

## Welcome to the February pulse° today, the monthly update from pulse°

This month includes: updates to three data measures and analysis of Registered Building Practitioner data

**6%** increase in the value of building permits issued during 2009, compared to 2008. *Source: Building Commission.*

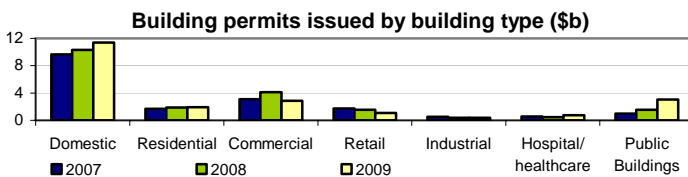
**3%** increase in the number of Registered Building Practitioners (RBPs) registered with the Building Practitioners Board (BPB) in 2009, compared to 2008. *Source: Building Commission.*

**1%** of domestic building permits result in a dispute heard at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) annually. *Source: VCAT/ Building Commission.*

### Updates

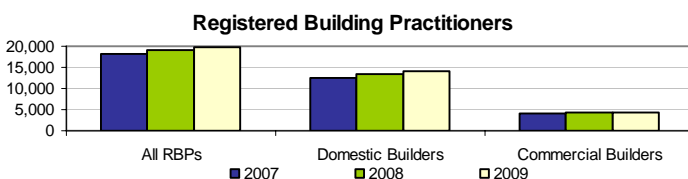
#### Building permits *Source: Building Commission*

During 2009, the value of building permits increased in the building types Domestic, Hospital/Healthcare and Public Buildings by 10, 70 and 98 per cent compared to 2008 respectively. Commercial and Retail building permits recorded decreases of 30 and 31 per cent respectively while Residential and Industrial remained stable. [more detail...](#)



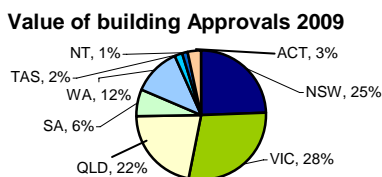
#### Registered Building Practitioners *Source: Building Commission*

The number of Registered Building Practitioners (RBPs) has increased every year for the past 3 years. As at December 2009, there were 13,985 domestic builders, up 5 per cent from December 2008 and 4362 commercial builders, up 2 per cent. [more detail...](#)



#### National proportion *Source: ABS*

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data show building approvals in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria continue to make up the majority of building approvals for Australia. Victoria contributed 28 per cent, New South Wales 25 per cent and Queensland, 22 per cent. [more...](#)



### Registered Building Practitioners (RBPs)

The number of RBPs registered with the Building Practitioners Board (BPB) increased in 2009 to continue an upwards trend since 2004.

At the end of 2009, there were nearly 20,000 RBPs, 3 per cent more than in 2008. As some practitioners are registered in more than one class, the total number of registrations at the end of 2009 was nearly 24,000, an increase of 4 per cent since 2008.

In the major categories there were registrations of 13,985 domestic builders, 4,362 commercial builders, 2,178 draftspersons, 1,807 engineers, 508 building surveyors and 448 building inspectors.

The number of domestic builders rose 5 per cent in 2009, strengthening the 7 per cent increase recorded in 2008. Commercial builders recorded 2 per cent more registrations and there were 11 per cent more quantity surveyors in 2009.

Based on practitioners' address, 36 per cent of RBPs were located in Inner Melbourne and 36 per cent in Outer Melbourne. Seven per cent were located in the South West region and 4 per cent were located in Northern and Gippsland regions. A further 5 per cent of RBPs were located interstate.

Ninety-eight per cent of RBPs were male and 2 per cent female. Of the 2 per cent, more than half were draftspersons and a quarter domestic builders.

Practitioner type	Registrations	Variance to 2008	% female	Business address of RBP - % of total								
				Inner Melbourne	Outer Melbourne	South West	North West	North Central	North East	Gippsland	Interstate	
Domestic builders	13,985	5%	1%	31%	40%	7%	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	
Commercial builders	4,362	2%	1%	38%	34%	6%	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%	
Draftspersons	2,178	1%	11%	42%	33%	6%	4%	3%	2%	4%	5%	
Engineers	1,807	2%	3%	56%	15%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	19%	
Building surveyors	508	0%	3%	46%	23%	8%	6%	5%	5%	4%	4%	
Building inspectors	448	3%	2%	35%	31%	9%	6%	6%	5%	6%	2%	
Demolishers	267	10%	0%	24%	35%	9%	8%	7%	7%	6%	4%	
Quantity surveyors	118	11%	4%	83%	11%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%	
Temp structures	114	5%	3%	32%	25%	4%	6%	9%	7%	3%	14%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,947</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>	

## Website update February 2010

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