

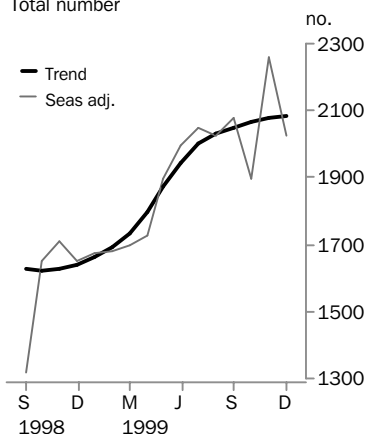
BUILDING APPROVALS

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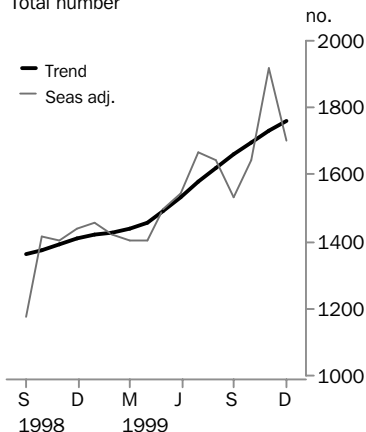
Dwelling units approved

Total number



Private sector houses approved

Total number



DECEMBER KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	Dec 1999	% change Nov 1999 to Dec 1999	% change Dec 1998 to Dec 1999
Dwelling units approved			
Private sector houses	1 760	1.7	25.0
Total dwelling units	2 084	0.3	27.1

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Dec 1999	% change Nov 1999 to Dec 1999	% change Dec 1998 to Dec 1999
Dwelling units approved			
Private sector houses	1 701	-11.4	18.3
Total dwelling units	2 026	-10.4	22.6

DECEMBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend for private sector houses increased by 1.7% in December and 25.0% over the past 12 months. However, the rate of increase has been easing gradually since July 1999.
- Growth in the trend for total dwellings has slowed to 0.3% in December.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The December seasonally adjusted estimate for private sector houses was 11.4% lower than November, following two previous monthly rises.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwellings fell 10.4% in December. If it falls again in January it will cause the trend to fall for the first time since October 1998.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- The level of dwelling approvals for December, in original terms, was 17.3% lower than the previous month. However, November was at a five year high. The total of 1,976 dwellings was comprised of 1,701 houses (down 15.5%) and 275 other dwellings (down 27.1%).
- The value of total building was \$298.5 million, compared with \$390.3 in November. Both residential (down 19.7%) and non-residential building (down 35.5) contributed to the drop in December.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Merv Leaker on Adelaide 08 8237 7536 or Client Services in any ABS office as shown on the back cover of this publication.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
January 2000	8 March 2000
February 2000	6 April 2000
March 2000	12 May 2000
April 2000	7 June 2000
May 2000	10 July 2000
June 2000	8 August 2000

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

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DATA NOTES

There are no notes about the data for this issue.

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REVISIONS THIS MONTH

There are no revisions in this issue.

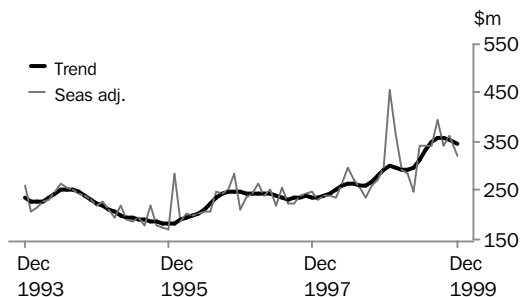
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VALUE OF BUILDINGS APPROVED

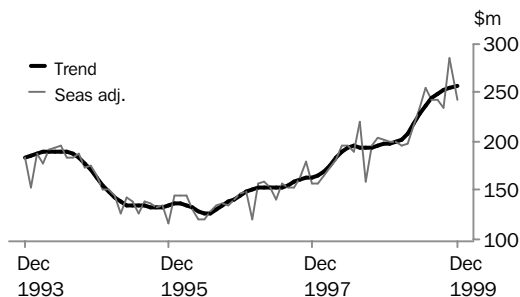
VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING

The trend for total building peaked in October and has subsequently fallen by 3.3% in the two months since.



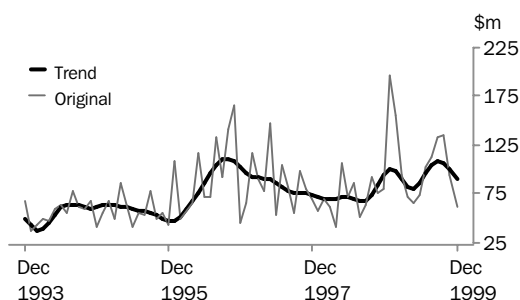
VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

The trend for the value of residential building has been growing consistently since September 1998, but the rate of growth is slowing markedly.



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

The trend for the value of non-residential building is now showing a decline of 16.7% over the past three months. This series exhibits considerable volatility.



SUMMARY OF 1999 BUILDINGS APPROVED

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

The number of dwelling units approved in 1999 calendar year and the percentage movements between 1998 and 1999 for Western Australia are summarised below.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Conversions</i>	<i>Non residential building</i>	<i>Total dwelling units</i>
No. of dwelling units 1999	22876	67	103	55	23101
1998 to 1999 % change	17.5	123.3	296.2	150.0	18.2

There were 18.2% more dwellings approved in calendar year 1999, compared with the previous twelve months. This follows an increase of 17.8% from the number of 1997 (16,594 dwellings).

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED

Percentage movements for the value of building approved between 1998 and 1999 for Western Australia are summarised below.

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED

	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings creating dwellings</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings not creating dwellings</i>	<i>Conversions</i>	<i>Non residential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
Value (\$m) 1999	2 511.5	5.4	224.6	15.1	1 297.3	4 053.9
1998 to 1999 % change	22.8	188.2	16.8	657.5	51.1	30.7

All building categories above increased in value in 1999, with the total being 30.7% higher than 1998.

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

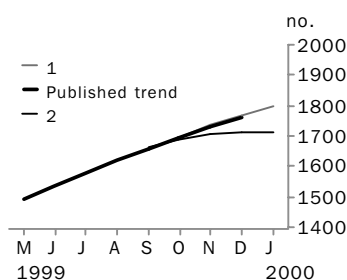
TREND REVISIONS

Readers should exercise care when interpreting trend estimates. The last six trend estimates, in particular, are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

Generally, the greater the volatility of the original series, the larger the size of the revisions to trend estimates. Analysis of the building approval original series has shown that they can be revised substantially. As a result, some months can elapse before turning points in the trend series are reliably identified.

The graphs and tables which follow present the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates: that the January seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the December estimate by 6% for the number of private sector houses approved and 8% for total dwelling units approved; and that the January seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the December estimate by 6% for the number of private sector houses approved and 8% for total dwelling units approved. These percentages were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage change for these series over the last ten years.

PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES



	TREND AS PUBLISHED	
	no.	% change
August 1999	1 620	2.7
September 1999	1 658	2.4
October 1999	1 696	2.3
November 1999	1 731	2.1
December 1999	1 760	1.7
January 2000	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:

1

rises by 6% on Dec 1999

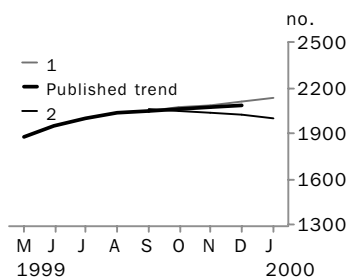
	no.	% change
August 1999	1 620	2.7
September 1999	1 658	2.4
October 1999	1 696	2.3
November 1999	1 734	2.3
December 1999	1 769	2.0
January 2000	1 795	1.4

2

falls by 6% on Dec 1999

	no.	% change
August 1999	1 626	2.9
September 1999	1 662	2.2
October 1999	1 687	1.5
November 1999	1 705	1.0
December 1999	1 713	0.5
January 2000	1 710	-0.2

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS



	TREND AS PUBLISHED	
	no.	% change
August 1999	2 033	1.7
September 1999	2 051	0.9
October 1999	2 065	0.7
November 1999	2 077	0.6
December 1999	2 084	0.3
January 2000	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:

1

rises by 8% on Dec 1999

	no.	% change
August 1999	2 032	1.7
September 1999	2 051	0.9
October 1999	2 067	0.8
November 1999	2 089	1.1
December 1999	2 113	1.1
January 2000	2 136	1.1

