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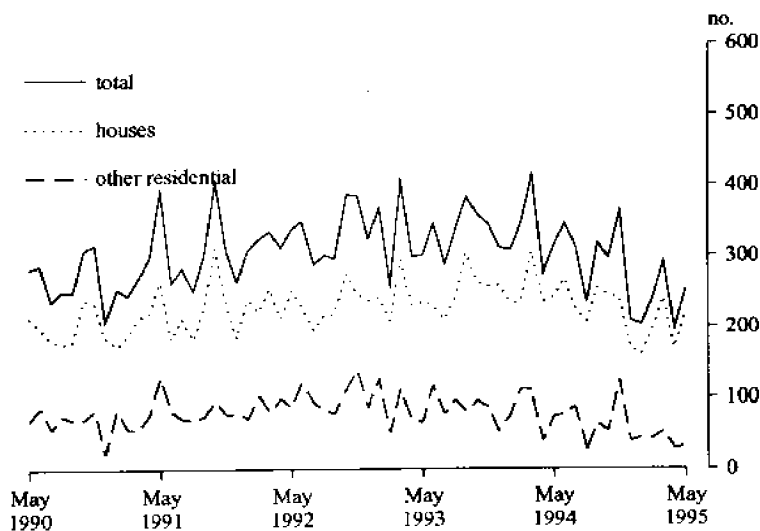
● There were 253 new dwelling units commenced in May 1995, a 28 per cent increase on the 197 new dwelling units commenced in April 1995, but a 20 per cent decrease on the May 1994 figure of 315.

● For the twelve months ended May 1995 there were 3263 new dwelling units commenced, a 19 per cent decrease on the 4023 recorded for the twelve months ended May 1994.

● The Greater Hobart Statistical Division recorded 45 per cent of the new dwelling units commenced in May 1995, followed by the Northern Statistical Division and the Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division each with 21 per cent while the Southern Statistical Division made up the balance with 13 per cent.

● The City of Clarence recorded 29 new dwelling unit commencements in May 1995, followed by the Municipality of Kingborough with 27, the Municipality of West Tamar with 20 and the City of Glenorchy and the Municipality of Brighton each with 17.

NEW DWELLING COMMENCEMENTS



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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AND OWNERSHIP, TASMANIA

<i>Period</i>	<i>Double brick</i>	<i>Brick veneer</i>	<i>Fibre cement</i>	<i>Timber</i>	<i>Other and not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR						
1991-92	238	1 773	67	498	78	2 654
1992-93	277	1 905	103	447	65	2 797
1993-94	306	2 073	103	440	79	3 001
1994:						
March	18	208	17	46	8	297
April	22	164	9	32	8	235
May	28	172	10	24	6	240
June	22	187	14	31	9	263
July	15	168	9	25	9	226
August	14	156	5	26	5	206
September	21	188	11	32	3	255
October	11	181	10	35	5	242
November	11	181	10	34	3	239
December	6	116	6	36	6	170
1995:						
January	5	128	4	19	1	157
February	13	133	5	38	9	198
March	6	167	5	54	8	240
April	13	111	6	35	3	168
May	14	156	11	36	4	221
PUBLIC SECTOR						
1991-92	-	93	-	2	-	95
1992-93	-	28	-	-	-	28
1993-94	-	47	-	1	-	48
1994:						
March	-	7	-	1	-	8
April	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	2	-	-	-	2
June	-	5	-	-	-	5
July	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	1	-	-	-	1
November	-	1	-	-	-	1
December	-	-	-	-	-	-
1995:						
January	-	1	-	1	-	2
February	-	-	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL						
1991-92	238	1 866	67	500	78	2 749
1992-93	277	1 933	103	447	65	2 825
1993-94	306	2 120	103	441	79	3 049
1994:						
March	18	215	17	47	8	305
April	22	164	9	32	8	235
May	28	174	10	24	6	242
June	22	192	14	31	9	268
July	15	168	9	25	9	226
August	14	156	5	26	5	206
September	21	188	11	32	3	255
October	11	182	10	35	5	243
November	11	182	10	34	3	240
December	6	116	6	36	6	170
1995:						
January	5	129	4	20	1	159
February	13	133	5	38	9	198
March	6	167	5	54	8	240
April	13	111	6	35	3	168
May	14	156	11	36	4	221

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AND OWNERSHIP
MAY 1995

<i>Statistical division/ subdivision</i>	<i>Double brick</i>	<i>Brick veneer</i>	<i>Fibre cement</i>	<i>Timber</i>	<i>Other and not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	8	85	1	15	2	111
<i>Southern</i>	2	10	3	15	-	30
Greater Launceston	2	28	2	1	-	33
Central North	-	6	1	1	-	8
North-Eastern	-	3	1	3	-	7
<i>Northern</i>	2	37	4	5	-	48
Burnie-Devonport	1	18	-	-	1	20
North-Western Rural	1	6	3	-	-	10
Lyell	-	-	-	1	1	2
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	2	24	3	1	2	32
Tasmania	14	156	11	36	4	221
PUBLIC SECTOR						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Southern</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Launceston	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central North	-	-	-	-	-	-
North-Eastern	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Northern</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burnie-Devonport	-	-	-	-	-	-
North-Western Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lyell	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tasmania	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	8	85	1	15	2	111
<i>Southern</i>	2	10	3	15	-	30
Greater Launceston	2	28	2	1	-	33
Central North	-	6	1	1	-	8
North-Eastern	-	3	1	3	-	7
<i>Northern</i>	2	37	4	5	-	48
Burnie-Devonport	1	18	-	-	1	20
North-Western Rural	1	6	3	-	-	10
Lyell	-	-	-	1	1	2
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	2	24	3	1	2	32
Tasmania	14	156	11	36	4	221

