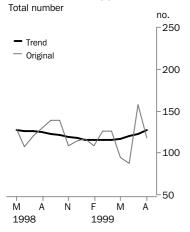


BUILDING APPROVALS

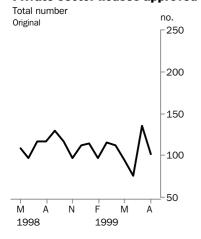
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Dwelling units approved



Private sector houses approved



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AUGUST KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES	Aug 1999	% change Jul 1999 to Aug 1999	% change Aug 1998 to Aug 1999
Dwelling units approved			
Total dwelling units	127	2.8	1.3
ORIGINAL	Aug 1999	% change Jul 1999 to Aug 1999	% change Aug 1998 to Aug 1999
Dwelling units approved			
Private sector houses	101	-25.2	-13.7
Total dwelling units	118	-25.3	-8.5

AUGUST KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

• The growth in the trend for total dwelling units has been maintained in August. It will continue to rise unless the seasonally adjusted estimate falls by more than 6% (the average monthly movement is 11%).

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- There were 118 dwellings approved in August with the private sector accounting for all of the total.
- The highest number of dwelling approvals were located in Hobart (17), which includes the approval of 14 two storey townhouses, Kingborough (14) and West Tamar (12).
- The value of total building decreased \$11.9 million in August to \$25.8 million.
- The value of non-residential building in August was \$10.2 million with the
 Entertainment and recreational (\$2.5 million), Shops (\$1.8 million) and Educational
 (\$1.5 million) components contributing most significantly.

NOTES

	N O I L O	
FORTHCOMING ISSUES	ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
	September 1999	9 November 1999
	October 1999	8 December 1999
	November 1999	13 January 2000
	December 1999	10 February 2000
	January 2000	8 March 2000
	February 2000	6 April 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 data notes for this issue.	
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REVISIONS THIS MONTH	There are no revisions this month.	
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	Vince Lazzaro	
	Acting Regional Director, Tasman	ia

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Private and Public Sector

	New	New other residential	Alterations and additions to residential		Non- residential	Total dwelling	Trend
Period	houses	building	buildings	Conversion(a)	building(a)	units	estimates
• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	DDIVATE OF OTO		• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •
			PRIVATE SECTO	R (Number)			
1996-1997	1 575	194	8	3	1	1 781	n.a.
1997-1998	1 410	208	2	3	0	1 623	n.a.
1998-1999	1 296	104	6	2	1	1 409	n.a.
1998							
August	117	10	1	0	0	128	n.a.
September	129	9	0	0	1	139	n.a.
October	117	21	1	0	0	139	n.a.
November	97	11	0	0	0	108	n.a.
December 1999	112	2	0	0	0	114	n.a.
January	114	3	0	0	0	117	n.a.
February	97	12	0	0	0	109	n.a.
March	116	9	1	0	0	126	n.a.
April	110	14	0	2	0	126	n.a.
May	94	0	1	0	0	95	n.a.
June	76	11	1	0	0	88	n.a.
July August	135 101	9 16	0 0	2	0 1	146 118	n.a. n.a.
August	101						II.d.
• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	PUBLIC SECTO	R (Number)	• • • • • • • • • •	••••••	• • • • • • •
1996-1997	18	57	0	5	0	80	n.a.
1997-1998	9	11	0	0	0	20	n.a.
1998-1999	1	0	0	0	0	1	n.a.
1998							
August	1	0	0	0	0	1	n.a.
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
October November	0	0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	n.a.
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a. n.a.
1999	ŭ	Ü	· ·	Ü	Ü	· ·	ilia.
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
May June	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
July	12	0	0	0	0	12	n.a. n.a.
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
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			TOTAL (Nu	umber)			
1996-1997	1 593	251	8	8	1	1 861	n.a.
1997-1998	1 419	219	2	3	0	1 643	n.a.
1998-1999	1 297	104	6	2	1	1 410	n.a.
1998							
August	118	10	1	0	0	129	125
September	129	9	0	0	1	139	123
October November	117 97	21	1 0	0 0	0	139	121 119
December	97 112	11 2	0	0	0	108 114	119 118
1999	112	2	Ŭ	v	~	-17	110
January	114	3	0	0	0	117	116
February	97	12	0	0	0	109	115
March	116	9	1	0	0	126	115
April	110	14	0	2	0	126	115
May	94	0	1	0	0	95	117
June July	76 147	11	1 0	0	0	88 159	120
July August	147 101	9 16	0	2	1	158 118	123 127
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	(a) See Glossar	y for definition.					

