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**DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY
APPROVING AUTHORITIES, VICTORIA,
SEPTEMBER 1995**

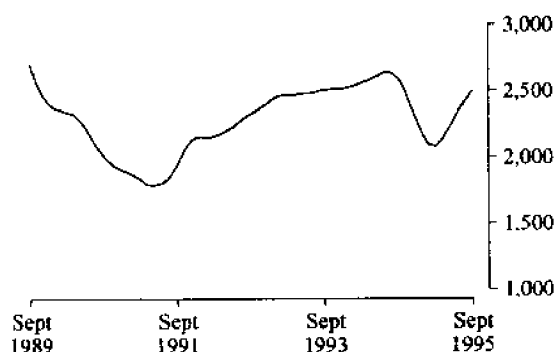
The restructure of local government in Victoria and the associated geographic boundary changes resulted in major changes to Victoria's statistical geography effective from 1 July 1995.

Full details of the changes made are available in the ABS information paper *Victorian Local Government Amalgamations 1994-95: Changes to the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (1257.0)*.

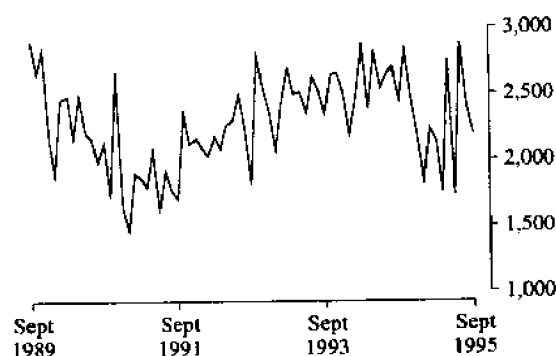
MAIN FEATURES

- Trend estimates of the number of dwelling units commenced in September 1995 (2,504) showed a 3 per cent increase from the level recorded for August 1995 (2,430), but a 4 per cent decrease from the figure for September 1994 (2,596).
- In original terms the number of dwelling units commenced in September 1995 (2,194) was 9 per cent lower than in August 1995 (2,410) and 10 per cent lower than the level recorded for September 1994 (2,442).
- In original terms there were 376 new public sector dwelling units commenced during the three months ending September 1995. This is 82 per cent higher than for the corresponding period ending September 1994 (207).

NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED
Trend estimates



NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED
Original



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NUMBER OF 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)									
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—									
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
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
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—									
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
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

(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.

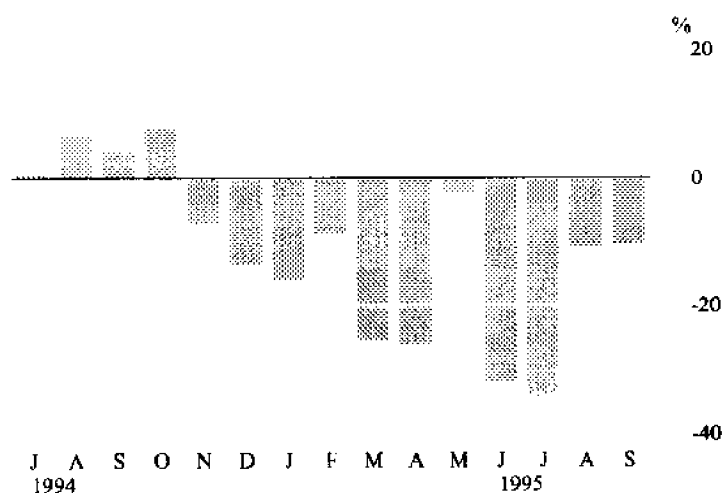
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NUMBER OF NEW PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES AND TOTAL NEW DWELLING UNITS
COMMENCED, VICTORIA