2

falls by 8% on Dec 1999

	no.	% change
August 1999	2 044	1.9
September 1999	2 056	0.6
October 1999	2 052	-0.2
November 1999	2 040	-0.6
December 1999	2 020	-1.0
January 2000	1 996	-1.2

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

Month	HOUSES.....		OTHER DWELLINGS.....		TOTAL DWELLING UNITS	
	<i>Private sector</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Private sector</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Private sector</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
ORIGINAL						
1998						
October	1 454	1 462	127	172	1 581	1 634
November	1 395	1 404	193	245	1 588	1 649
December	1 383	1 393	192	248	1 575	1 641
1999						
January	1 142	1 148	110	159	1 252	1 307
February	1 284	1 290	205	257	1 489	1 547
March	1 562	1 606	296	332	1 858	1 938
April	1 372	1 424	199	201	1 571	1 625
May	1 583	1 633	223	308	1 806	1 941
June	1 637	1 762	431	624	2 068	2 386
July	1 686	1 687	351	356	2 037	2 043
August	1 728	1 745	281	322	2 009	2 067
September	1 595	1 609	317	454	1 912	2 063
October	1 633	1 646	144	173	1 777	1 819
November	1 993	2 012	371	377	2 364	2 389
December	1 679	1 701	202	275	1 881	1 976
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
1998						
October	1 417	1 434	n.a.	n.a.	1 570	1 653
November	1 402	1 413	n.a.	n.a.	1 619	1 712
December	1 439	1 451	n.a.	n.a.	1 586	1 653
1999						
January	1 455	1 465	n.a.	n.a.	1 573	1 673
February	1 423	1 430	n.a.	n.a.	1 610	1 679
March	1 406	1 434	n.a.	n.a.	1 646	1 700
April	1 403	1 444	n.a.	n.a.	1 674	1 726
May	1 495	1 551	n.a.	n.a.	1 759	1 899
June	1 541	1 596	n.a.	n.a.	1 891	1 998
July	1 664	1 665	n.a.	n.a.	2 041	2 048
August	1 641	1 660	n.a.	n.a.	1 934	2 026
September	1 534	1 549	n.a.	n.a.	1 816	2 077
October	1 641	1 668	n.a.	n.a.	1 827	1 894
November	1 921	1 943	n.a.	n.a.	2 229	2 260
December	1 701	1 728	n.a.	n.a.	1 906	2 026
TREND ESTIMATES						
1998						
October	1 373	1 396	160	224	1 533	1 620
November	1 390	1 402	153	223	1 543	1 625
December	1 408	1 414	155	226	1 563	1 640
1999						
January	1 419	1 424	166	237	1 586	1 662
February	1 425	1 435	191	258	1 615	1 692
March	1 436	1 451	225	285	1 661	1 735
April	1 459	1 481	264	317	1 723	1 797
May	1 493	1 519	299	354	1 792	1 873
June	1 533	1 561	320	384	1 853	1 945
July	1 578	1 605	320	395	1 897	1 999
August	1 620	1 644	305	389	1 925	2 033
September	1 658	1 679	284	372	1 942	2 051
October	1 696	1 716	262	349	1 958	2 065
November	1 731	1 751	243	325	1 974	2 077
December	1 760	1 783	224	301	1 984	2 084

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Percentage Change

Month	HOUSES.....		OTHER DWELLINGS.....		TOTAL DWELLING UNITS	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)						
1998						
October	17.4	16.3	2.4	10.3	16.0	15.6
November	-4.1	-4.0	52.0	42.4	0.4	0.9
December	-0.9	-0.8	-0.5	1.2	-0.8	-0.5
1999						
January	-17.4	-17.6	-42.7	-35.9	-20.5	-20.4
February	12.4	12.4	86.4	61.6	18.9	18.4
March	21.7	24.5	44.4	29.2	24.8	25.3
April	-12.2	-11.3	-32.8	-39.5	-15.4	-16.2
May	15.4	14.7	12.1	53.2	15.0	19.4
June	3.4	7.9	93.3	102.6	14.5	22.9
July	3.0	-4.3	-18.6	-42.9	-1.5	-14.4
August	2.5	3.4	-19.9	-9.6	-1.4	1.2
September	-7.7	-7.8	12.8	41.0	-4.8	-0.2
October	2.4	2.3	-54.6	-61.9	-7.1	-11.8
November	22.0	22.2	157.6	117.9	33.0	31.3
December	-15.8	-15.5	-45.6	-27.1	-20.4	-17.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)						
1998						
October	20.3	19.9	n.a.	n.a.	26.3	25.5
November	-1.0	-1.5	n.a.	n.a.	3.1	3.6
December	2.6	2.7	n.a.	n.a.	-2.0	-3.4
1999						
January	1.2	1.0	n.a.	n.a.	-0.8	1.2
February	-2.2	-2.4	n.a.	n.a.	2.4	0.4
March	-1.3	0.3	n.a.	n.a.	2.2	1.3
April	-0.2	0.7	n.a.	n.a.	1.7	1.5
May	6.5	7.4	n.a.	n.a.	5.0	10.0
June	3.1	2.9	n.a.	n.a.	7.5	5.2
July	8.0	4.3	n.a.	n.a.	8.0	2.5
August	-1.4	-0.3	n.a.	n.a.	-5.2	-1.1
September	-6.5	-6.7	n.a.	n.a.	-6.1	2.5
October	7.0	7.7	n.a.	n.a.	0.6	-8.8
November	17.1	16.5	n.a.	n.a.	22.0	19.3
December	-11.4	-11.1	n.a.	n.a.	-14.5	-10.4
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)						
1998						
October	0.7	-0.1	-7.5	-1.8	-0.2	-0.4
November	1.3	0.4	-4.4	-0.4	0.7	0.3
December	1.3	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.9
1999						
January	0.8	0.7	7.1	4.9	1.5	1.3
February	0.4	0.8	15.1	8.9	1.9	1.8
March	0.8	1.1	17.8	10.5	2.8	2.5
April	1.6	2.1	17.3	11.2	3.7	3.6
May	2.3	2.6	13.3	11.7	4.0	4.2
June	2.7	2.8	7.0	8.5	3.4	3.8
July	2.9	2.8	0.0	2.9	2.4	2.8
August	2.7	2.4	-4.7	-1.5	1.4	1.7
September	2.4	2.1	-6.9	-4.4	0.9	0.9
October	2.3	2.2	-7.7	-6.2	0.8	0.7
November	2.1	2.0	-7.3	-6.9	0.8	0.6
December	1.7	1.8	-7.8	-7.4	0.5	0.3

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED

Month	New residential building \$m	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(a) \$m	Total residential building \$m	Non- residential building \$m	Total building \$m
ORIGINAL					
1998					
October	175.8	19.9	195.7	92.4	288.1
November	178.0	17.4	195.4	77.0	272.4
December	180.1	19.3	199.4	79.5	278.8
1999					
January	148.3	19.6	167.9	197.1	365.0
February	169.5	18.2	187.8	156.3	344.0
March	198.9	26.1	225.0	93.5	318.5
April	174.9	18.4	193.3	71.3	264.6
May	203.6	17.8	221.4	65.4	286.9
June	250.0	16.1	266.1	73.4	339.5
July	226.7	24.9	251.6	102.6	354.2
August	217.8	24.2	242.0	112.8	354.7
September	226.2	17.9	244.1	133.3	377.3
October	206.2	18.9	225.1	135.3	360.4
November	269.8	25.4	295.2	95.1	390.3
December	219.6	17.6	237.2	61.3	298.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
1998					
October	178.8	18.0	196.8	n.a.	261.8
November	186.3	17.2	203.5	n.a.	270.7
December	183.1	19.2	202.3	n.a.	295.1
1999					
January	180.1	20.9	201.0	n.a.	457.0
February	180.5	19.8	200.3	n.a.	368.4
March	175.1	21.4	196.5	n.a.	291.5
April	175.4	22.5	197.9	n.a.	286.4
May	199.2	17.8	217.0	n.a.	247.5
June	216.7	17.0	233.7	n.a.	342.0
July	229.3	24.9	254.2	n.a.	341.1
August	217.5	25.0	242.4	n.a.	343.5
September	225.3	17.3	242.6	n.a.	395.9
October	217.8	17.0	234.8	n.a.	343.0
November	260.8	24.9	285.7	n.a.	362.7
December	226.2	16.9	243.1	n.a.	319.9
TREND ESTIMATES					
1998					
October	177.2	17.3	194.5	73.9	268.4
November	177.8	18.1	196.0	84.6	280.5
December	178.2	19.2	197.4	95.3	292.7
1999					
January	178.1	20.0	198.1	100.9	299.0
February	179.0	20.3	199.3	98.9	298.2
March	182.2	20.4	202.7	90.7	293.4
April	188.6	20.6	209.1	82.7	291.8
May	197.7	20.7	218.4	80.1	298.5
June	207.8	20.8	228.6	85.7	314.3
July	216.8	20.9	237.7	96.5	334.2
August	223.6	20.9	244.5	105.6	350.1
September	228.2	20.7	248.9	108.7	357.7
October	231.8	20.4	252.2	106.3	358.5
November	234.9	19.9	254.8	100.9	355.7
December	236.9	19.4	256.3	90.5	346.8