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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 S	ECTOR (\$ '000)	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •
1996-1997	135 511	14 346	208	34 098	75	184 238	121 490	305 728
1997-1998	124 759	15 410	35	36 852	261	177 317	82 734	260 051
1998-1999	124 905	6 136	342	35 501	134	167 018	115 752	282 769
1998								
August	10 205	455	25	2 513	30	13 228	11 191	24 420
September	11 922	626	0	2 993	15	15 556	8 398	23 954
October	11 548	950	45	2 956	0	15 499	13 874	29 373
November	8 804	680	0	2 913	0	12 397	6 717	19 114
December	11 256	110	0	2 910	0	14 276	2 378	16 654
1999								
January	11 104	160	0	2 772	0	14 036	15 875	29 910
February	10 139	580	0	2 655	0	13 375	4 164	17 539
March	11 592	485	60	3 032	0	15 169	10 237	25 406
April	11 263	1 155	0	3 766	25	16 209	23 814	40 023
May	8 517	0	85	2 580	0	11 182	5 303	16 485
June	8 160	795	85	3 410	20	12 470	5 321	17 791
July	13 664	495	0	3 463	253	17 875	15 315	33 190
August	10 169	1 565	0	3 764	97	15 594	8 174	23 768
• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	PURUCS	ECTOR (\$ '000)		• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •
L996-1997	1 763	5 808	0	584	357	8 513	37 479	45 992
L997-1998	1 199	998	0	1 284	0	3 481	42 732	46 213
L998-1999	200	0	0	817	0	1 017	58 793	59 810
1998								
August	200	0	0	197	0	397	2 210	2 607
September	0	0	0	40	0	40	320	360
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 550	1 550
November	0	0	0	31	0	31	1 144	1 175
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 286	4 286
.999								
January	0	0	0	47	0	47	29 967	30 013
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	70
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	6 226	6 226
April	0	0	0	126	0	126	3 050	3 176
May	0	0	0	13	0	13	4 819	4 832
June	0	0	0	11	0	11	1 945	1 956
July	1 038	0	0	12	0	1 050	3 387	4 437
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 002	2 002
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			TOTA	L (\$ '000)				
L996-1997	137 274	20 154	208	34 683	432	192 750	158 970	351 720
.997-1998	125 958	16 408	35	38 136	261	180 798	125 466	306 264
L998-1999	125 105	6 136	342	36 319	134	168 035	174 545	342 580
L998								
August	10 405	455	25	2 710	30	13 625	13 402	27 027
September	11 922	626	0	3 033	15	15 596	8 718	24 314
October	11 548	950	45	2 956	0	15 499	15 424	30 923
November	8 804	680	0	2 944	0	12 428	7 861	20 289
December	11 256	110	0	2 910	0	14 276	6 664	20 940
L999								
January	11 104	160	0	2 818	0	14 082	45 841	59 923
February	10 139	580	0	2 655	0	13 375	4 234	17 609
March	11 592	485	60	3 032	0	15 169	16 463	31 632
April	11 263	1 155	0	3 892	25	16 334	26 864	43 198
May	8 517	0	85	2 593	0	11 195	10 122	21 317
June	8 160	795	85	3 421	20	12 481	7 266	19 746
July	14 702	495	0	3 475	253	18 925	18 702	37 627
August	10 169	1 565	0	3 764	97	15 594	10 176	25 770
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	(a) See Glossary	ioi deiiiillion.						

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NEW OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.....

