	7	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	106	n.a.	7	n.a.
— Talbot and Clunes (S)	25	23	2	3	—	—	—	—	25	23	2	3
— Golden Plains (S) —	97	58	8	—	2	4	—	—	99	62	8	—
— West	181	119	12	12	—	—	—	—	181	119	12	12
Grenville (S) Pt A and Pt B	n.a.	41	n.a.	—	n.a.	8	n.a.	—	n.a.	49	n.a.	—
Hepburn (S) —	n.a.	15	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	15	n.a.	—
— Creswick (S)	14	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	12	—	—
— Daylesford and Glenlyon (S)	9	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	9	6	1	—
Moorabool (S) —	14	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	14	4	3	—
— Bacchus Marsh (S)	75	n.a.	4	n.a.	14	n.a.	—	n.a.	89	n.a.	4	n.a.
— East	14	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	12	—	—
— West	9	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	9	6	1	—
Pyrenees (S) —	14	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	14	4	3	—
— Avoca (S)	75	n.a.	4	n.a.	14	n.a.	—	n.a.	89	n.a.	4	n.a.
— Lexton (S)	1,043	680	72	41	32	26	—	—	1,075	706	72	41
— Ripon (S)												
— Sebastopol (B)												
<b>Total Division</b>												

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	July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April	
	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Buloke (S) —	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	1	—
— Donald (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hindmarsh (S) —	6	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	2	—
— Dimboola (S)	15	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	15	5	1	—
— Lowan (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Horsham (RC) —	2	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	5	—	1
— Arapiles (S)	114	74	9	6	7	4	—	—	121	78	9	6
— Horsham (C)	20	25	1	6	—	—	—	—	20	25	1	6
— Wimmera (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern Grampians (S) —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Kara Kara (S)	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	1	—
— St. Arnaud (T)	12	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	12	2	3	—
— Stawell (C)	26	22	—	3	—	—	—	—	26	22	—	3
— Stawell (S)	27	19	3	2	—	4	—	—	27	23	3	2
West Wimmera (S) —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Kaniva (S)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
— Kowree (S)	6	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	7	—	1
Yarriambiack (S) —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Dummunkle (S)	5	6	1	1	2	—	—	—	7	6	1	1
— Warracknabeal (S)	9	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	7	—	—
<b>Total Division</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>
MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Buloke (S) —	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Birchip (S)	2	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	1
— Wycheproof (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gannawarra (S) —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Kerang (B)	22	6	2	—	2	—	—	—	24	6	2	—
— Kerang (S)	18	8	—	1	—	—	—	—	18	8	—	1
Mildura (RC) —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Mildura (C)	218	129	11	6	23	—	—	—	241	129	11	6
— Mildura (S) Pt. A and Pt. B	157	103	7	3	2	2	—	—	159	105	7	3
— Walpeup (S)	9	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	9	1	1	1
Swan Hill (RC) —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Swan Hill (C)	47	51	3	4	17	2	—	—	64	53	3	4
— Swan Hill (S)	37	16	2	4	—	—	—	—	37	16	2	4
Yarriambiack (S) —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Karkaroooc (S)	3	2	—	1	—	3	—	—	3	5	—	1
<b>Total Division</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>