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Percentage Change

Month	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(a)	Total residential building	Non- residential building	Total building
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)					
1998					
October	17.6	20.1	17.8	44.8	25.3
November	1.3	-12.4	-0.1	-16.7	-5.4
December	1.2	10.7	2.0	3.2	2.4
1999					
January	-17.7	1.9	-15.8	148.0	30.9
February	14.3	-7.1	11.8	-20.7	-5.7
March	17.3	43.0	19.8	-40.2	-7.4
April	-12.1	-29.4	-14.1	-23.8	-16.9
May	16.4	-3.3	14.5	-8.2	8.4
June	22.8	-9.6	20.2	12.2	18.4
July	-9.3	54.5	-5.4	39.7	4.3
August	-3.9	-2.8	-3.8	9.9	0.2
September	3.8	-25.8	0.9	18.2	6.4
October	-8.8	5.2	-7.8	1.5	-4.5
November	30.8	34.4	31.1	-29.7	8.3
December	-18.6	-30.8	-19.7	-35.5	-23.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)					
1998					
October	24.7	15.1	23.7	n.a.	10.3
November	4.2	-4.5	3.4	n.a.	3.4
December	-1.7	11.9	-0.5	n.a.	9.0
1999					
January	-1.7	8.8	-0.7	n.a.	54.9
February	0.3	-5.4	-0.3	n.a.	-19.4
March	-3.0	7.9	-1.9	n.a.	-20.9
April	0.2	5.4	0.7	n.a.	-1.8
May	13.5	-20.9	9.6	n.a.	-13.6
June	8.8	-4.5	7.7	n.a.	38.2
July	5.8	46.7	8.8	n.a.	-0.2
August	-5.2	0.2	-4.6	n.a.	0.7
September	3.6	-30.7	0.1	n.a.	15.3
October	-3.4	-1.8	-3.3	n.a.	-13.4
November	19.8	46.7	21.7	n.a.	5.7
December	-13.3	-32.3	-14.9	n.a.	-11.8
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)					
1998					
October	0.0	3.3	0.3	8.3	2.4
November	0.4	4.9	0.8	14.4	4.5
December	0.2	5.7	0.7	12.7	4.3
1999					
January	0.0	4.1	0.4	5.9	2.2
February	0.5	1.7	0.6	-2.0	-0.3
March	1.8	0.6	1.7	-8.2	-1.6
April	3.5	0.7	3.2	-8.9	-0.5
May	4.9	0.4	4.4	-3.1	2.3
June	5.1	0.6	4.7	7.0	5.3
July	4.3	0.7	4.0	12.6	6.3
August	3.1	0.0	2.8	9.4	4.7
September	2.1	-0.9	1.8	3.0	2.2
October	1.6	-1.8	1.3	-2.2	0.2
November	1.3	-2.1	1.0	-5.1	-0.8
December	0.9	-2.7	0.6	-10.3	-2.5

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Private and Public Sector: **Original**

<i>Period</i>	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Conversion(a)</i>	<i>Non-residential building(a)</i>	<i>Total dwelling units</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR (Number)						
1996-1997	13 067	1 682	56	3	32	14 840
1997-1998	14 960	2 026	45	21	40	17 092
1998-1999	16 957	2 313	31	101	36	19 438
1998						
December	1 381	175	2	15	2	1 575
1999						
January	1 142	108	2	0	0	1 252
February	1 284	201	3	0	1	1 489
March	1 562	218	1	77	0	1 858
April	1 372	187	0	0	12	1 571
May	1 580	221	2	3	0	1 806
June	1 636	419	8	0	5	2 068
July	1 685	341	6	3	2	2 037
August	1 728	257	3	13	8	2 009
September	1 595	312	1	0	4	1 912
October	1 630	141	5	0	1	1 777
November	1 990	363	8	0	3	2 364
December	1 679	166	14	7	15	1 881
PUBLIC SECTOR (Number)						
1996-1997	565	331	6	0	0	902
1997-1998	868	500	0	0	0	1 368
1998-1999	442	636	7	0	0	1 085
1998						
December	10	56	0	0	0	66
1999						
January	6	49	0	0	0	55
February	6	52	0	0	0	58
March	44	36	0	0	0	80
April	52	2	0	0	0	54
May	50	85	0	0	0	135
June	125	193	0	0	0	318
July	1	4	1	0	0	6
August	17	33	8	0	0	58
September	14	137	0	0	0	151
October	13	29	0	0	0	42
November	19	2	4	0	0	25
December	22	68	1	0	4	95
TOTAL (Number)						
1996-1997	13 632	2 013	62	3	32	15 742
1997-1998	15 828	2 526	45	21	40	18 460
1998-1999	17 399	2 949	38	101	36	20 523
1998						
December	1 391	231	2	15	2	1 641
1999						
January	1 148	157	2	0	0	1 307
February	1 290	253	3	0	1	1 547
March	1 606	254	1	77	0	1 938
April	1 424	189	0	0	12	1 625
May	1 630	306	2	3	0	1 941
June	1 761	612	8	0	5	2 386
July	1 686	345	7	3	2	2 043
August	1 745	290	11	13	8	2 067
September	1 609	449	1	0	4	2 063
October	1 643	170	5	0	1	1 819
November	2 009	365	12	0	3	2 389
December	1 701	234	15	7	19	1 976

(a) See Glossary for definition.

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Private and Public Sector: **Original**

Period	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations and additions creating dwellings	Alterations and additions not creating dwellings	Conversion(a)	Total residential building	Non-residential building (a)	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR (\$ million)								
1996-1997	1 294.1	154.0	4.8	163.9	0.1	1 616.6	773.9	2 390.9
1997-1998	1 561.5	189.6	2.4	182.5	0.9	1 936.9	706.7	2 643.5
1998-1999	1 851.4	253.1	1.8	206.6	8.7	2 321.8	896.2	3 218.1
1998								
December	153.9	20.9	0.1	18.0	1.2	194.0	54.4	248.4
1999								
January	126.5	17.6	0.3	18.7	0.0	163.1	163.8	326.9
February	140.0	25.6	0.1	18.0	0.0	183.8	121.3	305.1
March	172.2	19.5	0.0	18.4	7.1	217.3	81.6	298.9
April	148.3	20.1	0.0	16.9	0.0	185.4	62.1	247.5
May	171.3	20.5	0.1	17.3	0.1	209.2	48.5	257.8
June	191.3	31.9	0.4	15.6	0.0	239.1	56.3	295.4
July	183.7	42.4	0.6	23.8	0.1	250.5	57.2	307.7
August	189.2	25.0	0.1	16.1	6.5	236.9	61.1	298.0
September	182.0	30.5	0.1	17.8	0.0	230.4	58.7	289.1
October	187.4	15.3	0.6	17.9	0.0	221.1	69.8	291.0
November	233.1	33.9	0.7	24.1	0.0	291.9	48.1	340.0
December	194.5	17.6	1.5	14.6	1.3	229.4	43.9	273.3
PUBLIC SECTOR (\$ million)								
1996-1997	54.9	21.7	0.1	4.0	0.0	80.5	430.0	510.7
1997-1998	72.9	32.5	0.0	1.7	0.0	107.4	193.3	300.3
1998-1999	46.8	44.8	0.4	5.4	0.0	97.5	210.7	308.5
1998								
December	1.5	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	25.1	30.5
1999								
January	0.8	3.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	4.8	33.3	38.1
February	0.6	3.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.0	34.9	38.9
March	4.1	3.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	7.6	12.0	19.6
April	6.2	0.3	0.0	1.5	0.0	7.9	9.2	17.1
May	5.7	6.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	12.2	16.9	29.1
June	12.5	14.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	26.9	17.2	44.1
July	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.1	45.4	46.5
August	1.8	1.8	0.4	1.0	0.0	5.0	51.7	56.7
September	1.2	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.7	74.6	88.2
October	1.4	2.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	4.0	65.4	69.4
November	2.2	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.0	3.3	46.9	50.3
December	2.1	5.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	7.8	17.5	25.2
TOTAL (\$ million)								
1996-1997	1 348.9	175.8	4.9	167.7	0.1	1 697.3	1 204.5	2 901.8
1997-1998	1 634.2	222.0	2.4	184.3	0.9	2 043.9	899.8	2 943.8
1998-1999	1 898.5	298.3	2.3	212.2	8.7	2 419.7	1 106.9	3 526.6
1998								
December	155.4	24.7	0.1	18.0	1.2	199.4	79.5	278.8
1999								
January	127.4	20.9	0.3	19.4	0.0	167.9	197.1	365.0
February	140.7	28.9	0.1	18.1	0.0	187.8	156.3	344.0
March	176.3	22.6	0.0	19.0	7.1	225.0	93.5	318.5
April	154.5	20.4	0.0	18.4	0.0	193.3	71.3	264.6
May	177.0	26.7	0.1	17.6	0.1	221.4	65.4	286.9
June	203.8	46.2	0.4	15.7	0.0	266.1	73.4	339.5
July	183.8	42.9	0.8	24.0	0.1	251.6	102.6	354.2
August	191.0	26.8	0.6	17.1	6.5	242.0	112.8	354.7
September	183.2	43.0	0.1	17.8	0.0	244.1	133.3	377.3
October	188.9	17.4	0.6	18.3	0.0	225.1	135.3	360.4
November	235.4	34.4	0.9	24.5	0.0	295.2	95.1	390.3
December	196.6	23.0	1.6	14.7	1.3	237.2	61.3	298.5