	New houses	terrace ho	ached, row or ouses, es, etc. of		Flats, units o in a building		5		Total	Total new residential building
Period		One storey	Two or more storeys	Total	One or two storeys	Three storeys	Four or more storeys	Total		
• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	DWELLIN	G UNITS (Nun	nber)	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •
1996-1997	1 593	190	7	197	54	0	0	54	251	1 844
1997-1998 1998-1999	1 419 1 297	146 16	2 6	148 22	42 82	0 0	29 0	71 82	219 104	1 638 1 401
1990-1999	1 291	10	O	22	02	U	U	02	104	1 401
1998										
June	97	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	9	106
July	117	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	119
August	118	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	10	128
September	129	2	0	2	7	0	0	7	9	138
October	117	0	0	0	21	0	0	21	21	138
November	97	4	0	4	7	0	0	7	11	108
December	112	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	114
1999										
January	114	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	117
February	97	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	12	109
March	116	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	9	125
April	110	8	6	14	0	0	0	0	14	124
May	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
June	76	2	0	2	9	0	0	9	11	87
July	147	2	0	2	7	0	0	7	9	156
August	101	0	16	16	0	0	0	0	16	117
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				VA	LUE (\$ '000)					
1996-1997	137 274	13 860	470	14 330	5 824	0	0	5 824	20 154	157 428
1997-1998	125 958	10 590	120	10 710	2 699	0	3 000	5 699	16 408	142 366
1998-1999	125 105	1 216	570	1 786	4 350	0	0	4 350	6 136	131 240
1998										
June	8 745	0	0	0	415	0	0	415	415	9 160
July	10 395	0	0	0	140	0	0	140	140	10 535
August	10 405	0	0	0	455	0	0	455	455	10 860
September	11 922	180	0	180	446	0	0	446	626	12 548
October	11 548	0	0	0	950	0	0	950	950	12 498
November	8 804	295	0	295	385	0	0	385	680	9 484
December	11 256	0	0	0	110	0	0	110	110	11 366
1999										
January	11 104	0	0	0	160	0	0	160	160	11 264
February	10 139	0	0	0	580	0	0	580	580	10 719
March	11 592	0	0	0	485	0	0	485	485	12 077
April	11 263	585	570	1 155	0	0	0	0	1 155	12 418
May	8 517	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8 517
June	8 160	156	0	156	639	0	0	639	795	8 955
July	14 702	110	0	110	385	0	0	385	495	15 197
August	10 169	0	1 565	1 565	0	0	0	0	1 565	11 734
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⁽a) See Glossary for definition.



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

	Hotels, motels ar other sho accommo		Shops		Facto	ories	Office	es	Othe busir prem		Educ	ational
Period	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000
• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	Value 4	50 000	-\$199,999	• • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •
1999				value—4	50,000-	-4199,999	•					
June	3	255	3	281	4	405	7	672	3	188	0	0
July	1	60	4	320	3	255	6	564	4	378	0	0
August	4	244	9	760	3	270	3	189	5	518	0	0
• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •		• • • • • • •	Value—\$2	00,000	-\$499,999	9	• • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •
1999					,	,						
June	0	0	1	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	1	200	0	0	1	350	1	210	0	0
August	1	300	0	0	2	581	2	550	1	285	2	770
• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •		• • • • • • •	Value—\$5	00,000	_\$999,999	9	• • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •
1999					,	,						
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	585	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	500	0	0	1	700
August	1	555	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	500	1	774
• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •		• • • • • • •	Value—\$1,0	00,000	-\$4,999.9	99	• • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •
1999				, ,	,,,,,,,	. , , .						
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1 305	1	1 800	0	0
July	1	1 000	3	7 900	0	0	0	0	1	2 700	1	2 116
August	0	0	1	1 000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •		• • • • • • •	Value—\$5	.000.00	00 and ove	· · · · · ·	• • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • •	• • • • • •	• • • • •
1999					, ,							
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •		• • • • • • •	Va	alue—To	otal	• • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • •	• • • • • •	• • • • •
1996-1997	28	6 589	61	15 853		37 975		27 159		21 361	24	15 347
1997-1998	16 14	8 647 1 649	71 67	12 909 23 217		10 121 12 973	68 66	19 437 29 843	57 61	26 700 19 936	40	29 208 17 503
1998-1999	14	1 049	01	23 211	45	17 212	00	29 043	91	TA A20	31	11 303
1999												
June	3	255	4	631	4	405	9	2 562	4	1 988	0	0
July	2	1 060	8	8 420	3	255	8	1 414	6	3 288	2	2 816
August	6	1 099	10	1 760	5	851	5	739	7	1 303	3	1 544



