



ACI Building Materials Bulletin

The ACI *Building Materials Bulletin* is Australia's most in-depth review of building materials usage in the residential construction industry. Of particular use to building product manufacturers and suppliers, the *Building Materials Bulletin* draws on HIA's unique insight and understanding of Australia's residential construction industry.

The ACI *Building Materials Bulletin* includes a review of the economic environment, trends in the composition of new dwelling construction and a comprehensive review of building materials usage. The full contents of the bulletin include:

- Assessment of economic background as it affects activity and costs in residential construction;
- Review of new home building activity, including: analysis of activity by different dwelling types; and average floor area;
- Assessment of trends in building materials used in roofing, outer wall cladding and flooring;
- Analysis of factors determining demand for home building materials such as costs, tastes, regulations and other factors;
- Review of typical building materials usage rates by type of dwelling;
- Assessment of input prices for materials used in residential construction;
- HIA forecasts of new residential construction by detached house and multi-unit dwellings out to 2020;
- Detailed, medium-term projections of building materials usage by product;
- Analysis of sensitivities and scenarios around future building materials demand.

The ACI Building Materials Bulletin provides a comprehensive range of information focusing on residential building materials:

- Analysis of the type of material used for external cladding in detached houses, including figures on the number of houses using double brick, brick veneer, stone/concrete, fibre cement, timber, curtain glass, steel, aluminium and other materials.
- Data on the number of houses using different roofing materials such as tiles, slate or concrete, fibre cement, steel aluminium and other materials.
- In terms of flooring, a breakdown is provided on the usage of timber, concrete and other flooring materials in detached houses and trends over time in external cladding, roofing and flooring.
- Average floor area in new detached houses and in multi-unit dwellings, by state and territory, and analysis of developments over time in this metric;
- In-depth analysis of price developments by capital city for seven categories of building material used in residential construction: timber; board and joinery; ceramic products; concrete; cement and sand; steel products; plumbing products; electrical equipment; and installed gas and electrical appliances.

ACI can tailor specific research for clients, broadening its scope of the building materials analysis as required. This could include more detailed data collection (for example, industry surveys) and analysis of other aspects of the building materials market including imports, trade agreements, and the role of foreign currency fluctuations.

The ACI *Building Materials Bulletin* is competitively priced and includes a soft copy of the report together with an excel file containing relevant data and forecasts.