(a) See Glossary for definition.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED IN NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING(a): Original

NEW OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.....

Period	New houses	Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc of.....		Flats, units or apartments in a building of.....				Total	Total new residential building
		One storey	Two or more storeys	Total	One or two storeys	Three storeys	Four or more storeys	Total	
NUMBER OF DWELLINGS									
1996-1997	13 632	1 179	376	1 555	75	194	189	458	2 013
1997-1998	15 828	1 672	324	1 996	166	95	269	530	2 526
1998-1999	17 399	1 536	692	2 228	58	157	506	721	2 949
1998									
October	1 461	91	40	131	14	0	24	38	169
November	1 401	138	52	190	0	0	39	39	229
December	1 391	134	67	201	0	0	30	30	231
1999									
January	1 148	104	41	145	0	0	12	12	157
February	1 290	95	113	208	0	0	45	45	253
March	1 606	189	38	227	0	0	27	27	254
April	1 424	72	44	116	9	30	34	73	189
May	1 630	126	65	191	11	80	24	115	306
June	1 761	285	91	376	0	27	209	236	612
July	1 686	58	85	143	21	81	100	202	345
August	1 745	180	26	206	60	0	24	84	290
September	1 609	297	64	361	25	8	55	88	449
October	1 643	112	52	164	0	6	0	6	170
November	2 009	146	51	197	137	20	11	168	365
December	1 701	166	39	205	16	0	13	29	234
VALUE (\$ million)									
1996-1997	1 349.0	86.5	31.9	118.4	7.5	17.9	31.9	57.3	175.7
1997-1998	1 634.3	117.3	31.4	148.7	13.5	10.7	49.2	73.4	222.1
1998-1999	1 898.4	107.7	82.1	189.8	5.7	13.7	89.0	108.4	298.2
1998									
October	160.6	6.2	3.0	9.2	1.4	0.0	4.6	6.0	15.2
November	149.5	9.4	9.7	19.0	0.0	0.0	9.4	9.4	28.5
December	155.4	9.8	8.7	18.5	0.0	0.0	6.2	6.2	24.7
1999									
January	127.4	7.9	6.4	14.2	0.0	0.0	6.7	6.7	20.9
February	140.7	6.8	11.6	18.4	0.0	0.0	10.5	10.5	28.9
March	176.3	12.7	4.3	17.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	5.5	22.6
April	154.5	5.6	6.0	11.5	0.7	2.4	5.7	8.9	20.4
May	177.0	9.2	6.6	15.8	1.3	6.8	2.8	10.9	26.7
June	203.8	18.6	8.6	27.1	0.0	3.0	16.1	19.1	46.2
July	183.8	5.1	11.1	16.3	2.8	6.7	17.2	26.7	42.9
August	191.0	13.3	3.2	16.6	3.3	0.0	6.9	10.2	26.8
September	183.2	25.8	6.8	32.6	1.6	1.0	7.8	10.4	43.0
October	188.9	8.9	7.2	16.1	0.0	1.3	0.0	1.3	17.4
November	235.4	11.2	6.1	17.4	13.5	1.6	2.0	17.1	34.4
December	196.6	12.9	4.2	17.1	1.2	0.0	4.7	5.9	23.0

(a) See Glossary for definition.

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Chain Volume Measures(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings(b)</i>	<i>Total residential building</i>	<i>Non-residential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
ORIGINAL (\$ million)							
1996-1997	1 352.6	178.2	1 530.8	173.0	1 703.9	1 224.2	2 924.0
1997-1998	1 634.3	222.1	1 856.4	187.6	2 044.0	899.8	2 943.8
1998-1999	1 834.2	294.4	2 128.6	215.5	2 344.1	1 086.9	3 431.0
1998							
June	475.3	81.1	556.3	42.6	598.8	218.4	817.4
September	444.6	64.1	508.7	49.3	557.9	199.4	757.3
December	451.0	67.9	518.9	54.8	573.6	245.5	819.1
1999							
March	426.6	71.3	498.0	61.4	559.4	437.8	997.2
June	512.0	91.1	603.1	50.1	653.1	204.3	857.4
September	527.6	109.2	636.8	63.3	700.1	335.7	1 035.9
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding quarter)							
1998							
June	28.5	25.1	28.0	-8.4	24.5	15.7	22.0
September	-6.5	-21.0	-8.6	15.7	-6.8	-8.7	-7.4
December	1.4	6.0	2.0	11.2	2.8	23.1	8.2
1999							
March	-5.4	5.1	-4.0	12.2	-2.5	78.3	21.7
June	20.0	27.7	21.1	-18.5	16.8	-53.3	-14.0
September	3.1	19.9	5.6	26.5	7.2	64.4	20.8

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1997-98. Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 20-21.

(b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED, Jobs By Value Range: **Original**

Period	<i>Hotels, motels and other short term accommodation</i>		<i>Shops.....</i>		<i>Factories.....</i>		<i>Offices.....</i>		<i>Other business premises.....</i>		<i>Educational</i>	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
Value—\$50,000—\$199,999												
1999												
October	4	0.3	59	5.6	11	1.3	14	1.6	14	1.7	4	0.5
November	4	0.3	33	3.0	18	2.2	14	1.5	15	1.6	13	1.6
December	1	0.1	15	1.3	7	0.7	10	1.1	7	0.8	6	0.7
Value—\$200,000—\$499,999												
1999												
October	3	1.1	7	2.0	10	2.5	4	1.3	12	3.4	9	2.9
November	1	0.2	8	1.9	12	3.7	5	1.9	8	2.2	7	1.9
December	1	0.3	7	2.5	3	0.8	3	0.7	2	0.7	5	1.3
Value—\$500,000—\$999,999												
1999												
October	0	0.0	4	2.8	2	1.3	3	1.6	1	0.5	2	1.8
November	2	1.0	1	0.8	3	1.9	3	1.9	2	1.6	2	1.4
December	0	0.0	4	2.7	1	0.8	4	3.3	2	1.5	5	3.4
Value—\$1,000,000—\$4,999,999												
1999												
October	0	0.0	1	2.5	5	13.8	2	2.6	2	3.7	5	9.4
November	0	0.0	3	4.2	0	0.0	1	1.7	4	6.8	1	3.8
December	2	3.6	2	4.9	1	1.6	2	2.8	2	3.9	0	0.0
Value—\$5,000,000 and over												
1999												
October	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	14.5	0	0.0	1	32.0
November	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	27.1
December	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	7.4
Value—Total												
1996-1997	91	75.4	408	164.2	319	102.6	314	156.4	402	160.4	120	152.0
1997-1998	99	53.1	445	186.0	287	88.4	283	123.5	398	150.0	128	114.7
1998-1999	90	52.4	486	366.4	270	89.7	274	93.9	396	146.6	124	119.6
1999												
October	7	1.3	71	13.0	28	18.9	24	21.6	29	9.3	21	46.8
November	7	1.5	45	9.9	33	7.8	23	7.0	29	12.2	25	35.9
December	4	3.9	28	11.4	12	3.8	19	7.8	13	6.9	17	12.8