	Religio	ous	Health			inment creational	Miscell	laneous	Total non-resi building	dential
Period	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000
• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	Value	-\$50,000-\$	100 000	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • •
1999				value—	-\$30,000-3	199,999				
June	1	90	3	350	0	0	0	0	24	2 241
July	0	0	0	0	1	50	4	483	23	2 110
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	125	25	2 106
• • • • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	Value—	\$200,000-	\$499.999	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • •
1999				Value	4200,000	Ψ 100,000				
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	285	2	635
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	760
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	255	9	2 741
• • • • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	Value—	\$500,000-	\$999.999	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • •
1999					, ,	, , , , , , , ,				
June	0	0	0	0	1	700	0	0	2	1 285
July	0	0	0	0	1	916	0	0	3	2 116
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1 829
• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	Value—\$1	L,000,000–	\$4,999,999	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • •
1999					, ,					
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3 105
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	13 716
August	0	0	0	0	1	2 500	0	0	2	3 500
• • • • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	Value—	\$5,000,000	O and over	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • •
1999										
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
• • • • • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	Value—Tota	al	• • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • •
1996-1997	4	555	26	16 114	29	7 451	39	10 566	413	158 970
1990-199 <i>1</i> 1997-1998	3	715	20	6 663	23	5 872	27	5 193	374	125 466
1998-1999	9	1 380	22	52 314	23	4 552	35	11 179	373	174 545
1999										
June	1	90	3	350	1	700	1	285	30	7 266
July	0	0	0	0	2	966	4	483	35	18 702
August	0	0	0	0	1	2 500	2	380	39	10 176

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Chain Volume Measures(a)

Period	New houses	New other residential building	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(b)	Total residential building	Non- residential building	Total building
• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	ORIGINAL (\$	S million)	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •
			(,				
1996-1997	137.3	20.2	157.5	35.3	192.8	160.5	353.2
1997-1998	126.0	16.4	142.4	38.4	180.8	125.5	306.3
1998-1999	125.1	6.1	131.2	36.8	168.0	172.7	340.7
1998							
March	31.9	1.8	33.8	9.4	43.2	35.0	78.2
June	28.4	2.6	31.0	10.0	41.0	31.8	72.8
September	32.7	1.2	33.9	9.3	43.2	33.6	76.8
December	31.6	1.7	33.3	8.9	42.2	29.7	71.9
1999							
March	32.8	1.2	34.0	8.6	42.6	65.9	108.5
June	27.9	1.9	29.9	10.1	40.0	43.5	83.5
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4000		ORIGINAL	(% change fro	m preceding quar	rter)		
1998		=0.0	40.4	= 4		40.0	
March	-6.6	-58.2	-12.4	5.4	-9.0	13.8	-0.1
June	-11.1	46.2	-8.1	5.7	-5.1	-9.2	-6.9
September	15.3	-54.1	9.3	-7.4	5.3	5.6	5.4
December	-3.4	41.8	-1.8	-4.3	-2.3	-11.7	-6.4
1999							
March	3.9	-29.8	2.1	-3.3	1.0	121.9	50.9
June	-14.9	58.2	-12.3	18.2	-6.2	-33.9	-23.0

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

⁽b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

	Hotels, motels and other										
	short term				Other				Entertain-		Total non-
Period	accomm- odation	Shops	Factories	Offices	business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	ment and recreational	Miscell- aneous	residential building
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1997-1998	8 647	12 839	9 826	9 752	24 053	5 760	715	3 929	4 454	2 758	82 734
1998-1999	1 649	23 217	12 023	20 278	12 722	9 729	1 380	22 818	3 020	8 918	115 752
1998											
August	150	875	838	540	388	90	0	2 000	800	5 510	11 191
September	0	1 831	1 815	795	1 550	1 676	0	195	150	386	8 398
October	0	5 239	1 775	5 745	570	0	0	400	50	95	13 874
November	229	650	935	200	3 623	745	175	0	0	160	6 717
December 1999	150	215	165	551	547	0	65	0	50	635	2 378
January	100	202	700	440	1 463	190	150	12 390	240	0	15 875
February	100	700	180	540	419	1 190	730	80	75	150	4 164
March	250	1 002	2 425	160	466	845	0	4 555	0	534	10 237
April	0	5 715	875	10 257	570	4 608	0	388	850	550	23 814
May	340	3 630	390	263	280	0	170	62	105	63	5 303
June	255	631	405	617	1 988	0	90	350	700	285	5 321
July	1 060	8 420	255	1 189	3 158	700	0	0	50	483	15 315
August	1 099	1 760	851	539	1 170	0	0	0	2 500	255	8 174
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1998-1999	0	0	950	9 565	7 214	7 774	0	29 497	1 532	2 261	58 793
1998											
August	0	0	800	1 018	0	305	0	0	87	0	2 210
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	220	320
October	0	0	0	158	60	1 277	0	0	0	55	1 550
November	0	0	0	0	0	544	0	0	0	600	1 144
December	0	0	0	1 250	200	2 401	0	185	0	250	4 286
1999	0		0	0.45		00	0	00.040	205	05	20.007
January February	0 0	0 0	0	245 70	0	60 0	0 0	29 212 0	385 0	65 0	29 967 70
March	0	0	0	125	5 000	0	0	0	310	791	6 226
April	0	0	0	0	0	3 050	0	0	0	0	3 050
May	0	0	150	4 529	0	0	0	0	140	0	4 819
June	0	0	0	1 945	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 945
July	0	0	0	225	130	2 116	0	0	916	0	3 387
August	0	0	0	200	133	1 544	0	0	0	125	2 002
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May	340	3 630	540	4 792	280	0 0 0 0	170	62	245	63	10 122
June	255	631	405	2 562	1 988	0	90	350	700	285	7 266
July	1 060	8 420	255	1 414	3 288	2 816	0	0	966	483	18 702
August	1 099	1 760	851	739	1 303	1 544	0	0	2 500	380	10 176