Period	Private sector houses			Total dwellings		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted(a)	Trend estimate(a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted(a)	Trend estimate(a)
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
1994-95	24,088	24,053	24,366	27,718	27,656	28,007
1994						
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	2,105	2,467	2,255	2,394
December	1,854	2,071	1,995	2,164	2,287	2,276
1995—						
January	1,531	1,742	1,890	1,837	1,960	2,167
February	1,953	1,993	1,812	2,237	2,326	2,095
March	1,819	1,778	1,781	2,141	2,044	2,080
April	1,524	1,685	1,801	1,754	1,910	2,122
May	2,074	1,874	1,855	2,757	2,469	2,194
June	1,562	1,621	1,933	1,734	1,817	2,278
July	2,513	2,470	2,016	2,891	2,837	2,360
August	2,122	2,020	2,089	2,410	2,334	2,430
September	1,934	2,112	2,161	2,194	2,468	2,504

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

NEW DWELLING COMMENCEMENTS, VICTORIA,
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE



3 NUMBER OF 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 - Sep.	September	September	July - Sep.	September	September	July - Sep.	September	September	
	1994-95	1995-96	1994-95	1994-95	1995-96	1994-95	1994-95	1995-96	1994-95	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Banyule (C)	n.a.	95	n.a.	35	n.a.	—	n.a.	138	n.a.	35
Heidelberg	n.a.	58	n.a.	15	n.a.	—	n.a.	58	n.a.	15
North	n.a.	153	n.a.	50	n.a.	—	n.a.	196	n.a.	50
<i>Total</i>										
Bayside (C)	164	37	21	9	39	—	203	39	28	9
Brighton	n.a.	59	n.a.	10	n.a.	—	n.a.	143	n.a.	10
South	n.a.	96	n.a.	19	n.a.	—	n.a.	182	n.a.	19
<i>Total</i>										
Boroondara (C)	n.a.	59	n.a.	17	n.a.	4	n.a.	67	n.a.	21
Camberwell North	n.a.	60	n.a.	25	n.a.	—	n.a.	69	n.a.	25
Camberwell South	58	10	7	6	53	2	111	16	11	8
Hawthorn	184	34	55	6	21	5	205	41	55	11
Kew	658	163	109	54	120	11	778	193	115	65
<i>Total</i>										
Brimbank (C)	n.a.	285	n.a.	69	n.a.	—	n.a.	287	n.a.	69
Kellor	n.a.	84	n.a.	11	n.a.	—	n.a.	89	n.a.	11
Sunshine	n.a.	369	n.a.	80	n.a.	—	n.a.	376	n.a.	80
<i>Total</i>										
Cardinia (S)	n.a.	58	n.a.	18	n.a.	—	n.a.	58	n.a.	18
Pakenham	n.a.	6	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	6	n.a.	1
South	n.a.	64	n.a.	19	n.a.	—	n.a.	64	n.a.	19
<i>Total</i>										
Casey (C)	n.a.	461	n.a.	154	n.a.	—	n.a.	461	n.a.	154
Berwick	n.a.	225	n.a.	58	n.a.	—	n.a.	225	n.a.	58
South	n.a.	686	n.a.	212	n.a.	—	n.a.	686	n.a.	212
<i>Total</i>										
Darebin (C)	n.a.	28	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	28	n.a.	3
Northcote	n.a.	27	n.a.	14	n.a.	—	n.a.	33	n.a.	14
Preston	n.a.	55	n.a.	17	n.a.	—	n.a.	61	n.a.	17
<i>Total</i>										
Frankston (C)	n.a.	67	n.a.	20	n.a.	—	n.a.	67	n.a.	20
East	n.a.	61	n.a.	15	n.a.	—	n.a.	61	n.a.	15
West	n.a.	128	n.a.	35	n.a.	—	n.a.	128	n.a.	35
<i>Total</i>										
Glen Hira (C)	217	134	26	27	169	—	386	147	52	27
Caulfield	n.a.	66	n.a.	24	n.a.	2	n.a.	68	n.a.	26
South	n.a.	200	n.a.	51	n.a.	2	n.a.	215	n.a.	53
<i>Total</i>										
Greater Dandenong (C)	103	17	12	3	—	—	103	17	12	3
Dandenong	n.a.	36	n.a.	11	n.a.	—	n.a.	36	n.a.	11
Balance	n.a.	53	n.a.	14	n.a.	—	n.a.	53	n.a.	14
<i>Total</i>										
Hobsons Bay (C)	n.a.	103	n.a.	34	n.a.	—	n.a.	103	n.a.	34
Alhambra	n.a.	64	n.a.	20	n.a.	—	n.a.	109	n.a.	20
Williamstown	n.a.	167	n.a.	54	n.a.	—	n.a.	212	n.a.	54
<i>Total</i>										