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED, Jobs By Value Range: **Original** *continued*

Period	Religious.....		Health.....		Entertainment and recreational.....		Miscellaneous.....		Total non-residential building.....	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
Value—\$50,000—\$199,999										
1999										
October	0	0.0	3	0.5	3	0.3	3	0.4	115	12.2
November	4	0.4	2	0.1	3	0.3	8	0.8	114	11.9
December	2	0.2	3	0.4	3	0.2	5	0.5	59	5.9
Value—\$200,000—\$499,999										
1999										
October	4	1.4	0	0.0	1	0.3	2	0.6	52	15.4
November	1	0.2	5	1.7	3	1.0	0	0.0	50	14.8
December	1	0.4	1	0.4	2	0.9	2	0.5	27	8.5
Value—\$500,000—\$999,999										
1999										
October	1	0.8	0	0.0	1	0.8	0	0.0	14	9.7
November	1	0.8	0	0.0	2	1.2	0	0.0	16	10.5
December	2	1.3	1	1.0	0	0.0	2	1.4	21	15.4
Value—\$1,000,000—\$4,999,999										
1999										
October	0	0.0	1	1.6	0	0.0	4	10.5	20	44.2
November	0	0.0	2	2.2	3	9.0	2	2.9	16	30.7
December	1	1.3	1	1.6	0	0.0	4	4.5	15	24.1
Value—\$5,000,000 and over										
1999										
October	0	0.0	1	7.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	53.8
November	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	27.1
December	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	7.4
Value—Total										
1996-1997	20	5.4	69	214.5	98	92.2	117	81.3	1 958	1 204.4
1997-1998	27	8.7	56	72.5	86	65.3	92	37.6	1 901	899.8
1998-1999	15	9.1	68	52.7	85	106.1	92	70.5	1 900	1 106.8
1999										
October	5	2.1	5	9.4	5	1.3	9	11.5	204	135.3
November	6	1.4	9	4.1	11	11.5	10	3.7	198	95.1
December	6	3.2	6	3.4	5	1.1	13	6.9	123	61.3

VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS APPROVED

Period	Hotels, motels and other short term accom- modation	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertain- ment and recreational	Miscell- aneous	Total non- residential building
PRIVATE SECTOR (\$ million)											
1996-1997	75.5	162.8	96.2	117.2	113.7	38.8	5.3	96.1	36.6	32.5	773.9
1997-1998	51.7	185.4	86.4	81.6	142.0	32.0	8.7	58.4	39.4	21.1	706.7
1998-1999	51.8	363.5	86.2	70.2	138.8	51.5	9.0	32.2	75.7	17.0	896.2
1998											
December	8.2	18.6	3.8	5.3	3.7	3.1	0.0	2.8	8.5	0.4	54.4
1999											
January	8.5	118.7	11.5	9.4	10.7	2.4	0.0	1.7	0.4	0.5	163.8
February	3.1	85.2	6.6	8.1	11.8	1.2	0.0	1.7	2.3	1.3	121.3
March	5.0	29.1	8.0	5.0	13.4	3.9	0.7	2.4	11.8	2.3	81.6
April	3.0	16.5	8.5	3.5	17.6	5.7	0.0	4.7	1.0	1.5	62.1
May	1.2	10.8	4.3	11.0	11.9	1.5	0.6	1.6	4.3	1.3	48.5
June	3.6	17.9	5.7	2.2	7.5	4.4	6.3	7.0	1.0	0.7	56.3
July	8.7	14.6	4.6	7.0	12.6	4.2	0.5	1.4	0.3	3.5	57.2
August	0.5	20.9	10.2	3.9	12.1	2.5	1.4	2.1	5.5	1.9	61.1
September	9.0	10.2	7.7	1.8	4.3	7.5	1.5	12.2	1.7	2.7	58.7
October	1.3	13.0	16.2	5.4	9.2	10.5	2.1	7.7	1.0	3.3	69.8
November	1.0	9.9	7.3	6.4	10.0	3.8	1.4	1.7	6.0	0.6	48.1
December	3.9	11.4	3.8	7.1	6.9	2.5	3.2	1.8	0.5	2.7	43.9
PUBLIC SECTOR (\$ million)											
1996-1997	0.0	1.6	6.5	39.2	46.8	113.1	0.2	118.4	55.7	48.7	430.0
1997-1998	1.4	0.7	2.1	41.7	8.0	82.7	0.0	14.1	25.9	16.7	193.3
1998-1999	0.6	2.9	3.5	23.7	7.8	68.3	0.0	20.4	30.4	53.4	210.7
1998											
December	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	11.5	25.1
1999											
January	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	17.6	0.0	14.2	0.1	0.8	33.3
February	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	5.0	0.0	1.2	20.8	3.4	34.9
March	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.0	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.7	12.0
April	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	8.8	9.2
May	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3	9.4	0.0	0.0	5.9	0.8	16.9
June	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	14.9	17.2
July	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.2	26.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.9	45.4
August	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.9	0.0	34.7	0.0	0.5	1.5	13.2	51.7
September	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	59.1	0.0	0.8	0.1	12.8	74.6
October	0.0	0.0	2.7	16.2	0.1	36.2	0.0	1.7	0.3	8.2	65.4
November	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.6	2.2	32.1	0.0	2.4	5.5	3.1	46.9
December	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	10.3	0.0	1.6	0.6	4.2	17.5
TOTAL (\$ million)											
1996-1997	75.5	164.3	102.8	156.4	160.3	151.9	5.5	214.5	92.3	81.3	1 204.5
1997-1998	53.1	186.0	88.6	123.5	149.9	114.6	8.7	72.5	65.1	37.6	899.8
1998-1999	52.4	366.3	89.7	93.8	146.6	119.7	9.0	52.6	106.0	70.3	1 106.9
1998											
December	8.2	18.6	3.8	14.7	3.7	7.1	0.0	2.8	8.7	11.9	79.5
1999											
January	8.5	118.7	11.5	10.1	10.7	20.0	0.0	15.9	0.5	1.3	197.1
February	3.1	85.2	6.6	8.1	16.3	6.2	0.0	2.9	23.1	4.7	156.3
March	5.0	29.2	8.0	5.9	13.4	11.0	0.7	2.4	11.9	6.0	93.5
April	3.0	16.5	8.5	3.5	17.6	5.7	0.0	4.9	1.2	10.3	71.3
May	1.2	11.0	4.3	11.3	12.3	10.8	0.6	1.6	10.2	2.1	65.4
June	3.6	18.5	5.7	2.3	8.2	4.4	6.3	7.0	1.8	15.6	73.4
July	8.9	14.6	4.6	10.6	12.7	30.7	0.5	1.4	0.3	18.3	102.6
August	0.5	21.7	10.2	4.8	12.1	37.3	1.4	2.7	7.0	15.1	112.8
September	9.0	10.2	7.7	3.6	4.3	66.6	1.5	12.9	1.9	15.5	133.3
October	1.3	13.0	18.9	21.6	9.3	46.8	2.1	9.4	1.3	11.5	135.3
November	1.5	9.9	7.8	7.0	12.2	35.9	1.4	4.1	11.5	3.7	95.1
December	3.9	11.4	3.8	7.8	6.9	12.8	3.2	3.4	1.1	6.9	61.3

BUILDING APPROVED IN THE PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION: Original

DWELLINGS (no.).....

VALUE (\$'000).....

