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## **NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN AUGUST 2006**

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for August 2006:

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,722,000. This is 2.3 percent ( $\pm 1.2\%$ ) below the revised July rate of 1,763,000 and is 21.9 percent ( $\pm 1.3\%$ ) below the August 2005 estimate of 2,205,000.

Single-family authorizations in August were at a rate of 1,279,000; this is 3.5 percent ( $\pm 1.2\%$ ) below the July figure of 1,325,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 370,000 in August.

### **HOUSING STARTS**

Privately-owned housing starts in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,665,000. This is 6.0 percent ( $\pm 9.2\%$ )\* below the revised July estimate of 1,772,000 and is 19.8 percent ( $\pm 5.0\%$ ) below the August 2005 rate of 2,075,000.

Single-family housing starts in August were at a rate of 1,360,000; this is 5.9 percent ( $\pm 8.1\%$ )\* below the July figure of 1,445,000. The August rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 265,000.

### **HOUSING COMPLETIONS**

Privately-owned housing completions in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,868,000. This is 3.2 percent ( $\pm 10.4\%$ )\* below the revised July estimate of 1,929,000 and is 4.4 percent ( $\pm 7.4\%$ )\* below the August 2005 rate of 1,954,000.

Single-family housing completions in August were at a rate of 1,618,000; this is 2.5 percent ( $\pm 11.1\%$ )\* below the July figure of 1,660,000. The August rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 230,000.

*New Residential Construction data for September 2006 will be released on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. EDT.  
Our Internet site is: <http://www.census.gov/newresconst>*

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

In interpreting changes in the statistics in this release, note that month-to-month changes in seasonally adjusted statistics often show movements which may be irregular. It may take 4 months to establish an underlying trend for building permit authorizations, 5 months for total starts, and 6 months for total completions. The statistics in this release are estimated from sample surveys and are subject to sampling variability as well as nonsampling error including bias and variance from response, nonreporting, and undercoverage. Estimated relative standard errors of the most recent data are shown in the tables. Whenever a statement such as "2.5 percent ( $\pm 3.2\%$ ) above" appears in the text, this indicates the range (-0.7 to +5.7 percent) in which the actual percent change is likely to have occurred. All ranges given for percent changes are 90-percent confidence intervals and account only for sampling variability. If a range does not contain zero, the change is statistically significant. If it does contain zero, the change is not statistically significant; that is, it is uncertain whether there was an increase or decrease. The same policies apply to the confidence intervals for percent changes shown in the tables. On average, the preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates of total building permits, housing starts and housing completions are revised about one percent. Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our web site listed above.

\* 90% confidence interval includes zero. The Census Bureau does not have sufficient statistical evidence to conclude that the actual change is different from zero.