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Statistical Local Area	Houses			Other residential buildings (b)			Total residential buildings				
	July - Sep.		September	July - Sep.		September	July - Sep.		September		
	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued											
Horne (C)	n.a.	44	n.a.	18	10	n.a.	—	n.a.	54	n.a.	18
Broadmeadows	n.a.	158	n.a.	38	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	158	n.a.	38
Craigieburn	n.a.	65	n.a.	17	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	65	n.a.	17
Sunbury	n.a.	267	n.a.	73	10	n.a.	—	n.a.	277	n.a.	73
<i>Total</i>											
Kingston (C)	n.a.	108	n.a.	32	15	n.a.	—	n.a.	123	n.a.	32
North	n.a.	94	n.a.	50	59	n.a.	32	n.a.	153	n.a.	82
South	n.a.	202	n.a.	82	74	n.a.	32	n.a.	276	n.a.	114
<i>Total</i>											
Knox (C)	n.a.	176	n.a.	56	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	180	n.a.	56
Manningham (C)	n.a.	109	n.a.	25	40	n.a.	20	n.a.	149	n.a.	45
Maribyrnong (C)	n.a.	57	n.a.	10	69	n.a.	—	n.a.	126	n.a.	10
Maroondah (C)	n.a.	86	n.a.	22	3	n.a.	3	n.a.	89	n.a.	25
Croydon	n.a.	34	n.a.	3	5	n.a.	5	n.a.	39	n.a.	8
Ringwood	n.a.	120	n.a.	25	8	n.a.	8	n.a.	128	n.a.	33
<i>Total</i>											
Melbourne (C)	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	11	n.a.	—	n.a.	11	n.a.	—
Inner	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	21	n.a.	6	n.a.	25	n.a.	6
Remainder	16	4	—	—	32	881	6	897	36	—	6
<i>Total</i>											
Melton (S)	n.a.	43	n.a.	13	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	43	n.a.	13
East	n.a.	85	n.a.	29	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	85	n.a.	29
Balance	n.a.	128	n.a.	42	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	128	n.a.	42
<i>Total</i>											
Monash (C)	n.a.	47	n.a.	25	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	47	n.a.	25
South-West	n.a.	50	n.a.	31	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	50	n.a.	31
Waverley East	n.a.	114	n.a.	45	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	114	n.a.	45
Waverley West	n.a.	211	n.a.	101	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	211	n.a.	101
<i>Total</i>											
Moonee Valley (C)	131	37	10	6	12	170	3	301	49	13	6
Essendon	n.a.	47	n.a.	13	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	50	n.a.	13
West	n.a.	84	n.a.	19	15	n.a.	—	n.a.	99	n.a.	19
<i>Total</i>											
Moreland (C)	23	9	2	—	—	91	—	114	9	2	—
Brunswick	n.a.	21	n.a.	1	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	25	n.a.	1
Coburg	n.a.	64	n.a.	16	8	n.a.	—	n.a.	72	n.a.	16
North	n.a.	94	n.a.	17	12	n.a.	—	n.a.	106	n.a.	17
<i>Total</i>											
Mornington Peninsula (S)	n.a.	35	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	35	n.a.	4
East	454	163	46	44	—	—	—	454	163	46	44
South	n.a.	121	n.a.	23	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	121	n.a.	23
West	n.a.	319	n.a.	71	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	319	n.a.	71
<i>Total</i>											