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	July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April	
	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995
LODDON-CAMPASPE STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Bendigo (C)	125	n.a.	11	n.a.	12	n.a.	---	n.a.	137	n.a.	11	n.a.
Bulake (S) —												
— Charlton (S)	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—
Campaspe (S) —												
— Echuca (C)	110	94	10	13	2	—	—	—	112	94	10	13
— Rochester (S)	50	40	4	2	—	—	—	—	50	40	4	2
Central Goldfields (S) —												
— Bet Bet (S)	19	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	19	5	3	—
— Maryborough (C)	15	13	3	1	—	—	—	—	15	13	3	1
— Tullaroop (S)	17	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	10	—	—
Eaglehawk (B)	70	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	70	n.a.	2	n.a.
Gannawarra (S) —												
— Cohuna (S)	12	11	1	—	—	—	—	—	12	11	1	—
Greater Bendigo (C) —												
— Part A												
Eaglehawk	n.a.	47	n.a.	6	n.a.	23	n.a.	—	n.a.	70	n.a.	6
Central	n.a.	78	n.a.	5	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	n.a.	83	n.a.	5
Huntly — Inner	n.a.	21	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	21	n.a.	1
Marong — Inner	n.a.	110	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	110	n.a.	6
Strathfieldsaye — Inner	n.a.	98	n.a.	1	n.a.	11	n.a.	11	n.a.	109	n.a.	12
— Huntly Balance	n.a.	4	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	4	n.a.	1
— Marong Balance	n.a.	21	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	21	n.a.	2
— Strathfieldsaye Balance	n.a.	28	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	28	n.a.	—
Huntly (S) Pt A and Pt B	38	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	38	n.a.	2	n.a.
Loddon (S) —												
— East Loddon (S)	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—
— Gordon (S)	14	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	14	4	1	—
— Korong (S)	23	13	1	2	—	—	—	—	23	13	1	2
Macedon Ranges (S) —												
— Gisborne (S)	76	57	6	4	12	—	—	—	88	57	6	4
— Kyneton (S)	66	55	5	6	—	—	—	—	66	55	5	6
— Newham and Woodend (S)	47	27	4	2	—	2	—	—	47	29	4	2
— Romsey (S)	85	53	6	4	—	—	—	—	85	53	6	4
Marong (RC) Pt A and Pt B	252	n.a.	18	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	252	n.a.	18	n.a.
Mitchell (S) —												
— Mclvor (S)	40	15	3	1	—	—	—	—	40	15	3	1
— Pyalong (S)	10	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	10	6	1	1
Mount Alexander (S) —												
— Castlemaine (C)	26	25	—	2	—	—	—	—	26	27	—	2
— Maldon (S)	24	14	1	1	—	—	—	—	24	14	1	1
— Metcalfe (S)	19	15	2	2	—	—	—	—	19	15	2	2
— Newstead (S)	26	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	21	—	—
Strathfieldsaye (S) Pt A and Pt B	253	n.a.	24	n.a.	10	n.a.	—	n.a.	263	n.a.	24	n.a.
<b>Total Division</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>74</b>

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	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995
GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION																				
Campaspe (S) ---	30	23	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	23	4	—
— Deakin (S)	47	37	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	37	1	1
— Kyabram (T)	26	17	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	17	4	1
— Waranga (S)	66	46	3	3	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66	53	3	6
Delatite (S) ---	25	34	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	34	2	2
— Benalla (C)	119	62	9	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	121	62	9	7
— Benalla (S)	195	93	14	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	195	93	14	4
— Mansfield (S)	152	136	17	10	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	161	136	17	10
Greater Shepparton (C) ---	102	84	5	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	102	84	5	8
— Rodney (S) Pt A and Pt B	38	19	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	19	3	1
— Shepparton (C)	79	86	8	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	79	86	8	17
— Shepparton (S) Pt A and Pt B	63	46	5	4	6	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	69	63	5	4
Mitchell (S) ---	73	61	8	9	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	77	61	8	9
— Broadford (S)	21	10	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	10	2	—
— Kilmore (S)	59	32	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59	32	6	5
— Seymour (RC)	13	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	9	—	—
Meira (S) ---	49	33	2	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51	33	2	6
— Cobram (S)	36	23	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	23	4	1
— Nathalia (S)	22	9	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	9	2	3
— Numurkah (S)	20	15	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	15	—	3
— Tungamah (S)	13	9	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	9	3	—
Murrumbidgee (S) ---	1,248	884	102	85	23	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,271	908	102	88
— Yea (S)	884	884	102	85	23	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,271	908	102	88
Strathbogie (S) ---	36	23	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	23	4	1
— Euroa (S)	22	9	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	9	2	3
— Goulburn (S)	20	15	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	15	—	3
— Violet Town (S)	13	9	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	9	3	—
<b>Total Division</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>88</b>

