



BUILDING APPROVALS

TASMANIA

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MAY KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	May 1999	% change Apr 1999 to May 1999	% change May 1998 to May 1999
Dwelling units approved			
Total dwelling units	109	-2.5	-13.8

ORIGINAL

	May 1999	% change Apr 1999 to May 1999	% change May 1998 to May 1999
Dwelling units approved			
Private sector houses	85	-22.7	-19.8
Total dwelling units	86	-31.7	-32.8

MAY KEY POINTS

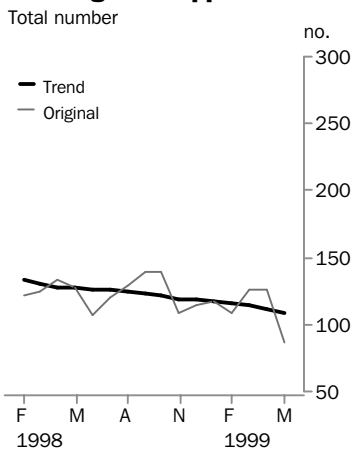
TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend for total dwellings has slipped to a low of 109 dwellings in May. This level is 13.8% down on the value of May 1998.

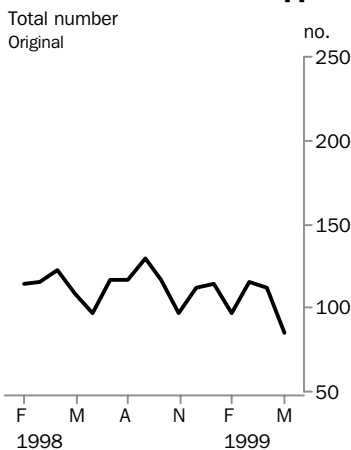
ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- There were 86 dwellings approved in May, comprising of 85 new private houses and one resulting from house alterations.
- The highest number of dwelling approvals were located in Launceston (14), Clarence (8) and Latrobe (7).
- The value of non-residential building approved in May was \$10.1 million with the Offices (\$4.8 million) and Shops (\$3.6 million) components contributing most significantly.

Dwelling units approved



Private sector houses approved



- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Merv Leaker on Adelaide 08 8237 7585 or any ABS office shown on the back cover of this publication.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
June 1999	6 August 1999
July 1999	7 September 1999
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.



DATA NOTES

Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates to April 1999 have been revised as a result of the annual reanalysis of the seasonal factors.



REVISIONS THIS MONTH

There are no revisions this month.



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DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Private and Public Sector

Period	New houses	New other residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Conversion(a)	Non-residential building(a)	Total dwelling units	Trend estimates
PRIVATE SECTOR (Number)							
1995-1996	1 917	448	(b) 7	(b) 0	0	2 372	n.a.
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							
May	106	18	0	2	0	126	n.a.
June	97	9	1	0	0	107	n.a.
July	117	2	1	0	0	120	n.a.
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	112	2	0	0	0	114	n.a.
1999							
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	85	0	1	0	0	86	n.a.
PUBLIC SECTOR (Number)							
1995-1996	21	153	(b) 0	(b) 0	0	174	n.a.
1996-1997	18	57	0	5	0	80	n.a.
1997-1998	9	11	0	0	0	20	n.a.
1998							
May	0	2	0	0	0	2	n.a.
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
August	1	0	0	0	0	1	n.a.
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
1999							
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	n.a.
TOTAL (Number)							
1995-1996	1 938	601	(b) 7	(b) 0	0	2 546	n.a.
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							
May	106	20	0	2	0	128	127
June	97	9	1	0	0	107	126
July	117	2	1	0	0	120	126
August	118	10	1	0	0	129	125
September	129	9	0	0	1	139	123
October	117	21	1	0	0	139	121
November	97	11	0	0	0	108	119
December	112	2	0	0	0	114	118
1999							
January	114	3	0	0	0	117	117
February	97	12	0	0	0	109	116
March	116	9	1	0	0	126	114
April	110	14	0	2	0	126	112
May	85	0	1	0	0	86	109

(a) See Glossary for definition.

(b) Conversions are included in alterations and additions to residential buildings.