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3 NUMBER OF 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 - Sep.		September		September		July - Sep.		September		September		July - Sep.		September		September				
	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued																					
Nilumbik (S)	n.a.	10	n.a.	2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10	n.a.	2
South-West	n.a.	18	n.a.	6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	18	n.a.	6
Balance	n.a.	28	n.a.	8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	28	n.a.	8
Total	n.a.	18	n.a.	7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	22	n.a.	9
Port Phillip (C)	25	28	1	12	129	6	—	4	154	34	1	16	56	n.a.	25	25	25	56	n.a.	25	
St Kilda	n.a.	46	n.a.	19	n.a.	10	n.a.	6	n.a.	10	n.a.	6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10	n.a.	6
West	n.a.	32	n.a.	10	n.a.	105	n.a.	100	n.a.	105	n.a.	100	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	137	n.a.	110
Total	143	30	10	9	102	—	—	—	245	30	10	9	167	n.a.	119	119	119	30	10	9	
Stonnington (C)	n.a.	62	n.a.	19	n.a.	105	n.a.	100	n.a.	105	n.a.	100	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	167	n.a.	119
Prahran	205	61	19	32	60	7	—	—	265	68	19	32	265	n.a.	32	32	32	68	19	32	
Box Hill	n.a.	35	n.a.	8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	35	n.a.	8
Nunawading East	n.a.	98	n.a.	18	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	98	n.a.	18
Nunawading West	522	194	44	58	65	7	—	—	587	201	44	58	587	n.a.	58	58	58	201	44	58	
Total	n.a.	314	n.a.	91	n.a.	4	n.a.	2	n.a.	318	n.a.	93	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	318	n.a.	93
Whittlesea (C)	n.a.	252	n.a.	71	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	252	n.a.	71	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	252	n.a.	71
Wyndham (C)	n.a.	10	n.a.	1	n.a.	21	n.a.	—	n.a.	31	n.a.	1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	31	n.a.	1
Yarra (C)	n.a.	10	n.a.	1	n.a.	44	2	24	69	54	3	25	69	n.a.	25	25	25	54	3	25	
North	29	20	n.a.	2	n.a.	65	n.a.	24	n.a.	85	n.a.	26	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	85	n.a.	26
Richmond	n.a.	8	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.	—
Total	n.a.	5	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.	—
Yarra Ranges (S) (c)	n.a.	155	n.a.	45	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	159	n.a.	45
Central	n.a.	168	n.a.	51	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	172	n.a.	51
North	n.a.	8	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8	n.a.	3
South-West	n.a.	5	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	5	n.a.	3
Total	n.a.	155	n.a.	45	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	159	n.a.	45
Total	n.a.	4,989	n.a.	1,445	n.a.	691	n.a.	211	n.a.	691	n.a.	211	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	5,680	n.a.	1,656

See footnotes at end of table.

Statistical Local Area	Houses						Other residential buildings (b)						Total residential buildings							
	July - Sep.		September		September		July - Sep.		September		September		July - Sep.		September		September			
	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995
GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION																				
Campaspe (S)	116	14	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Echuca	n.a.	9	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	116	14	13	1
Kyabram	n.a.	14	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	9	n.a.	2
Rochester	n.a.	1	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	14	n.a.	3
South	n.a.	38	n.a.	7	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	1
Total	50	8	7	3	7	24	—	4	—	57	32	7	7	7	7	7	38	n.a.	n.a.	7
Benalla	n.a.	7	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	7	n.a.	1
North	81	15	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	81	15	5	10	5	10	10	81	15	5	10
South	n.a.	30	n.a.	14	n.a.	24	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	24	n.a.	4	n.a.	24	n.a.	n.a.	54	n.a.	18
Total	n.a.	55	n.a.	17	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	55	n.a.	17
Greater Shepparton (C)	n.a.	6	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	6	n.a.	3
Part A	n.a.	6	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	6	n.a.	3
Part B	n.a.	6	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	6	n.a.	3
East	n.a.	67	n.a.	23	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	67	n.a.	23
West	n.a.	10	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	10	n.a.	1
Total	n.a.	32	n.a.	9	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	32	n.a.	9
Mitchell (S)	n.a.	42	n.a.	10	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	42	n.a.	10
North	n.a.	32	n.a.	12	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	36	n.a.	12
South	34	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	34	6	—	—	—	34	6	—	6	—	1
Total	n.a.	5	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	5	n.a.	3
Moira (S)	n.a.	11	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	11	n.a.	4
Murrumbindi (S)	n.a.	4	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	4	n.a.	2
East	n.a.	224	n.a.	72	n.a.	28	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	28	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	252	n.a.	76
West	n.a.	224	n.a.	72	n.a.	28	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	28	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	252	n.a.	76
Total	n.a.	224	n.a.	72	n.a.	28	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	28	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	252	n.a.	76
Strathbogie (S)	n.a.	224	n.a.	72	n.a.	28	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	28	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	252	n.a.	76
Total Division	n.a.	224	n.a.	72	n.a.	28	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	28	n.a.	4	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	252	n.a.	76