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	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995
OVENS-MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Alpine (S) —	44	48	8	1	6	8	—	8	50	56	8	9
— Bright (S)	18	12	5	2	—	—	—	—	18	12	5	2
— Myrtleford (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indigo (S) —	21	27	2	—	4	—	—	—	25	27	2	—
— Beechworth (S)	30	25	3	—	—	—	—	—	30	25	3	—
— Chiltern (S)	24	23	1	2	—	—	—	—	24	23	1	2
— Rutherglen (S)	26	18	—	3	—	—	—	—	26	18	—	3
— Yackandandah (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Millawa (S) —	18	25	2	4	—	—	—	—	18	25	2	4
— Oxley (S)	36	47	2	2	6	6	4	—	42	53	6	2
— Wangaratta (C)	21	17	2	1	—	—	—	—	21	17	2	1
— Wangaratta (S)	85	77	10	12	3	8	—	8	88	85	10	20
Moira (S) —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Yarrawonga (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Towong (S) —	13	22	1	—	—	—	—	—	13	22	1	—
— Tallangatta (S) Pt A and Pt B	10	5	4	1	—	—	—	—	10	5	4	1
— Upper Murray (S)	398	233	22	10	7	—	—	—	405	233	22	10
Wodonga (RC) —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— Wodonga (RC)	744	579	62	38	26	22	4	16	770	601	66	54
Total Division												
EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION												
East Gippsland (S) —	86	69	7	2	—	—	—	—	86	69	7	2
— Bairnsdale (C)	124	81	8	10	2	3	—	—	126	84	8	10
— Bairnsdale (S) Pt A and Pt B	23	17	2	4	—	—	—	—	23	17	2	4
— Ormeo (S)	79	38	6	4	15	3	3	—	94	41	9	4
— Orbost (S)	143	131	11	2	—	5	—	—	143	136	11	2
— Tambo (S) Pt A and Pt B	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wellington (S) —	26	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	26	10	1	—
— Avon (S)	55	38	10	3	—	13	—	8	55	51	10	11
— Maffra (S)	81	32	11	1	6	—	—	—	87	32	11	1
— Sale (C)	617	416	56	26	23	24	3	8	640	440	59	34
Total Division												

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	July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April		July - Apr.		April	
	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995	1993-94	1994-95	1994	1995
GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Bass Coast (S) —	46	27	3	3	—	—	—	—	46	27	3	3
— Bass (S)	153	95	14	3	—	—	—	—	153	95	14	3
— Phillip Island (S)	59	45	11	5	—	—	—	—	59	45	11	5
— Wonthaggi (B)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Baw Baw (S) —	93	89	2	10	2	—	—	—	95	89	2	10
— Buln Buln (S)	50	27	2	3	2	—	—	—	52	27	2	3
— Narracan (S) Pt A and Pt B	115	79	9	8	2	—	—	—	117	79	9	8
— Warragul (RC)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
La Trobe (S) —	62	37	6	2	4	10	—	4	66	47	6	6
— Moe (S)	69	24	5	1	63	36	—	—	132	60	5	1
— Morwell (C) Pt A and Pt B	113	96	13	14	—	6	—	6	113	102	13	20
— Traralgon (C)	32	20	5	—	—	—	—	—	32	20	5	—
— Traralgon (S) Pt A and Pt B	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Gippsland (S) —	38	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	38	7	3	—
— Korumburra (S)	21	14	2	2	—	—	—	—	21	14	2	2
— Mirboo (S)	51	34	2	—	—	—	—	—	51	34	2	—
— South Gippsland (S)	165	97	18	10	3	9	—	—	168	106	18	10
— Woorayl (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wellington (S) —	30	25	6	3	—	—	—	—	30	25	6	3
— Alberton (S)	123	79	12	4	—	—	—	—	123	79	12	4
— Rosedale (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yarra Ranges (S) —	7	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	7	2	1	—
— Upper Yarra (S) Pt B	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bass Strait Islands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
French Island	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yallourn Works Area	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Division</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>78</b>
TOTAL VICTORIA												
	27,002	20,838	2,063	1,567	3,511	2,389	311	187	30,513	23,227	2,374	1,754