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 (\$ '000)								
1995-1996	163 633	37 698	(b) 393	34 542	(b) 0	236 266	119 849	356 114
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								
May	8 989	1 475	0	3 612	20	14 096	11 628	25 724
June	8 745	415	25	2 985	0	12 170	4 379	16 549
July	10 395	140	42	3 001	44	13 622	8 481	22 103
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	7 379	0	85	2 440	0	9 904	5 303	15 206
PUBLIC SECTOR (\$ '000)								
1995-1996	1 649	14 465	(b) 0	1 954	(b) 0	18 069	96 903	114 972
1996-1997	1 763	5 808	0	584	357	8 513	37 479	45 992
1997-1998	1 199	998	0	1 284	0	3 481	42 732	46 213
1998								
May	0	179	0	210	0	388	2 927	3 315
June	0	0	0	481	0	481	4 471	4 952
July	0	0	0	353	0	353	3 206	3 560
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
1999								
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
TOTAL (\$ '000)								
1995-1996	165 282	52 163	(b) 393	36 497	(b) 0	254 334	216 752	471 086
1996-1997	137 274	20 154	208	34 683	432	192 750	158 970	351 720
1997-1998	125 958	16 408	35	38 136	261	180 798	125 466	306 264
1998								
May	8 989	1 654	0	3 822	20	14 484	14 555	29 039
June	8 745	415	25	3 466	0	12 651	8 850	21 500
July	10 395	140	42	3 354	44	13 975	11 687	25 662
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
1999								
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	7 379	0	85	2 453	0	9 917	10 122	20 038

(a) See Glossary for definition.

(b) Conversions are included in alterations and additions creating dwellings.

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			
DWELLING UNITS (Number)										
1995-1996	1 938	454	35	489	6	0	106	112	601	2 539
1996-1997	1 593	190	7	197	54	0	0	54	251	1 844
1997-1998	1 419	146	2	148	42	0	29	71	219	1 638
1998										
March	117	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	125
April	122	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	11	133
May	106	2	2	4	16	0	0	16	20	126
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	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
VALUE (\$ '000)										
1995-1996	165 282	34 349	2 693	37 042	180	0	14 941	15 121	52 163	217 445
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										
March	11 384	613	0	613	0	0	0	0	613	11 997
April	10 652	0	0	0	578	0	0	578	578	11 230
May	8 989	170	120	290	1 364	0	0	1 364	1 654	10 643
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	7 379	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7 379

(a) See Glossary for definition.

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

Period	Hotels, motels and other short term accommodation.....		Shops.....		Factories.....		Offices.....		Other business premises.....		Educational	
	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000
Value—\$50,000—\$199,999												
1999												
March	0	0	3	376	5	425	3	285	2	106	0	0
April	0	0	3	255	2	295	4	407	4	350	4	478
May	1	120	3	260	2	240	4	313	3	280	0	0
Value—\$200,000—\$499,999												
1999												
March	1	250	2	626	0	0	0	0	1	360	0	0
April	0	0	1	360	0	0	1	350	1	220	0	0
May	1	220	1	320	1	300	2	572	0	0	0	0
Value—\$500,000—\$999,999												
1999												
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	845
April	0	0	0	0	1	580	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	1	550	0	0	1	800	0	0	0	0
Value—\$1,000,000—\$4,999,999												
1999												
March	0	0	0	0	1	2 000	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	2	5 100	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7 180
May	0	0	1	2 500	0	0	1	3 107	0	0	0	0
Value—\$5,000,000 and over												
1999												
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5 000	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9 500	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Value—Total												
1995-1996	13	14 380	105	32 664	64	19 768	73	17 393	76	23 096	41	32 933
1996-1997	28	6 589	61	15 853	62	37 975	73	27 159	67	21 361	24	15 347
1997-1998	16	8 647	71	12 909	49	10 121	68	19 437	57	26 700	40	29 208
1999												
March	1	250	5	1 002	6	2 425	3	285	4	5 466	1	845
April	0	0	6	5 715	3	875	6	10 257	5	570	6	7 658
May	2	340	6	3 630	3	540	8	4 792	3	280	0	0

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

Period	Religious.....		Health.....		Entertainment and recreational		Miscellaneous.....		Total non-residential building.....	
	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000
Value—\$50,000—\$199,999										
1999										
March	0	0	1	100	1	60	4	320	19	1 672
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	285	20	2 071
May	1	170	1	62	3	245	1	63	19	1 753
Value—\$200,000—\$499,999										
1999										
March	0	0	1	205	1	250	1	284	7	1 975
April	0	0	1	388	0	0	1	265	5	1 583
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1 412
Value—\$500,000—\$999,999										
1999										
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	721	2	1 566
April	0	0	0	0	1	850	0	0	2	1 430
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1 350
Value—\$1,000,000—\$4,999,999										
1999										
March	0	0	1	4 250	0	0	0	0	2	6 250
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	12 280
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5 607
Value—\$5,000,000 and over										
1999										
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5 000
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9 500
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Value—Total										
1995-1996	7	1 820	29	42 586	22	14 939	38	17 173	468	216 752
1996-1997	4	555	26	16 114	29	7 451	39	10 566	413	158 970
1997-1998	3	715	20	6 663	23	5 872	27	5 193	374	125 466
1999										
March	0	0	3	4 555	2	310	6	1 325	31	16 463
April	0	0	1	388	1	850	4	550	32	26 864
May	1	170	1	62	3	245	1	63	28	10 122