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BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL AREAS

BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL AREAS continued

	DWELL	INGS (no.)	VALUE (\$	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
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North Western Rural (SSD)	6	0	6	390	0	213	603	494	1 097
Burnie (C)—Pt B	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	15
Central Coast (M)—Pt B	1	0	1	90	0	0	90	0	90
Circular Head (M)	4	0	4	255	0	103	358	139	497
Kentish (M)	1	0	1	45	0	28	73	300	373
King Island (M)	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	55	70
Latrobe (M)—Pt B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waratah/Wynyard (M)—Pt B	0	0	0	0	0	52	52	0	52
Lyell (SSD)	0	0	0	0	0	80	80	0	80
West Coast (M)	0	0	0	0	0	80	80	0	80
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Launceston	20	0	20	2 480	0	503	2 983	1 676	4 659
Burnie-Devonport	8	0	8	873	0	637	1 510	2 814	4 324
	approv	ed as part of	ns and dwelling ur alterations and ad non-residential bui	ditions or	(b) Refer to	Explanatory Not	es paragraph	12.	

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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;
- permits issued by licensed building surveyors;
- 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.

BUILDING CLASSIFICATIONS continued

- **8** An example is the treatment of building 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 to 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 April 1998 issue of this publication, Conversions were published as part of a category called 'Conversions, etc.'. From the April 1998 issue onwards, Conversion jobs are shown separately in tables 1 and 2. However, in other tables they are included within existing categories, as follows: in table 7 it is included in the appropriate Type of Building and 'Alterations and additions to residential buildings' categories.

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.
- **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.

CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

- **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 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.
- **21** Further information on the nature and concepts of chain volume measures is contained in the ABS publication *Information Paper: Introduction of Chain Volume Measures in the Australian National Accounts* (Cat. no. 5248.0).

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD
GEOGRAPHICAL CLASSIFICATION
(ASGC)

- **22** Area statistics are now being classified to the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification*, *1998 Edition* (Cat. no. 1216.0), effective from 1 July 1998, and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics.
- **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).

UNPUBLISHED DATA

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.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- **25** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- Building Activity, Building Work Done, Australia (Cat. no. 8755.0)
- Building Activity, Australia (Cat. no. 8752.0)
- Building Activity, Australia: Dwelling Unit Commencements (Cat. no. 8750.0)
- Building Activity, Tasmania (Cat. no. 8752.6)
- Building Approvals, Australia (Cat. no. 8731.0)
- Engineering Construction Activity, Australia (Cat. no. 8762.0)
- House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6416.0).
- Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0)
- Price Index of Materials Used in House Building (Cat. no. 6408.0)
- Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building (Cat. no. 6407.0).

ROUNDING When figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES n.a.

n.a. not available

C City

M MunicipalitySD Statistical DivisionSSD Statistical Subdivision

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GLOSSARY

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 April 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 1 includes the number of Conversions in the 'Alterations and additions to residential buildings' category while Table 2 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.

GLOSSARY

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 Building activity which will result in the creation of a residential building other

buildings 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 April 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 1). 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

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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 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 3 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 Dwellings having their own private grounds with no other dwellings above or

houses, townhouses below.

Shops Includes retail shops, restaurants, taverns and shopping arcades.

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