Period	New houses	New other residential building	Total dwellings(a)	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building(b)	Total residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR									
1997-1998	10 296	1 546	11 930	1 074 780	152 837	150 499	1 378 116	523 117	1 901 233
1998-1999	11 860	1 936	13 941	1 299 054	222 359	178 670	1 700 083	707 418	2 407 500
1998									
December	1 020	162	1 199	113 570	18 895	15 542	148 007	43 627	191 634
1999									
January	847	84	933	95 321	15 093	16 557	126 970	147 398	274 368
February	947	185	1 134	104 523	24 095	14 725	143 343	110 423	253 766
March	1 105	152	1 335	121 267	15 251	21 651	158 170	56 035	214 204
April	943	179	1 134	102 181	19 385	13 624	135 191	42 726	177 916
May	1 113	121	1 236	119 624	11 409	14 967	145 999	27 685	173 684
June	1 107	354	1 472	133 535	28 810	13 512	175 858	44 612	220 469
July	1 183	247	1 435	129 030	35 215	17 257	181 501	37 346	218 847
August	1 170	213	1 399	127 614	20 939	19 455	168 007	34 305	202 312
September	1 129	267	1 401	128 585	27 003	14 056	169 644	41 146	210 790
October	1 180	94	1 278	136 847	9 733	14 561	161 141	51 948	213 089
November	1 481	351	1 840	174 209	32 435	20 703	227 348	33 250	260 598
December	1 289	145	1 468	146 697	15 842	14 423	176 963	34 571	211 533
PUBLIC SECTOR									
1997-1998	493	389	882	33 838	22 635	1 383	57 856	128 996	186 851
1998-1999	151	398	549	12 124	26 592	5 222	43 938	145 021	188 959
1998									
December	2	36	38	266	2 065	12	2 343	21 664	24 007
1999									
January	3	35	38	427	2 056	660	3 143	26 997	30 140
February	0	28	28	0	1 677	120	1 797	21 265	23 062
March	25	20	45	1 917	1 433	515	3 865	11 205	15 070
April	16	0	16	1 095	0	1 485	2 580	3 460	6 040
May	12	74	86	1 032	5 227	340	6 599	8 798	15 398
June	57	132	189	4 554	8 654	100	13 308	14 782	28 090
July	0	0	0	0	0	220	220	34 725	34 945
August	7	0	7	433	0	990	1 423	44 238	45 660
September	13	137	150	1 038	12 507	0	13 544	66 115	79 659
October	1	24	25	155	1 531	420	2 106	55 884	57 990
November	2	0	6	203	0	517	720	17 974	18 694
December	16	52	72	1 490	4 058	0	5 547	13 124	18 671
TOTAL									
1997-1998	10 789	1 935	12 812	1 108 618	175 472	151 882	1 435 972	652 112	2 088 084
1998-1999	12 011	2 334	14 490	1 311 178	248 950	183 892	1 744 020	852 438	2 596 458
1998									
December	1 022	198	1 237	113 835	20 960	15 554	150 350	65 291	215 641
1999									
January	850	119	971	95 748	17 149	17 217	130 113	174 395	304 508
February	947	213	1 162	104 523	25 771	14 845	145 140	131 688	276 828
March	1 130	172	1 380	123 184	16 684	22 166	162 035	67 240	229 274
April	959	179	1 150	103 277	19 385	15 109	137 771	46 186	183 957
May	1 125	195	1 322	120 656	16 636	15 307	152 599	36 483	189 082
June	1 164	486	1 661	138 089	37 464	13 612	189 165	59 394	248 559
July	1 183	247	1 435	129 030	35 215	17 477	181 721	72 071	253 792
August	1 177	213	1 406	128 047	20 939	20 445	169 430	78 543	247 973
September	1 142	404	1 551	129 623	39 509	14 056	183 188	107 262	290 449
October	1 181	118	1 303	137 002	11 264	14 981	163 247	107 833	271 080
November	1 483	351	1 846	174 412	32 435	21 220	228 068	51 224	279 292
December	1 305	197	1 540	148 187	19 900	14 423	182 510	47 695	230 205

(a) Refer to footnote (a) in Table 12.

(b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

BUILDINGS APPROVED IN STATISTICAL AREAS: Original

Statistical Area	DWELLINGS (no.).....			VALUE (\$'000).....					
	New houses	New other residential building	Total dwellings(a)	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(b)	Total residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1 701	234	1 976	196 608	22 997	17 553	237 158	61 321	298 479
Perth (SD)	1 305	197	1 540	148 187	19 900	14 423	182 510	47 695	230 205
Central Metropolitan (SSD)	73	21	96	15 343	1 662	3 382	20 386	2 227	22 613
Cambridge (T)	8	8	16	1 699	500	771	2 970	0	2 970
Claremont (T)	3	0	3	522	0	435	956	0	956
Cottesloe (T)	5	0	5	973	0	241	1 214	0	1 214
Mosman Park (T)	4	0	4	1 535	0	330	1 865	100	1 965
Nedlands (C)	19	4	23	4 160	262	454	4 876	1 010	5 886
Peppermint Grove (S)	0	0	0	0	0	182	182	0	182
Perth (C)–Inner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perth (C)–Remainder	3	0	3	620	0	0	620	150	770
Subiaco (C)	11	9	22	2 400	900	368	3 668	867	4 535
Vincent (T)	20	0	20	3 434	0	601	4 035	100	4 135
East Metropolitan (SSD)	201	31	232	21 436	2 649	1 573	25 657	7 533	33 190
Bassendean (T)	17	0	17	1 414	0	18	1 432	400	1 832
Bayswater (C)	39	13	52	5 259	1 323	405	6 988	1 873	8 861
Kalamunda (S)	30	0	30	3 413	0	379	3 792	545	4 337
Mundaring (S)	23	0	23	2 659	0	487	3 146	4 177	7 323
Swan (S)	92	18	110	8 691	1 325	283	10 300	538	10 838
North Metropolitan (SSD)	456	86	560	50 393	7 127	4 659	62 178	5 704	67 882
Joondalup (C)–North	91	2	103	11 092	261	1 479	12 832	1 904	14 736
Joondalup (C)–South	29	0	30	4 662	0	1 152	5 814	200	6 014
Stirling (C)–Central	44	40	90	5 092	2 944	530	8 566	1 865	10 432
Stirling (C)–Coastal	55	36	91	6 645	3 253	585	10 482	470	10 952
Stirling (C)–South-Eastern	3	0	3	359	0	363	722	60	782
Wanneroo (S)–North-East	70	2	72	6 756	150	206	7 112	0	7 112
Wanneroo (S)–North-West	99	6	106	9 618	519	280	10 416	705	11 121
Wanneroo (S)–South	65	0	65	6 170	0	64	6 234	500	6 734
South West Metropolitan (SSD)	258	15	291	27 512	1 500	2 726	31 738	10 817	42 554
Cockburn (C)	116	2	118	11 521	150	330	12 001	650	12 651
East Fremantle (T)	5	3	8	662	475	319	1 457	0	1 457
Fremantle (C)–Inner	0	0	11	0	0	20	20	1 500	1 520
Fremantle (C)–Remainder	12	7	26	2 185	496	1 599	4 280	1 250	5 530
Kwinana (T)	9	0	9	724	0	144	868	1 612	2 480
Melville (C)	33	3	36	3 989	378	0	4 367	0	4 367
Rockingham (C)	83	0	83	8 430	0	315	8 745	5 805	14 549
South East Metropolitan (SSD)	317	44	361	33 504	6 963	2 083	42 551	21 414	63 965
Armadale (C)	15	0	15	2 531	0	106	2 637	2 270	4 907
Belmont (C)	32	0	32	3 900	0	101	4 001	5 266	9 267
Canning (C)	89	0	89	8 180	0	782	8 962	11 530	20 492
Gosnells (C)	123	8	131	11 798	574	226	12 599	2 348	14 947
Serpentine–Jarrahdale (S)	11	0	11	1 093	0	71	1 164	0	1 164
South Perth (C)	28	34	62	3 820	6 219	612	10 651	0	10 651
Victoria Park (T)	19	2	21	2 182	170	185	2 537	0	2 537
South West (SD)	225	14	242	27 927	1 140	1 571	30 637	3 344	33 981
Dale (SSD)	80	12	93	9 933	840	423	11 196	921	12 117
Boddington (S)	3	0	3	194	0	18	212	0	212
Mandurah (C)	60	12	73	7 669	840	131	8 641	921	9 562
Murray (S)	16	0	16	1 969	0	195	2 164	0	2 164
Waroona (S)	1	0	1	100	0	79	179	0	179
Preston (SSD)	72	2	75	8 701	300	584	9 585	1 551	11 136
Bunbury (C)	15	2	17	1 848	300	169	2 317	1 349	3 666
Capel (S)	5	0	5	555	0	22	577	0	577
Collie (S)	1	0	1	107	0	38	145	0	145
Dardanup (S)	14	0	14	1 282	0	27	1 309	0	1 309
Donnybrook–Balingup (S)	3	0	4	355	0	183	539	0	539
Harvey (S)	34	0	34	4 554	0	145	4 699	202	4 901