**TABLE 3. NUMBER AND VALUE OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL
BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, MAY 1995**

<i>Statistical region sectors and statistical local areas (a)</i>		<i>Private sector</i>			<i>Total (b)</i>		
		<i>Houses</i>	<i>Total dwelling units</i>	<i>Value of dwelling units</i>	<i>Houses</i>	<i>Total dwelling units</i>	<i>Value of dwelling units</i>
		<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>(\$'000)</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>(\$'000)</i>
Brighton (M)		17	17	1 336	17	17	1 336
Central Highlands (M)		2	2	95	2	2	95
Clarence (C)		25	29	2 960	25	29	2 960
Glamorgan/Spring Bay (M)		5	7	282	5	7	282
Glenorchy (C)		17	17	1 458	17	17	1 458
Hobart (C)		14	14	1 680	14	14	1 680
Huon Valley (M)		6	6	279	6	6	279
Kingborough (M)		27	27	2 350	27	27	2 350
New Norfolk (M)		7	7	427	7	7	427
Sorell (M)		11	11	766	11	11	766
Southern Midlands (M)		5	5	277	5	5	277
Tasman (M)		5	5	258	5	5	258
<i>Greater Hobart-Southern</i>		<i>141</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>12 167</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>12 167</i>
Break O'Day (M)		7	7	400	7	7	400
Dorset (M)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Flinders (M)		-	-	-	-	-	-
George Town (M)		1	1	80	1	1	80
Launceston (C)		7	11	1 097	7	11	1 097
Meander Valley (M)		11	11	784	11	11	784
Northern Midlands (M)		2	2	128	2	2	128
West Tamar (M)		20	20	2 338	20	20	2 338
<i>Northern</i>		<i>48</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>4 826</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>4 826</i>
Burnie (C)		2	4	356	2	4	356
Central Coast (M)		4	4	308	4	4	308
Circular Head (M)		5	8	532	5	10	724
Devonport (C)		9	15	1 172	9	15	1 172
Kentish (M)		1	1	55	1	1	55
King Island (M)		2	2	23	2	2	23
Latrobe (M)		4	4	401	4	4	401
Waratah/Wynyard (M)		3	12	1 046	3	12	1 046
West Coast (M)		2	2	48	2	2	48
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>		<i>32</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>3 941</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>4 133</i>
Tasmania		221	251	20 934	221	253	21 127
<i>Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision</i>							
<i>Greater Hobart</i>		<i>111</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>10 594</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>10 594</i>
<i>Southern</i>		<i>30</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>1 573</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>1 573</i>
Greater Launceston		33	37	3 678	33	37	3 678
Central North		8	8	749	8	8	749
North-Eastern		7	7	400	7	7	400
<i>Northern</i>		<i>48</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>4 826</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>4 826</i>
Burnie-Devonport		20	37	3 162	20	37	3 162
North-Western Rural		10	13	731	10	15	923
Lyell		2	2	48	2	2	48
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>		<i>32</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>3 941</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>4 133</i>
Tasmania		221	251	20 934	221	253	21 127

(a) In this table, statistics are presented in terms of statistical local areas aggregated to their equivalent local government areas.

(b) Private sector plus public sector.

**TABLE 4. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY OWNERSHIP AND TYPE OF
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, TASMANIA**

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
	Number	Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units	Number	Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units	Number	Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units
1991-92	2 654	950	3 604	95	74	169	2 749	1 024	3 773
1992-93	2 797	1 027	3 824	28	102	130	2 825	1 129	3 954
1993-94	3 001	923	3 924	48	50	98	3 049	973	4 022
1994:									
March	297	102	399	8	8	16	305	110	415
April	235	39	274	-	-	-	235	39	274
May	240	71	311	2	2	4	242	73	315
June	263	77	340	5	-	5	268	77	345
July	226	83	309	-	4	4	226	87	313
August	206	27	233	-	-	-	206	27	233
September	255	52	307	-	11	11	255	63	318
October	242	49	291	1	4	5	243	53	296
November	239	121	360	1	3	4	240	124	364
December	170	39	209	-	-	-	170	39	209
1995:									
January	157	44	201	2	-	2	159	44	203
February	198	42	240	-	-	-	198	42	240
March	240	42	282	-	10	10	240	52	292
April	168	23	191	-	6	6	168	29	197
May	221	30	251	-	2	2	221	32	253

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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

Scope and Coverage

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

(a) building permits were issued by local government authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities; or

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

Major residential building commencements in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g., buildings on remote mine sites) are included also.

3. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, and through the construction of new non-residential buildings (i.e., buildings other than dwellings) 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. Dwellings 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., townhouses, duplexes and apartment buildings).

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.

Comparability of Statistics

8. 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, Tasmania* (8752.6).

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Construction Industry Survey - Private Sector Construction Establishments, Details of Operations, Tasmania, 1984-85 (8772.6).

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