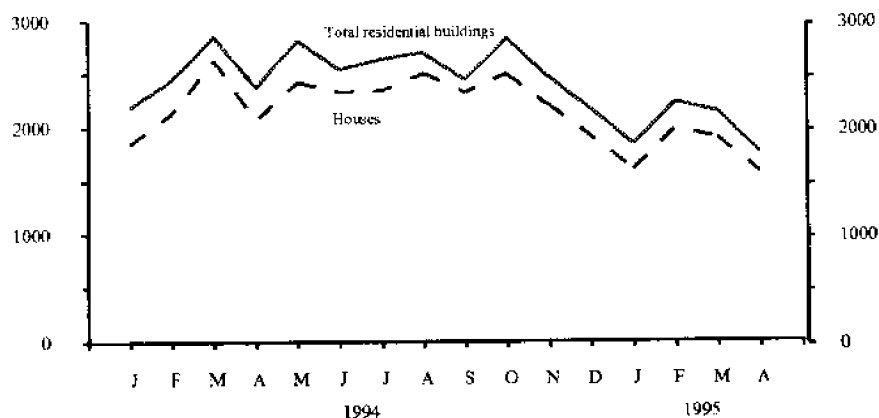
(a) For details of changes to Statistical local areas and Statistical subdivision, please refer to paragraphs 29 and 30 of the explanatory notes, and also to the leaflets which were enclosed with the July and October 1994 and February 1995 issues of this publication. Copies of these leaflets are available on request from ABS Victoria. (b) Number of dwelling units.

**TABLE 4. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS, OWNERSHIP, AND STATISTICAL DIVISION, APRIL 1995 (a)**

<i>Statistical division</i>	<i>Double brick, stone and concrete</i>	<i>Brick veneer</i>	<i>Fibre cement</i>	<i>Timber</i>	<i>Other and not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>						
Melbourne	6	653	2	22	389	1,072
Barwon	14	38	3	4	13	72
Western District	—	30	1	2	1	34
Central Highlands	—	23	1	1	14	39
Wimmera	—	10	—	2	8	20
Mallee	—	9	2	—	8	19
Loddon-Campaspe	14	55	5	3	12	89
Goulburn	—	53	2	6	24	85
Ovens-Murray	—	32	—	3	3	38
East Gippsland	—	17	1	8	—	26
Gippsland	—	40	4	3	13	60
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>1,524</b>
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>						
Melbourne	—	6	—	—	17	23
Barwon	—	—	—	—	—	—
Western District	—	4	—	—	—	4
Central Highlands	—	1	—	—	1	2
Wimmera	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mallee	1	1	—	—	—	2
Loddon-Campaspe	—	2	—	—	2	4
Goulburn	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ovens-Murray	—	—	—	—	—	—
East Gippsland	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gippsland	—	8	—	—	—	8
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>						
Melbourne	6	659	2	22	406	1,095
Barwon	14	38	3	4	13	72
Western District	—	34	1	2	1	38
Central Highlands	—	24	1	1	15	41
Wimmera	—	10	—	2	8	20
Mallee	1	10	2	—	8	21
Loddon-Campaspe	14	57	5	3	14	93
Goulburn	—	53	2	6	24	85
Ovens-Murray	—	32	—	3	3	38
East Gippsland	—	17	1	8	—	26
Gippsland	—	48	4	3	13	68
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>1,567</b>

(a) Please refer to page 14 for a summary of changes to Statistical Divisions which were implemented on 1 July 1991.

**NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING COMMENCEMENTS BY TYPE, VICTORIA**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of the number of new dwelling units reported by approving authorities as having commenced in each statistical local area.

### 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;
- (b) contracts (let or day labour work) was authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government, and local government authorities;
- (c) building permits were issued by licensed private 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 such as 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 residential building is regarded as being commenced on the date when:

- (a) The building work 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 building work is determined as commenced by a building inspector or surveyor.

7. *Ownership*. The 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 seasonally 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 seasonally adjusted series does not necessarily indicate a change of trend. Particular care should therefore be taken in interpreting individual month to month movements.

10. Trend estimate dwelling unit commencement statistics are shown in Table 2. The trend estimates (formerly referred to as smoothed seasonally adjusted series) have been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the series.

11. While this technique enables trend estimate data for the latest period to be produced, it does result in revisions to the trend estimate series for the most recent months as additional observations become available. There may also be revision as a result of changes in the original data, and as a result of the re-estimation of the seasonal factors.

#### **Australian Standard Geographical Classification**

12. Issues of this publication from July 1991 to June 1994 inclusive contain geographical division and nomenclature based on the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)* edition 2.3. The 'Off shore areas and migratory' category has been excluded from all tables.

13. Following a review of statistical geographic boundaries undertaken by the ABS, the Shires of Cranbourne, Healesville and Pakenham, each formerly split into two Statistical Local Areas (SLAs), one in the Melbourne Statistical Division and one in the East Central Statistical Division, have each been amalgamated to one SLA, these being located fully in the Melbourne Statistical Division.

14. From 1 July 1991, the date of effect of these changes emanating from the review for building commencement statistics, the only Local Government Area which is split into 2 SLAs and transverses statistical division boundaries is the Shire of Upper Yarra, which is partly in the Melbourne Statistical Division and partly in the Gippsland Statistical Division.

15. As a result of an ongoing review of local government boundaries initiated by the Victorian Government, substantial alterations have been made to Statistical Local Areas and Statistical Subdivisions in Victoria in 1994. Changes resulting from the review of boundaries in the Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat regions, together with changes resulting from the creation of the Shire of Surf Coast and the redefinition of the boundaries of the City of Melbourne have been effected in Edition 2.4 of the ASGC. New SLAs have been included in the Barwon, Central Highlands and Loddon-Campaspe divisions. Details of these changes are provided in a listing enclosed with the July 1994 issue of this publication. Copies of the list are available from ABS Victoria on request.

These changes have been incorporated in Building Statistics from 1 July 1994. In Table 3 statistics from July 1994 onwards are presented on the new SLA basis. Statistics in Table 3 relating to previous periods are presented on the former SLA basis. There have been no changes to Statistical Divisions boundaries as a result of these Local Government Area changes.

16. Further changes resulting from the review of boundaries will not be reflected in SLA changes until the next review of the ASGC, due in July 1995. As an interim measure the affected SLA's are grouped on a "best fit" basis under the heading of the newly created LGA's.

Changes resulting from the reviews dealing with the Inner Melbourne and South Western Victorian regions have been applied on this basis from the October 1994 issue of this publication and changes resulting from the reviews dealing with the remaining areas have been applied from the February 1995 issue. Details of these changes are provided in a listing enclosed with the October 1994 and February 1995 issues of this publication. Copies of these lists are available from ABS Victoria on request.

#### **Comparability of statistics**

17. Because of the difference in data sources, collection methodologies, and timing of notification of commencements, care should be exercised in comparing quarterly data derived from monthly dwelling unit commencements statistics, with the quarterly dwelling unit commencements statistics from the Building Activity Survey (published in *Building Activity, Victoria* 8752.2).