BUILDINGS APPROVED IN STATISTICAL AREAS: **Original** *continued*

DWELLINGS (no.).....			VALUE (\$'000).....						
Statistical Area	New houses	New other residential building	Total dwellings(a)	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(b)	Total residential building	Non-residential buildings	Total building
Vasse (SSD)	64	0	65	8 590	0	399	8 989	510	9 499
Augusta–Margaret River (S)	13	0	14	1 645	0	97	1 742	0	1 742
Busselton (S)	51	0	51	6 946	0	302	7 248	510	7 758
Blackwood (SSD)	9	0	9	702	0	164	866	362	1 228
Boyup Brook (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bridgetown–Greenbushes (S)	2	0	2	181	0	31	212	0	212
Manjimup (S)	7	0	7	521	0	133	654	362	1 016
Nannup (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower Great Southern (SD)	23	3	26	2 550	240	242	3 032	2 029	5 061
Pallinup (SSD)	2	3	5	181	240	35	456	1 824	2 280
Broomehill (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gnowangerup (S)	2	0	2	181	0	0	181	1 824	2 005
Jerramungup (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katanning (S)	0	0	0	0	0	35	35	0	35
Kent (S)	0	3	3	0	240	0	240	0	240
Kojonup (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tambellup (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodanilling (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
King (SSD)	21	0	21	2 369	0	207	2 576	205	2 781
Albany (C)–Central	1	0	1	90	0	74	164	0	164
Albany (C)–Balance	10	0	10	1 123	0	46	1 169	0	1 169
Cranbrook (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark (S)	5	0	5	680	0	75	755	0	755
Plantagenet (S)	5	0	5	476	0	12	488	205	693
Upper Great Southern (SD)	4	0	4	385	0	35	420	305	725
Hotham (SSD)	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	25
Brookton (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cuballing (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dumbleyung (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Narrogin (T)	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	25
Narrogin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pingelly (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wagin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wandering (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Arthur (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wickepin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lakes (SSD)	4	0	4	385	0	10	395	305	700
Corrigin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	10
Kondinin (S)	4	0	4	385	0	0	385	0	385
Kulin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Grace (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	305	305
Midlands (SD)	35	6	41	3 369	666	161	4 196	381	4 577
Moore (SSD)	16	0	16	1 410	0	43	1 454	223	1 677
Chittering (S)	5	0	5	497	0	0	497	52	549
Dandaragan (S)	3	0	3	262	0	21	283	50	333
Gingin (S)	7	0	7	539	0	12	551	121	672
Moora (S)	1	0	1	112	0	10	122	0	122
Victoria Plains (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BUILDINGS APPROVED IN STATISTICAL AREA: **Original** *continued*

DWELLINGS (no.)..... VALUE (\$'000).....

Statistical Area									
	New houses	New other residential building	Total dwellings(a)	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(b)	Total residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
Avon (SSD)	18	0	18	1 699	0	118	1 817	158	1 975
Beverley (S)	1	0	1	175	0	0	175	0	175
Cunderdin (S)	1	0	1	10	0	0	10	0	10
Dalwallinu (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dowerin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goomalling (S)	3	0	3	372	0	0	372	0	372
Koorda (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northam (T)	2	0	2	160	0	0	160	0	160
Northam (S)	2	0	2	170	0	20	190	0	190
Quairading (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tammin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toodyay (S)	5	0	5	410	0	72	482	0	482
Wongan-Ballidu (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	158
Wyalkatchem (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
York (S)	4	0	4	402	0	26	428	0	428
Campion (SSD)	1	6	7	260	666	0	926	0	926
Bruce Rock (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kellerberrin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merredin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Marshall (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mukinbudin (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Narembeen (S)	1	0	1	260	0	0	260	0	260
Nungarin (S)	0	6	6	0	666	0	666	0	666
Trayning (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westonia (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yilgarn (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Eastern (SD)	32	2	34	3 925	156	409	4 490	508	4 998
Lefroy (SSD)	17	2	19	2 113	156	121	2 389	508	2 897
Coolgardie (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalgoorlie/Boulder (C)	7	2	9	1 028	156	121	1 304	310	1 614
Laverton (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leonora (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198	198
Menzies (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ngaanyatjarraku (S)	10	0	10	1 085	0	0	1 085	0	1 085
Johnston (SSD)	15	0	15	1 812	0	288	2 100	0	2 100
Dundas (S)	2	0	2	306	0	0	306	0	306
Esperance (S)	12	0	12	1 318	0	288	1 606	0	1 606
Ravensthorpe (S)	1	0	1	188	0	0	188	0	188
Central (SD)	39	12	51	4 828	895	376	6 099	2 054	8 153
Gascoyne (SSD)	3	10	13	321	715	108	1 145	0	1 145
Carnarvon (S)	2	0	2	205	0	48	253	0	253
Exmouth (S)	1	10	11	116	715	60	891	0	891
Shark Bay (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Gascoyne (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carnegie (SSD)	1	0	1	158	0	0	158	0	158
Cue (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meekatharra (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Magnet (S)	1	0	1	158	0	0	158	0	158
Murchison (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandstone (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wiluna (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yalgoo (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BUILDINGS APPROVED IN STATISTICAL AREAS: **Original** *continued*

Statistical Area	DWELLINGS (no.).....			VALUE (\$'000).....					
	New houses	New other residential building	Total dwellings(a)	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(b)	Total residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
Greenough River (SSD)	35	2	37	4 348	180	268	4 796	2 054	6 850
Carnamah (S)	1	0	1	175	0	0	175	0	175
Chapman Valley (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coorow (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geraldton (C)	5	2	7	681	180	170	1 031	1 370	2 400
Greenough (S)	19	0	19	2 242	0	84	2 327	525	2 852
Irwin (S)	6	0	6	650	0	0	650	0	650
Mingenew (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	160
Morawa (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mullewa (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northampton (S)	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	0	14
Perenjori (S)	4	0	4	600	0	0	600	0	600
Three Springs (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilbara (SD)	3	0	3	507	0	79	586	2 694	3 280
De Grey (SSD)	3	0	3	507	0	79	586	2 694	3 280
East Pilbara (S)	0	0	0	0	0	26	26	0	26
Port Hedland (T)	3	0	3	507	0	53	560	2 694	3 254
Fortescue (SSD)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashburton (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roebourne (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimberley (SD)	35	0	35	4 931	0	257	5 188	2 311	7 499
Ord (SSD)	1	0	1	100	0	30	130	1 311	1 441
Halls Creek (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyndham-East Kimberley (S)	1	0	1	100	0	30	130	1 311	1 441
Fitzroy (SSD)	34	0	34	4 831	0	227	5 058	1 000	6 058
Broome (S)	34	0	34	4 831	0	88	4 919	1 000	5 919
Derby-West Kimberley (S)	0	0	0	0	0	139	139	0	139

(a) Includes conversions and dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions or the construction of non-residential buildings.

(b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents monthly details of building work approved.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

2 Statistics of building work approved are compiled from:

- permits issued by local government authorities;
- approvals issued by the Rural Housing Authority in areas not subject to building control by local government authorities;
- contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities;
- major building activity in areas not subject to normal administrative approval e.g. building on remote mine sites.

3 The scope of the survey comprises the following activities:

- construction of new buildings
- alterations and additions to existing buildings
- approved non-structural renovation and refurbishment work
- approved installation of integral building fixtures.

From July 1990, the statistics include:

- all approved new residential building valued at \$10,000 or more
- approved alterations and additions to residential building valued at \$10,000 or more
- all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more.

Excluded from the statistics is:

- construction activity not defined as building (e.g. construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks, etc.). Statistics for this activity can be found in *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8762.0).

VALUE DATA

4 Value data are derived by aggregation of the estimated value of building work when completed as reported on approval documents. Such value data excludes the value of land and landscaping but includes site preparation. These estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of 'houses'. However, for 'other residential buildings' and 'non-residential buildings', these estimates can differ significantly from the completed value of the building.

OWNERSHIP

5 Building ownership is classified as either public or private sector and is based on the sector of intended owner of the completed building at the time of approval. Residential buildings constructed by private sector builders under government housing authority schemes are classified as public sector when the authority has contracted, or intends to contract, to purchase the building on or before completion.

BUILDING CLASSIFICATIONS

6 Building approvals are classified both by the Type of Building (e.g. 'house', 'factory') and by the Type of Work involved (e.g. 'new', 'alterations and additions'). These classifications are often used in conjunction with each other to describe building approvals in this publication.

7 The Type of Building classification refers to the intended major function of a building. A building which is ancillary to other buildings or forms a part of a group of related buildings is classified to the function of the building, not to the function of the group as a whole.

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8 An example of this rule is the treatment of work approved for a factory complex. For instance, a detached administration building would be classified to Offices, a detached cafeteria building to Shops, while the factory buildings would be classified Factories.

9 An exception to this rule is the treatment of group accommodation buildings. For example, a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Education.