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Statistical Local Area	Houses			Other residential buildings (b)			Total residential buildings					
	July - Sep.		September	July - Sep.		September	July - Sep.		September			
	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995
WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Corangamite (S)												
North	n.a.	2	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	2	n.a.
South	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	2	n.a.
Total	n.a.	4	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	4	n.a.
Glenside (S)												
Hleywood	n.a.	7	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	7	n.a.
North	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.
Portland	32	5	1	2	—	—	—	—	32	5	1	2
Total	n.a.	12	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	12	n.a.	3
Moynie (S)												
North-East	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.
South-West	n.a.	7	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	7	n.a.	5
Balance	n.a.	6	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	6	n.a.	5
Total	n.a.	13	n.a.	10	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	13	n.a.	10
Southern Grampians (S)												
Hamilton	21	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	21	4	2	1
Wannon	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.
Balance	n.a.	2	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	2	n.a.	2
Total	n.a.	6	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	6	n.a.	3
Warmambool (C)												
Lady Julia Percy Island	n.a.	49	n.a.	17	n.a.	58	n.a.	—	n.a.	107	n.a.	17
Total Division	n.a.	84	n.a.	34	n.a.	58	n.a.	—	n.a.	142	n.a.	34
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Ararat (RC)	n.a.	3	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	3	n.a.
Ballarat (C)												
Central	153	36	14	9	10	—	—	2	163	36	16	9
Inner North	104	36	6	11	—	—	—	—	104	36	6	11
North	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
South	165	31	11	15	4	—	—	—	169	31	11	15
Total	424	104	31	35	14	—	—	2	438	104	33	35
Heppburn (S)												
East	n.a.	19	n.a.	7	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	19	n.a.	7
West	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	—	n.a.
Total	n.a.	19	n.a.	7	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	19	n.a.	7
Moorabool (S)												
Bacchus Marsh	n.a.	26	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	26	n.a.	5
Ballan	46	5	4	1	8	—	—	—	54	5	4	1
West	20	8	2	2	—	—	—	—	20	8	2	2
Total	n.a.	39	n.a.	8	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	39	n.a.	8
Pyrenees (S)												
Pyrenees (S)	n.a.	8	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	8	n.a.	2
Total Division	n.a.	173	n.a.	54	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	173	n.a.	54

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3 NUMBER OF 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 - Sep.		September	July - Sep.		September	July - Sep.		September	
	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Hindmarsh (S)	n.a.	1	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	1
Horsham (RC)	81	16	4	2	4	—	85	16	4	2
Central	n.a.	3	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	3	n.a.	1
Balance	n.a.	19	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	19	n.a.	3
Total										
Northern Grampians (S)										
St Arnaud	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	—
Stawell	n.a.	9	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	9	n.a.	1
Total	n.a.	10	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	10	n.a.	1
West Wimmera (S)										
Yarriambiack (S)	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	—
North	3	—	—	—	3	—	6	—	3	—
South	n.a.	1	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	1
Total	n.a.	1	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	1
Total Division	n.a.	32	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	32	n.a.	6
MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Buloke (S)	n.a.	1	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	1
North	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—
South	n.a.	1	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	1
Total	n.a.	6	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	6	n.a.	2
Gannawarra (S)										
Mildura (RC)	n.a.	51	n.a.	18	n.a.	—	n.a.	51	n.a.	18
Part A	n.a.	8	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	8	n.a.	4
Part B	271	59	26	22	2	—	273	59	26	22
Total										
Swan Hill (RC)										
Central	67	9	5	2	2	—	69	9	5	2
Balance	n.a.	9	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	9	n.a.	4
Total	n.a.	18	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	18	n.a.	6
Total Division	n.a.	84	n.a.	31	n.a.	—	n.a.	84	n.a.	31