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18. 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 manually extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

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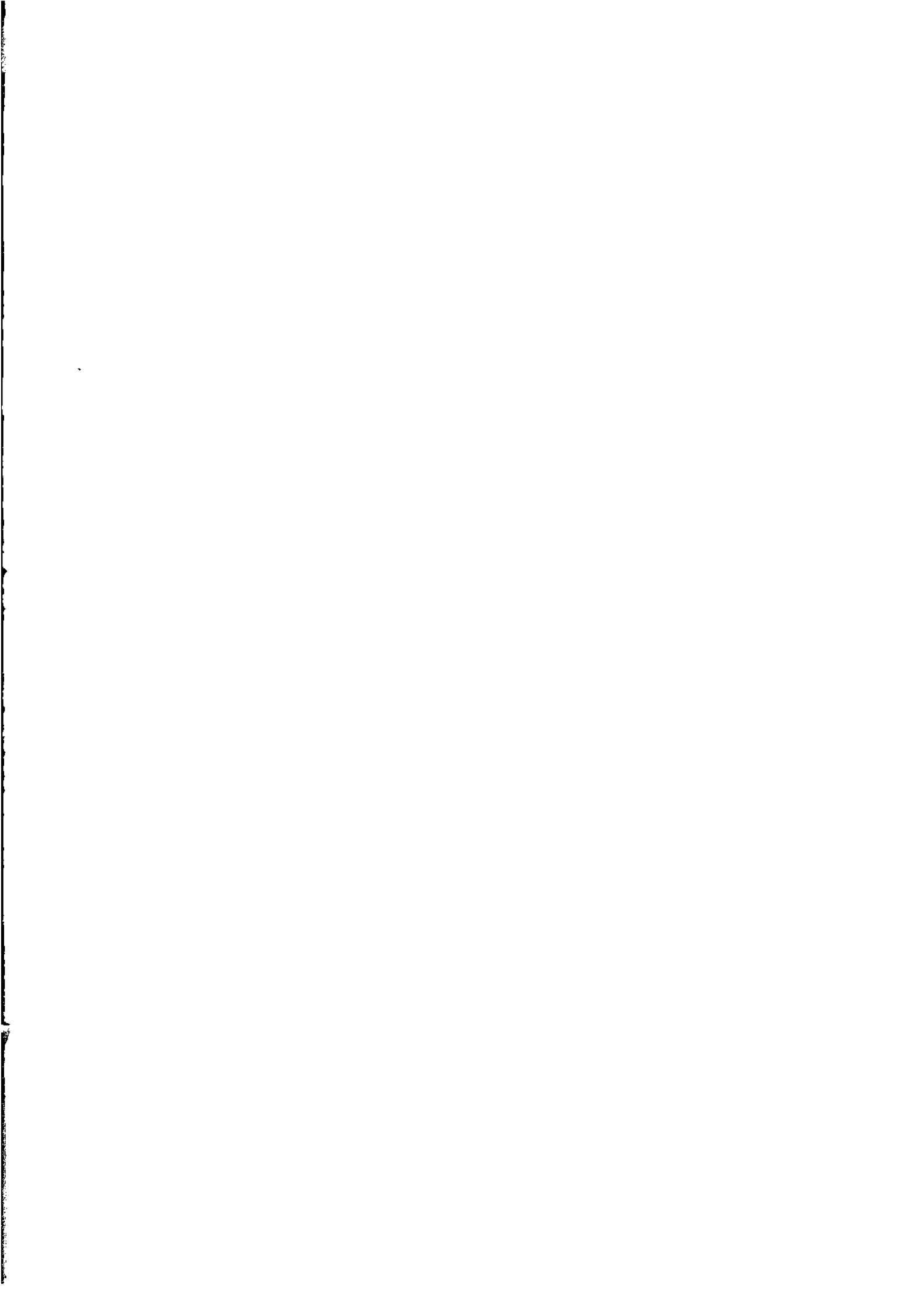
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