10 In the case of a large multi-function building, i.e. a single large physical building which, at the time of approval is intended to have more than one purpose (e.g. a hotel/shops/casino project), the ABS endeavours to split the approval details according to each main function.

11 Where this is not possible because separate details cannot be obtained, the building is classified to the predominant function of the building on the basis of the function which represents the highest proportion of the total value of the project.

12 The Type of Work classification refers to the building activity carried out: New; Alterations and additions; or Conversion. See the Glossary for definitions of these terms. Prior to the May 1998 issue of this publication, Conversions were published as part of a category called 'Conversions, etc.'. From the May 1998 issue onwards, Conversion jobs are shown separately in tables 5 and 6. However, in other tables they are included within existing categories, as follows: in tables 1, 2, 11 and 12 they are included in the appropriate Type of Building category, and in tables 3, 4, 11 and 12 they are included in the 'Alterations and additions to residential buildings' category.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

13 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised.

14 In the seasonal adjustment of series, account has been taken of both normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month. Adjustment has also been made for the influence of Easter which may affect the March and April estimates differently.

15 Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular or non-seasonal influences (e.g. the approval of large projects or a change in the administrative arrangements of approving authorities).

16 Some of the component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals.

17 As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data. The timing of this review may vary and when appropriate will be notified in the 'Data Notes' section of this publication.

TREND ESTIMATES

18 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. For monthly series, these trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the last six months. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

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	<p>19 While the smoothing techniques described in paragraph 18 enable trend estimates to be produced for the latest few periods, they do result in revisions to the trend estimates as new data becomes available. Generally, revisions become smaller over time and, after three months, usually have a negligible impact on the series. Revisions to the original data and re-analysis of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.</p>
CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES	<p>20 The chain volume measures appearing in this publication are annually re-weighted chain Laspeyres indexes referenced to current price values in a chosen reference year (currently 1997–98). The reference year will be updated annually in the July publication. While current price estimates reflect both price and volume changes, chain volume estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated and therefore only reflect volume changes.</p> <p>21 Further information on the nature and concepts of chain volume measures is contained in the ABS publication <i>Information Paper: Introduction of Chain Volume Measures in the Australian National Accounts</i> (Cat. no. 5248.0).</p>
AUSTRALIAN STANDARD GEOGRAPHICAL CLASSIFICATION (ASGC)	<p>22 Area statistics are now being classified to the <i>Australian Standard Geographical Classification, 1999 Edition</i> (Cat. no. 1216.0), effective from 1 July 1999, and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics.</p> <p>23 Some Statistical Districts straddle State/Territory boundaries (e.g. the Gold Coast–Tweed Statistical District lies partly in Queensland and partly in New South Wales.)</p>
UNPUBLISHED DATA	<p>24 The ABS can also make available certain building approvals data which are not published. Where the data cannot be provided by telephone, it can be provided via fax, photocopy, computer printout, floppy disk and email. A charge may be made for providing unpublished data in these forms.</p>
RELATED PUBLICATIONS	<p>25 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Building Activity, Australia: Dwelling Unit Commencements</i> (Cat. no. 8750.0) ▪ <i>Building Activity, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 8752.0) ▪ <i>Building Activity, Western Australia</i> (Cat. no. 8752.5) ▪ <i>Building Activity, Building Work Done, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 8755.0) ▪ <i>Building Approvals, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 8731.0) ▪ <i>Engineering Construction Activity, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 8762.0) ▪ <i>House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities</i> (Cat. no. 6416.0) ▪ <i>Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 5609.0) ▪ <i>Price Index of Materials Used in House Building</i> (Cat. no. 6408.0) ▪ <i>Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building</i> (Cat. no. 6407.0).
ROUNDING	<p>When figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.</p>
SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES	<p>n.a. not available</p> <p>n.y.a. not yet available</p> <p>C City</p> <p>S Shire</p> <p>SD Statistical Division</p> <p>SSD Statistical Subdivision</p> <p>T Town</p>

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Alterations and additions	Building activity carried out on existing buildings. Includes adding to or diminishing floor area, altering the structural design of a building and affixing rigid components which are integral to the functioning of the building.
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Alterations and additions carried out on existing residential buildings, which may result in the creation of new dwelling units. See also Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.
Building	A building is a rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof. Its intended purpose is primarily to house people, plant, machinery, vehicles, goods or livestock. An integral feature of a building's design is the provision for regular access by persons in order to satisfy its intended use.
Conversion	Building activity which converts a non-residential building to a residential building, e.g. conversion of a warehouse to residential apartments. Conversion is considered to be a special type of alteration, and these jobs have been separately identified as such from the July 1996 reference month, though they have only appeared separately in this publication from the May 1998 issue. Prior to that issue, conversions were published as part of the 'Conversions, etc.' category or included elsewhere within a table. Prior to July 1996, Table 5 includes the number of Conversions in the 'Alterations and additions to residential buildings' category while Table 6 includes the value of Conversions in the 'Alterations and additions to residential buildings, creating dwellings' category. See also Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.
Dwelling unit	A dwelling unit is a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long-term residential use. Regardless of whether they are self-contained or not, units within buildings offering institutional care (e.g. hospitals) or temporary accommodation (e.g. motels, hostels and holiday apartments) are not defined as dwelling units. Such units are included in the appropriate category of non-residential building approvals. Dwelling units can be created in one of four ways: through new work to create a residential building; through alteration/addition work to an existing residential building; through either new or alteration/addition work on non-residential building or through conversion of a non-residential building to a residential building.
Educational	Includes schools, colleges, kindergartens, libraries, museums and universities.
Entertainment and recreational	Includes clubs, cinemas, sport and recreation centres.
Factories	Includes paper mills, oil refinery buildings, brickworks and powerhouses.
Flats, units or apartments	Dwellings not having their own private grounds and usually sharing a common entrance, foyer or stairwell.
Health	Includes hospitals, nursing homes, surgeries, clinics and medical centres.
Hotels, motels and other short term accommodation	Includes hostels, boarding houses, guest houses, and holiday apartment buildings.
House	A house is a detached building primarily used for long term residential purposes. It consists of one dwelling unit. For instance, detached 'granny flats' and detached dwelling units (e.g. caretakers residences) associated with a non-residential building are defined as houses.

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Miscellaneous	Includes justice and defence buildings, welfare and charitable homes, prisons and reformatories, maintenance camps, farming and livestock buildings, veterinary clinics, child-minding centres, police stations and public toilets.
New building work	Building activity which will result in the creation of a building which previously did not exist.
New other residential buildings	Building activity which will result in the creation of a residential building other than a house, which previously did not exist.
New residential	Building activity which will result in the creation of any residential building (house or other residential) which previously did not exist.
Non-residential building	A non-residential building is primarily intended for purposes other than long term residential purposes. Note that, on occasions, one or more dwelling units may be created through non-residential building activity. Prior to the May 1998 issue of this publication, they have been included in the 'Conversions, etc.' column in tables showing dwelling units approved. They are now identified separately (e.g. see table 5). However, the value of these dwelling units cannot be separated out from that of the non-residential building which they are part of, therefore the value associated with these remain in the appropriate Non-residential category.
Offices	Includes banks, post offices and council chambers.
Other business premises	Includes warehouses, service stations, transport depots and terminals, electricity substation buildings, telephone exchanges, broadcasting and film studios.
Other dwellings	Includes all dwellings other than houses. They can be created by: the creation of new other residential buildings (e.g. flats); alteration/addition work to an existing residential building; either new or alteration/addition work on a non-residential building; conversion of a non-residential building to a residential building creating more than one dwelling unit.
Other residential building	An other residential building is a building other than a house primarily used for long-term residential purposes. An other residential building contains more than one dwelling unit. Other residential buildings are coded to the following categories: semi-detached, row or terrace house or townhouse with one storey; semi-detached, row or terrace house or townhouse with two or more storeys; flat, unit or apartment in a building of one or two storeys; flat, unit or apartment in a building of three storeys; flat, unit or apartment in a building of four or more storeys; flat, unit or apartment attached to a house; other/number of storeys unknown. The latter two categories are included with the semi-detached, row or terrace house or townhouse with one storey category in table 7 of this publication.
Religious	Includes convents, churches, temples, mosques, monasteries and noviciates.
Residential building	A residential building is a building consisting of one or more dwelling units. Residential buildings can be either houses or other residential buildings.
Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses	Dwellings having their own private grounds with no other dwellings above or below.
Shops	Includes retail shops, restaurants, taverns and shopping arcades.

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