

## DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1995

### MAIN FEATURES

- During June 1995 there were 570 new dwelling units reported as commenced. Of the total, 525 were within the private sector and 45 within the public sector. There were 353 commencements in the Adelaide Statistical Division (ASD) and 217 in the remainder of the State.
- The areas that reported the most dwelling unit commencements within the ASD were Noarlunga (100), followed by Munno Para and Tea Tree Gully both with 33, Campbelltown and Marion both with 27 and Salisbury with 26.
- Outside the ASD, Onkaparinga reported the most with 19, followed by Port Elliot & Goolwa (17), Victor Harbor (16), Mount Gambier (15) and Mount Barker with 13.
- The total number of dwelling unit commencements reported by authorities during 1994-95 was 9,576 which was a fall of 16.3 per cent on the 1993-94 total of 11,434. The number of private sector houses reported as commenced also decreased in 1994-95 to 7,739 from 9,133 in 1993-94. (See table 1.)

### 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. From January 1991 the data were compiled using an 'as reported' method. Previously, data were revised for up to four months as councils notified the ABS of commencements occurring before the reference month.

#### Scope and coverage

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

- building permits were issued by local government or other government authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities; and

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

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

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 *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.

- 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:

- the residential building is first inspected by a 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
- the residential building is determined as commenced by a building inspector or surveyor.

### INQUIRIES

- for more information about statistics in this publication and the availability of related unpublished statistics, contact Damian Sparkes on Adelaide (08) 237 7590 or any ABS State Office.
- for information about other ABS statistics and services please contact Information Services on Adelaide (08) 237 7100, call at 55 Currie Street, Adelaide, or write to Information Services, ABS, GPO Box 2272, Adelaide SA 5001.

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.

#### **Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)**

8. Area statistics are now being classified to the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification, Edition 2.4* (1216.0) and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics.

#### **Comparability of statistics**

9. 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**

10. 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**

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

*Building Approvals, Australia* (8731.0)  
*Building Approvals, South Australia* (8731.4)  
*Building Activity, Australia: Dwelling Unit Commencements, Preliminary* (8750.0)  
*Building Activity, South Australia* (8752.4)

12. 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 *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### **Symbols and other usages**

— nil or rounded to zero

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

Period	Houses			Other residential buildings			Total		
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total
ADELAIDE STATISTICAL DIVISION									
1992-93	6,399	303	6,702	1,596	415	2,011	7,995	718	8,713
1993-94	6,265	405	6,670	1,369	312	1,681	7,634	717	8,351
1994-95	5,260	443	5,703	1,000	160	1,160	6,260	603	6,863
1993-94 —									
Apr.	435	63	498	140	27	167	575	90	665
May	509	39	548	121	23	144	630	62	692
June	521	32	553	108	26	134	629	58	687
1994-95 —									
July	510	22	532	100	48	148	610	70	680
Aug.	546	60	606	79	40	119	625	100	725
Sept.	546	76	622	72	6	78	618	82	700
Oct.	519	21	540	157	10	167	676	31	707
Nov.	495	25	520	106	6	112	601	31	632
Dec.	431	35	466	96	21	117	527	56	583
Jan.	466	14	480	114	5	119	580	19	599
Feb.	363	33	396	72	10	82	435	43	478
Mar.	429	51	480	63	5	68	492	56	548
Apr.	356	57	413	88	—	88	444	57	501
May	303	19	322	33	3	36	336	22	358
June	297	30	327	20	6	26	317	36	353
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
1992-93	9,012	320	9,332	1,755	455	2,210	10,767	775	11,542
1993-94	9,133	440	9,573	1,538	323	1,861	10,671	763	11,434
1994-95	7,739	449	8,188	1,197	191	1,388	8,936	640	9,576
1993-94 —									
Apr.	668	71	739	148	27	175	816	98	914
May	713	41	754	137	23	160	850	64	914
June	770	32	802	120	26	146	890	58	948
1994-95 —									
July	715	24	739	121	48	169	836	72	908
Aug.	795	61	856	102	42	144	897	103	1,000
Sept.	795	76	871	93	14	107	888	90	978
Oct.	747	21	768	176	22	198	923	43	966
Nov.	729	25	754	117	8	125	846	33	879
Dec.	661	35	696	105	21	126	766	56	822
Jan.	655	14	669	122	5	127	777	19	796
Feb.	562	34	596	95	10	105	657	44	701
Mar.	650	51	701	75	5	80	725	56	781
Apr.	493	57	550	106	—	106	599	57	656
May	448	19	467	52	3	55	500	22	522
June	490	32	522	35	13	48	525	45	570

TABLE 2 - NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED IN SELECTED STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS

Statistical local area	Houses			Other residential buildings			Total		
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total
ADELAIDE STATISTICAL DIVISION									
Adelaide (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brighton (C)	1	—	1	2	—	2	3	—	3
Burnside (C)	5	—	5	2	—	2	7	—	7
Campbelltown (C)	25	—	25	2	—	2	27	—	27
East Torrens (DC)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Elizabeth (C)	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Enfield (C) Pt A and Pt B	9	4	13	—	2	2	9	6	15
Gawler (M)	8	—	8	—	—	—	8	—	8
Glenside (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Happy Valley (C)	9	—	9	—	—	—	9	—	9
Henley and Grange (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hindmarsh and Woodville (C)	12	—	12	2	—	2	14	—	14
Kensington and Norwood (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marion (C)	16	5	21	2	4	6	18	9	27
Mitcham (C)	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	2
Munno Para (C)	33	—	33	—	—	—	33	—	33
Noarlunga (C)	81	17	98	2	—	2	83	17	100
Payneham (C)	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
Port Adelaide (C)	12	1	13	4	—	4	16	1	17
Prospect (C)	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
St Peters (M)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salisbury (C)	24	—	24	2	—	2	26	—	26
Stirling (DC)	6	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	6
Tea Tree Gully (C)	32	1	33	—	—	—	32	1	33
Thebarton (M)	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Unley	5	—	5	—	—	—	5	—	5
Walkerville (M)	8	—	8	2	—	2	10	—	10
West Torrens (C)	4	—	4	—	—	—	4	—	4
Willunga (DC)	3	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	3
Unincorporated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>353</b>
REST OF STATE									
Barossa (DC)	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	2
Light (DC)	4	—	4	—	—	—	4	—	4
Mallala (DC)	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
Mount Barker (DC)	13	—	13	—	—	—	13	—	13
Mount Gambier (C)	15	—	15	—	—	—	15	—	15
Murray Bridge (RC)	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
Northern Yorke Peninsula (DC)	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	2
Port Augusta (C)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Port Elliot and Goolwa (DC)	17	—	17	—	—	—	17	—	17
Port Lincoln (C)	7	—	7	2	—	2	9	—	9
Port Pirie (C)	6	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	6
Strathalbyn (DC)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Victor Harbor (DC)	16	—	16	—	—	—	16	—	16
Whyalla (C)	6	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	6
Other	103	2	105	13	7	20	116	9	125
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>570</b>

(C) Municipality with city status (DC) District Council (M) Municipality (RC) Rural City

