

# Data Quality Statement

## Building Permit Levy Return Data

Source	Type of data	Administrative Data Source – data is by-product of administering building permit levy collection functions under the relevant legislation.
Institutional environment	Data collector	Victorian Building Authority
	Collection authority	Building Act 1993 Building Regulations 2008
	Data compilers	Victorian Building Authority
	Additional information	Not applicable
Relevance	Data topic	The data represents building permits issued in the state of Victoria for regulated building work.
	Level of geography	<p>Data is for the State of Victorian in Australia and has geospatial information in the following categories:</p> <p>Data is limited to the State of Victoria however it includes geospatial information at the following levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– municipality</li> <li>– Victorian State Regions</li> <li>– Victorian Rural Regions</li> <li>– metropolitan regions</li> <li>– suburb</li> <li>– postal code</li> <li>– street name</li> </ul>
	Key data items	<p>Regulated building work for which a building permit was issued and reported to the Victorian Building Authority.</p> <p>Data includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– location of building</li> <li>– nature of building work</li> <li>– ownership sector</li> <li>– building purpose</li> <li>– number of dwellings built</li> <li>– demolitions</li> <li>– Building Code of Australia categories</li> </ul>

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	Numerator/denominator source	Not applicable
	Additional information	Refer to the Key for standard classifications.
Timeliness	Data collected	Data is collected and compiled on a monthly basis by the VBA. However, building surveyors collect the underlying data and issue building permits as part of their day to day activities.
	Data available	The data is available four weeks after collection.
	Reference period	The reference period is described in the name of each dataset.
	Additional information:	<p>From time to time the VBA may make historical adjustments to the data if additional information becomes available.</p> <p>This can occur when a building surveyor provides their data after the monthly due date or when lodged data is changed in later lodgements.</p> <p>Generally; these do not have a material effect.</p>
Accuracy	Method of collection	<p>Data is collected by building surveyors when issuing building permits for regulated building work in Victoria.</p> <p>Building surveyors forward the data to the VBA on a monthly basis.</p> <p>It is a self-reporting system and the quality of the data is dependent on the individual building surveyors.</p>
	Data adjustments	The data provided has had certain detail redacted to protect the privacy of individuals.
	Sample size	Relevant legislation requires that 100 per cent of all building permits for the relevant period are reported to the VBA.
	Collection size	<p>The size is dependent on building activity.</p> <p>In practice not all building surveyors lodge their building permit activity by the due date of any given</p>

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		period.
	Standard errors	
	Under counts	There are no known issues with statistical under counting.
	Over counts	There are no known issues with statistical over counting.
	Additional information	A number of fields are manually checked by data officers to determine whether there are any input or accuracy errors.
Coherence	Consistency over time	<p>There have been no changes to the underlying data collection since 2009.</p> <p>Data prior to this date is transitional and may not include all building permits for the relevant period.</p>
	Consistency of jurisdictions	<p>The ABS reports on building approvals at the Australian State, Territory and LGA level.</p> <p>There are no other direct sources for Victorian building permit activity other than the VBA data.</p>
	Numerator/denominator	Not applicable
	Time series	<p>The time series is consistent from 1 July 2008. Data before this date is transitional and does not reflect all building permit activity for Victoria.</p> <p>Due to technical limitations at the time of publishing data is available by calendar years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 2008</li> <li>– 2009</li> <li>– 2010</li> <li>– 2011</li> <li>– 2012</li> <li>– 2013</li> <li>– 2014</li> </ul>
	Additional information	Not applicable
Interpretability	Context	Not applicable

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	Other supporting information	Supporting documentation available includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– disclaimer</li> <li>– key</li> </ul>
	Additional information	Not applicable
Accessibility	More data	No further data is available. You can request additional data through the <a href="https://data.vic.gov.au">data.vic.gov.au</a> portal
	Contact details	<a href="mailto:data@vba.vic.gov.au">data@vba.vic.gov.au</a>
	Additional information	Not applicable