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)							
1995-1996	165.2	52.5	217.6	36.9	254.4	218.4	472.8
1996-1997	137.3	20.2	157.4	35.3	192.8	159.0	351.7
1997-1998	126.0	16.3	142.3	38.4	180.7	124.8	305.5
1997							
December	34.2	4.3	38.5	9.0	47.5	30.6	78.1
1998							
March	31.9	1.8	33.7	9.4	43.2	34.9	78.1
June	28.4	2.6	31.0	10.0	41.0	31.6	72.6
September	32.7	1.2	33.9	9.3	43.2	33.1	76.3
December	31.6	1.7	33.3	8.9	42.2	29.1	71.3
1999							
March	32.8	1.2	34.0	8.6	42.6	64.2	106.8
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding quarter)							
1997							
December	8.8	-43.4	-1.4	-10.5	-3.3	10.8	1.8
1998							
March	-6.6	-58.2	-12.4	5.4	-9.0	13.9	0.0
June	-11.1	46.2	-8.1	5.7	-5.1	-9.5	-7.1
September	15.3	-54.2	9.4	-7.4	5.3	4.9	5.1
December	-3.4	41.4	-1.8	-4.3	-2.3	-12.2	-6.6
1999							
March	3.9	-30.0	2.2	-3.3	1.0	120.8	49.9

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1996-97.
Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraphs 20-21.

(b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 12.

VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED: Original

Period	Hotels, motels and other short term accommodation	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertainment and recreational	Miscellaneous	Total non- residential building
PRIVATE SECTOR (\$ '000)											
1995-1996	13 965	29 289	19 168	10 794	16 756	7 769	1 820	12 203	2 141	5 944	119 849
1996-1997	6 389	15 258	37 455	14 063	20 024	4 770	555	14 881	4 819	3 277	121 490
1997-1998	8 647	12 839	9 826	9 752	24 053	5 760	715	3 929	4 454	2 758	82 734
1998											
May	0	750	2 157	492	6 914	51	500	135	300	330	11 628
June	188	338	700	2 384	270	210	0	200	89	0	4 379
July	75	2 527	1 520	170	858	384	0	2 398	0	550	8 481
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	150	215	165	551	547	0	65	0	50	635	2 378
1999											
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
PUBLIC SECTOR (\$ '000)											
1995-1996	414	3 375	600	6 599	6 340	25 165	0	30 383	12 798	11 229	96 903
1996-1997	200	595	520	13 097	1 337	10 577	0	1 233	2 632	7 289	37 479
1997-1998	0	70	295	9 685	2 647	23 447	0	2 734	1 418	2 435	42 732
1998											
May	0	0	0	465	270	1 149	0	500	63	480	2 927
June	0	0	0	825	60	3 501	0	0	0	85	4 471
July	0	0	0	225	1 954	137	0	0	610	279	3 206
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											
January	0	0	0	245	0	60	0	29 212	385	65	29 967
February	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	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
TOTAL (\$ '000)											
1995-1996	14 380	32 664	19 768	17 393	23 096	32 933	1 820	42 586	14 939	17 173	216 752
1996-1997	6 589	15 853	37 975	27 159	21 361	15 347	555	16 114	7 451	10 566	158 970
1997-1998	8 647	12 909	10 121	19 437	26 700	29 208	715	6 663	5 872	5 193	125 466
1998											
May	0	750	2 157	957	7 184	1 200	500	635	363	810	14 555
June	188	338	700	3 209	330	3 711	0	200	89	85	8 850
July	75	2 527	1 520	395	2 812	522	0	2 398	610	829	11 687
August	150	875	1 638	1 558	388	395	0	2 000	887	5 510	13 402
September	0	1 831	1 815	795	1 550	1 676	0	295	150	606	8 718
October	0	5 239	1 775	5 903	630	1 277	0	400	50	150	15 424
November	229	650	935	200	3 623	1 289	175	0	0	760	7 861
December	150	215	165	1 801	747	2 401	65	185	50	885	6 664
1999											
January	100	202	700	685	1 463	250	150	41 602	625	65	45 841
February	100	700	180	610	419	1 190	730	80	75	150	4 234
March	250	1 002	2 425	285	5 466	845	0	4 555	310	1 325	16 463
April	0	5 715	875	10 257	570	7 658	0	388	850	550	26 864
May	340	3 630	540	4 792	280	0	170	62	245	63	10 122

BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL AREAS

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
STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS									
TASMANIA	85	0	86	7 379	0	2 538	9 916	10 122	20 038
Greater Hobart (SD)	21	0	21	1 888	0	1 080	2 969	8 186	11 155
Greater Hobart (SSD)	21	0	21	1 888	0	1 080	2 969	8 186	11 155
Brighton (M)	2	0	2	165	0	34	199	0	199
Clarence (C)	8	0	8	805	0	241	1 046	112	1 158
Derwent Valley (M)—Pt A	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	0	30
Glenorchy (C)	5	0	5	421	0	212	633	455	1 088
Hobart (C)—Inner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	800	800
Hobart (C)—Remainder	3	0	3	299	0	551	850	3 712	4 562
Kingborough (M)—Pt A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 107	3 107
Sorell (M)—Pt A	3	0	3	199	0	13	212	0	212
Southern (SD)	13	0	13	861	0	171	1 032	370	1 402
Southern (SSD)	13	0	13	861	0	171	1 032	370	1 402
Central Highlands (M)	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	150	250
Derwent Valley (M)—Pt B	1	0	1	120	0	0	120	0	120
Glamorgan/Spring Bay (M)	5	0	5	287	0	36	323	220	543
Huon Valley (M)	5	0	5	390	0	25	415	0	415
Kingborough (M)—Pt B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sorell (M)—Pt B	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	10
Southern Midlands (M)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tasman (M)	2	0	2	64	0	0	64	0	64
Northern (SD)	30	0	31	2 688	0	670	3 358	1 273	4 631
Greater Launceston (SSD)	23	0	24	2 285	0	537	2 822	973	3 794
George Town (M)—Pt A	4	0	4	392	0	0	392	170	562
Launceston (C)—Inner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Launceston (C)—Pt B	12	0	13	1 245	0	469	1 714	253	1 967
Meander Valley (M)—Pt A	1	0	1	88	0	30	118	0	118
Northern Midlands (M)—Pt A	2	0	2	250	0	10	260	0	260
West Tamar (M)—Pt A	4	0	4	310	0	28	338	550	888
Central North (SSD)	5	0	5	263	0	70	333	300	633
George Town (M)—Pt B	2	0	2	70	0	0	70	0	70
Launceston (C)—Pt C	1	0	1	70	0	25	95	0	95
Meander Valley (M)—Pt B	2	0	2	123	0	45	168	300	468
Northern Midlands (M)—Pt B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Tamar (M)—Pt B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Eastern (SSD)	2	0	2	140	0	63	203	0	203
Break O'Day (M)	2	0	2	140	0	63	203	0	203
Dorset (M)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flinders (M)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mersey-Lyell (SD)	21	0	21	1 942	0	616	2 558	293	2 851
Burnie-Devonport (SSD)	17	0	17	1 632	0	440	2 072	123	2 195
Burnie (C)—Pt A	2	0	2	182	0	40	222	0	222
Central Coast (M)—Pt A	2	0	2	175	0	137	312	0	312
Devonport (C)	4	0	4	485	0	101	586	0	586
Latrobe (M)—Pt A	7	0	7	630	0	23	652	60	712
Waratah/Wynyard (M)—Pt A	2	0	2	160	0	140	300	63	363

BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL AREAS *continued*

DWELLINGS (no.).....			VALUE (\$'000).....						
	<i>New</i>	<i>New other</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>New other</i>	<i>Alterations</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Non-</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>houses</i>	<i>residential</i>	<i>dwelling(a)</i>	<i>houses</i>	<i>residential</i>	<i>to residential</i>	<i>residential</i>	<i>residential</i>	<i>building</i>
		<i>building</i>			<i>building</i>	<i>buildings(b)</i>	<i>building</i>	<i>building</i>	<i>building</i>
STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS									
North Western Rural (SSD)	3	0	3	270	0	176	446	170	616
Burnie (C)—Pt B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Coast (M)—Pt B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Circular Head (M)	2	0	2	170	0	0	170	90	260
Kentish (M)	1	0	1	100	0	100	200	80	280
King Island (M)	0	0	0	0	0	76	76	0	76
Latrobe (M)—Pt B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waratah/Wynyard (M)—Pt B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyell (SSD)	1	0	1	40	0	0	40	0	40
West Coast (M)	1	0	1	40	0	0	40	0	40
STATISTICAL DISTRICT									
Launceston	23	0	24	2 285	0	537	2 822	973	3 794
Burnie—Devonport	17	0	17	1 632	0	440	2 072	123	2 195

(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;
- 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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.

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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 1996–97). 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.

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).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

ROUNDING

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

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a. not available
C City
M Municipality
SD Statistical Division
SSD Statistical Subdivision

G L O S S A R Y

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 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 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 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 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 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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