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Statistical Local Area	Houses						Other residential buildings (b)						Total residential buildings					
	July - Sep.		September		July - Sep.		September		July - Sep.		September		July - Sep.		September			
	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995		
LODDON STATISTICAL DIVISION																		
Central Goldfields (S)																		
Maryborough	16	7	2	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	7	2	4		
Balance	n.a.	4	n.a.	2	n.a.	2	n.a.	---	2	n.a.	---	n.a.	n.a.	6	n.a.	2		
Total	n.a.	11	n.a.	6	n.a.	2	n.a.	---	2	n.a.	---	n.a.	n.a.	13	n.a.	6		
Greater Bendigo (C)																		
Part A																		
Eaglehawk	51	16	6	2	23	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	74	16	6	2		
Central	95	44	9	14	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	44	9	14		
Huntly --- Inner	24	13	5	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	24	13	5	2		
Marong --- Inner	118	32	11	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	118	32	11	7		
Stratfieldsayc --- Inner	107	38	11	16	11	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	118	38	11	16		
Part B	n.a.	26	n.a.	6	n.a.	---	---	---	---	n.a.	---	---	n.a.	26	n.a.	6		
Total	n.a.	169	n.a.	47	n.a.	---	---	---	---	n.a.	---	---	n.a.	169	n.a.	47		
Loddon (S)																		
North	n.a.	1	n.a.	---	n.a.	---	---	---	---	n.a.	---	---	n.a.	1	n.a.	---		
South	n.a.	30	n.a.	3	n.a.	---	---	---	---	n.a.	---	---	n.a.	30	n.a.	3		
Total	n.a.	31	n.a.	3	n.a.	---	---	---	---	n.a.	---	---	n.a.	31	n.a.	3		
Macedon Ranges (S)																		
Kyneton	n.a.	7	n.a.	2	n.a.	---	---	---	---	n.a.	---	---	n.a.	7	n.a.	2		
Romsey	63	21	5	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	63	21	5	6		
Balance	n.a.	52	n.a.	19	n.a.	---	---	---	---	n.a.	---	---	n.a.	52	n.a.	19		
Total	n.a.	80	n.a.	27	n.a.	---	---	---	---	n.a.	---	---	n.a.	80	n.a.	27		
Mount Alexander (S)																		
Castlemaine	28	2	1	1	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	30	2	1	1		
Balance	n.a.	10	n.a.	3	n.a.	---	---	---	---	n.a.	---	---	n.a.	10	n.a.	3		
Total	n.a.	12	n.a.	4	n.a.	---	---	---	---	n.a.	---	---	n.a.	12	n.a.	4		
Total Division	n.a.	303	n.a.	87	n.a.	---	---	---	2	n.a.	---	---	n.a.	305	n.a.	87		

