

FAQs to be distributed at the press lockup and posted on the NRC webpage on Tuesday, 11/26

Why are starts and completions for September and October 2013 not shown in September/October release?

Data on starts and completions are from the Survey of Construction (SOC). Data for the SOC could not be collected in October due to the lapse in federal funding. The New Residential Construction release was rescheduled to November 26, but the Census Bureau could not complete accurate data collection for the SOC in time to tabulate starts and completions, so this release includes only September and October data on housing units authorized by building permits.

Why are data on housing units authorized by building permits available if starts and completions are not?

Data on building permits are from the Building Permits Survey, a survey of local governments for which September and October data could be collected in time for this release.

Will local building permit estimates for September be released on November 26?

Yes.

Will local building permit estimates for October be released on November 27?

Yes.

Why are data on units authorized but not started and under construction for September and October not shown?

These inventories are also estimated using data from the Survey of Construction.

Why are revised data for July and August 2013 available?

Data collection for the SOC was sufficient to provide reliable revised estimates for July and August 2013.

Will data for September and October for New Residential Sales be released on December 4?

Yes, data collection for the SOC was sufficient to provide reliable estimates of new houses sold.

Will data for September and October for Construction Spending be released on December 2?

Yes, estimates of residential construction spending can be calculated, and construction spending will be released for all types of construction on December 2.

When will data for the third quarter of 2013 for 'Quarterly Starts and Completions by Purpose and Design' be released?

These data will be released on December 18, 2013, when data on housing units started and completed in September, October, and November 2013 is released.