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NUMBER OF 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 - Sep.		September	July - Sep.		September	July - Sep.		September	
	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995
BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Colac-Otway (S)	20	1	1	—	—	—	20	1	1	1
Colac	n.a.	5	n.a.	n.a.	—	—	n.a.	5	n.a.	1
North	n.a.	7	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	7	n.a.	3
South	n.a.	13	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	13	n.a.	5
Total	34	12	4	—	—	—	34	12	4	3
Golden Plains (S)	n.a.	9	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	9	n.a.	3
North-West	n.a.	21	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	21	n.a.	6
South-East	n.a.	27	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	27	n.a.	—
Total	163	44	13	—	—	—	163	27	13	12
Greater Geelong (C)	246	10	2	17	5	—	246	44	29	13
Part A	44	2	12	6	—	—	61	15	2	1
Bellarine — Inner	18	2	1	1	—	—	24	2	12	1
Corio — Inner	21	2	—	8	—	4	29	2	4	1
Geelong	259	61	23	7	—	2	266	61	25	19
Geelong West	211	46	14	17	6	—	217	46	14	17
Newtown	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.	—
South Barwon — Inner	n.a.	192	n.a.	64	5	—	n.a.	197	n.a.	64
Part B	23	4	5	—	—	—	23	4	5	—
Part C	194	73	33	—	4	—	194	77	33	23
Total	n.a.	18	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.	n.a.	18	n.a.	2
Queenscliffe (B)	n.a.	91	n.a.	25	4	n.a.	n.a.	95	n.a.	25
Surf Coast (S)	n.a.	321	n.a.	100	9	n.a.	n.a.	330	n.a.	100
East	n.a.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
West	n.a.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	n.a.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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NUMBER OF 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 - Sep.		September	July - Sep.		September	July - Sep.		September	
	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995
OVENS-MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Alpine (S)	n.a.	13	n.a.	6	n.a.	—	n.a.	13	n.a.	6
East	n.a.	5	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	5	n.a.	1
West	n.a.	18	n.a.	7	n.a.	—	n.a.	18	n.a.	7
Total	n.a.	26	n.a.	14	n.a.	—	n.a.	26	n.a.	8
Indigo (S)	n.a.	11	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	11	n.a.	2
Part A	26	7	—	1	—	—	—	7	—	1
Part B	n.a.	18	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	18	n.a.	3
Total	n.a.	29	n.a.	5	n.a.	—	n.a.	29	n.a.	4
Milawa (S)	n.a.	8	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	8	n.a.	3
North	n.a.	3	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	3	n.a.	1
South	51	37	7	2	6	1	6	57	13	2
Wangaratta	n.a.	48	n.a.	6	n.a.	1	n.a.	49	n.a.	6
Total	n.a.	89	n.a.	12	n.a.	1	n.a.	92	n.a.	15
Towong (S)	n.a.	2	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	2	n.a.	1
Part A	n.a.	1	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	1
Part B	31	3	10	2	—	—	—	31	10	2
Total	n.a.	82	n.a.	16	n.a.	—	n.a.	82	n.a.	16
Wodonga (RC)	n.a.	169	n.a.	34	n.a.	1	n.a.	170	n.a.	34
Total Division	n.a.	297	n.a.	67	n.a.	1	n.a.	305	n.a.	67

EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION

East Gippsland (S)	n.a.	32	n.a.	17	n.a.	—	n.a.	32	n.a.	17
Bairnsdale	41	9	6	6	3	—	—	44	9	6
Orbost	n.a.	3	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	3	n.a.	3
South West	n.a.	5	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	5	n.a.	4
Balance	n.a.	49	n.a.	30	n.a.	—	n.a.	49	n.a.	30
Total	30	5	—	1	—	—	—	30	—	1
Wellington (S)	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	2	n.a.	—
Alberton	42	5	3	—	13	—	—	55	5	3
Avon	n.a.	16	n.a.	7	n.a.	—	n.a.	16	n.a.	7
Maffra	39	11	7	4	—	—	—	39	11	7
Rosedale	n.a.	39	n.a.	12	n.a.	—	n.a.	39	n.a.	12
Salé	n.a.	88	n.a.	42	n.a.	—	n.a.	88	n.a.	42
Total	n.a.	169	n.a.	88	n.a.	—	n.a.	177	n.a.	88
Total Division	n.a.	169	n.a.	88	n.a.	—	n.a.	177	n.a.	88

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NUMBER OF 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 - Sep.		September		July - Sep.		September		July - Sep.		September	
	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995	1994-95	1995-96	1994	1995
GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION												
Bass Coast (S)	119	43	13	12	—	—	—	—	119	43	13	12
Phillip Island	n.a.	47	n.a.	12	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	47	n.a.	12
Balance	n.a.	90	n.a.	24	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	90	n.a.	24
<i>Total</i>												
Baw Baw (S)	n.a.	6	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	6	n.a.	4
Part A												
Part B												
East	n.a.	3	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	3	n.a.	—
West	n.a.	35	n.a.	7	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	35	n.a.	7
<i>Total</i>	n.a.	44	n.a.	11	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	44	n.a.	11
La Trobe (S)												
Moc	n.a.	19	n.a.	9	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	23	n.a.	9
Monwell	n.a.	11	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	11	n.a.	1
Traralgon	n.a.	27	n.a.	10	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	27	n.a.	10
Balance	n.a.	1	n.a.	1	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	1	n.a.	1
<i>Total</i>	n.a.	58	n.a.	21	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	62	n.a.	21
South Gippsland (S)												
Central	n.a.	32	n.a.	12	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	32	n.a.	12
East	34	6	3	4	—	—	—	—	34	6	3	4
West	n.a.	5	n.a.	2	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	5	n.a.	2
<i>Total</i>	n.a.	43	n.a.	18	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	43	n.a.	18
Yarra Ranges (S) --- Part B (c)	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—
Bass Strait Islands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
French Island	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Yallourn Works Area	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Division	n.a.	235	n.a.	74	n.a.	4	n.a.	—	n.a.	239	n.a.	74
TOTAL VICTORIA												
	24,547	6,702	2,324	1,979	3,171	793	118	215	27,718	7,495	2,442	2,194

(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 (SLAs). Commencements for three SLAs are included in the Melbourne Statistical Division and the other SLA is included in the Gippsland Statistical Division

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NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS, OWNERSHIP AND STATISTICAL DIVISION, SEPTEMBER 1995

<i>Statistical division (a)</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>
PRIVATE SECTOR						
Melbourne	3	816	1	21	569	1,410
Barwon	4	58	—	6	32	100
Western District	—	26	—	4	1	31
Central Highlands	1	10	—	6	37	54
Wimmera	—	4	1	—	1	6
Mallee	—	20	—	3	8	31
Loddon	—	69	1	3	13	86
Goulburn	1	40	—	7	20	68
Ovens-Murray	—	25	—	4	5	34
East Gippsland	—	23	4	7	8	42
Gippsland	—	24	4	9	35	72
Total Victoria	9	1,115	11	70	729	1,934
PUBLIC SECTOR						
Melbourne	—	23	—	—	12	35
Barwon	—	—	—	—	—	—
Western District	—	3	—	—	—	3
Central Highlands	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wimmera	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mallee	—	—	—	—	—	—
Loddon	—	—	—	—	1	1
Goulburn	—	4	—	—	—	4
Ovens-Murray	—	—	—	—	—	—
East Gippsland	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gippsland	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total Victoria	—	30	—	—	15	45
TOTAL						
Melbourne	3	839	1	21	581	1,445
Barwon	4	58	—	6	32	100
Western District	—	29	—	4	1	34
Central Highlands	1	10	—	6	37	54
Wimmera	—	4	1	—	1	6
Mallee	—	20	—	3	8	31
Loddon	—	69	1	3	14	87
Goulburn	1	44	—	7	20	72
Ovens-Murray	—	25	—	4	5	34
East Gippsland	—	23	4	7	8	42
Gippsland	—	24	4	9	37	74
Total Victoria	9	1,145	11	70	744	1,979

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

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 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) were 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. *Dwelling unit.* 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. *Residential building.* 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. *Commencement.* 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.

TREND ESTIMATES

10. Trend estimate dwelling unit commencement statistics are shown in Table 2. The trend estimates 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.

GEOGRAPHIC CHANGES

12. Statistics published in this issue of Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported By Approving Authorities, Victoria are presented in accordance with the revised geographic boundaries contained in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Edition 2.5. The 'Off shore and migratory' category has been excluded from all tables.

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 other SDs subject to boundary changes can, in some instances, be provided as a special data service. Charges apply for these services.)

COMPARABILITY

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 commencements statistics, with the quarterly dwelling unit commencements statistics from the Building Activity Survey (published in Building Activity, Victoria 8752.2).

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

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17. Users may also wish to refer to the following building and construction publications which are available on request:

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