**Table 1. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized in Permit-Issuing Places**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Seasonally adjusted annual rate												
2005: August	2,205	1,706	87	412	206	135	351	281	1,100	848	548	442
September	2,240	1,778	87	375	211	141	351	282	1,062	861	616	494
October	2,131	1,717	81	333	198	129	353	289	1,041	849	539	450
November	2,191	1,716	81	394	210	125	351	286	1,065	868	565	437
December	2,107	1,642	84	381	209	121	319	239	1,062	847	517	435
2006: January	2,195	1,664	103	428	210	130	384	274	1,071	842	530	418
February	2,147	1,624	87	436	205	126	358	259	1,019	832	565	407
March	2,085	1,555	83	447	208	126	335	251	1,039	808	503	370
April	1,973	1,497	72	404	186	115	293	237	993	764	501	381
May	1,946	1,488	84	374	163	103	312	242	969	770	502	373
June	1,869	1,404	67	398	175	102	308	224	918	718	468	360
July <sup>†</sup>	1,763	1,325	85	353	163	99	295	219	890	696	415	311
<b>August<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>304</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>August 2006 from July 2006</i>	<i>-2.3%</i>	<i>-3.5%</i>	<i>-14.1%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	<i>-6.1%</i>	<i>-8.2%</i>	<i>-1.5%</i>	<i>-2.9%</i>	<i>-4.1%</i>	<i>-2.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 3.5</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 6.0</i>	<i>± 7.0</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>
<i>August 2006 from August 2005</i>	<i>-21.9%</i>	<i>-25.0%</i>	<i>-16.1%</i>	<i>-10.2%</i>	<i>-17.5%</i>	<i>-27.4%</i>	<i>-21.1%</i>	<i>-28.5%</i>	<i>-20.3%</i>	<i>-20.3%</i>	<i>-27.4%</i>	<i>-31.2%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>	<i>± 5.4</i>	<i>± 6.3</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2004	2,070.1	1,613.4	90.4	366.2	197.0	131.8	370.5	295.5	960.8	756.1	541.9	430.0
2005 <sup>2</sup>	2,155.3	1,682.0	84.0	389.3	203.8	126.6	353.9	278.7	1,039.0	826.8	558.6	450.0
RSE (%)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
2005: Year to Date <sup>2</sup>	1,471.9	1,158.3	57.0	256.6	134.8	84.5	244.3	197.1	709.8	565.6	383.0	311.0
2006: Year to Date <sup>2</sup>	1,338.0	1,021.1	54.3	262.5	122.4	75.0	206.3	158.7	672.9	532.4	336.4	255.1
RSE (%)	(Z)	1	2	(Z)	2	2	1	2	(Z)	(Z)	1	1
<b>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>-9.1%</b>	<b>-11.8%</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>-9.2%</b>	<b>-11.3%</b>	<b>-15.5%</b>	<b>-19.5%</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>	<b>-12.2%</b>	<b>-18.0%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 0.7</i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 1.8</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 0.5</i>	<i>± 0.6</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>
2005: August	208.0	161.9	8.4	37.7	20.1	13.0	35.3	27.5	101.3	79.7	51.3	41.7
September	193.7	151.3	7.8	34.6	18.6	12.7	32.3	25.8	88.9	70.7	53.9	42.2
October	176.0	139.1	7.1	29.8	16.8	11.2	32.9	25.9	82.6	66.4	43.7	35.6
November	162.9	124.0	6.5	32.3	17.1	9.7	28.4	21.6	76.6	61.9	40.8	30.8
December	151.3	112.5	6.1	32.7	15.0	8.0	20.5	14.8	77.8	59.3	38.1	30.4
2006: January	149.1	112.6	6.5	30.0	12.4	7.6	19.7	13.9	81.5	62.9	35.4	28.3
February	152.0	114.6	5.8	31.5	11.9	7.0	21.3	14.9	78.5	63.8	40.4	28.9
March	191.3	145.4	7.4	38.5	17.4	10.6	28.4	22.1	98.7	77.9	46.8	34.8
April	164.9	129.4	5.9	29.6	15.6	10.1	26.1	22.0	81.6	64.7	41.6	32.6
May	184.5	145.1	7.8	31.6	16.4	10.6	31.1	25.0	88.8	72.5	48.2	37.0
June	180.2	137.0	6.8	36.4	18.0	10.5	29.2	22.5	86.6	68.8	46.4	35.2
July <sup>†</sup>	145.5	111.1	6.6	27.7	14.4	9.1	25.5	19.3	71.1	56.5	34.5	26.2
<b>August<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>158.4</b>	<b>119.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>28.0</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1

<sup>†</sup>Preliminary. <sup>†</sup>Revised. RSE Relative standard error. S Does not meet publication standards because tests for identifiable and stable seasonality do not meet reliability standards. X Not applicable. Z Relative standard error is less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

<sup>2</sup>Reflects revisions not distributed to months.

<sup>3</sup>See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

<sup>4</sup>Computed using unrounded data.

**Table 2. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized, but Not Started, at End of Period**

[Not seasonally adjusted. Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
2005: August	231.2	165.0	9.8	56.4	27.8	16.4	30.5	23.9	120.8	87.4	52.1	37.3
September	231.2	166.9	7.9	56.5	27.1	17.0	27.6	22.0	122.9	88.3	53.6	39.7
October	220.3	160.3	8.7	51.4	26.7	15.5	30.5	23.5	113.5	83.1	49.6	38.1
November	217.6	158.7	8.4	50.4	27.3	15.3	27.9	21.5	112.9	85.5	49.5	36.4
December	223.3	161.9	10.1	51.3	27.9	13.5	28.9	21.5	109.8	85.8	56.7	41.1
2006: January	215.7	156.9	9.9	48.8	27.4	13.3	28.6	20.8	104.6	82.1	55.2	40.7
February	214.9	152.6	9.9	52.4	27.3	14.8	30.3	20.2	105.4	81.7	51.9	36.0
March	234.1	167.6	10.5	56.0	30.8	17.0	34.8	26.1	112.0	84.7	56.5	39.8
April	235.6	169.7	9.3	56.6	29.0	16.2	31.3	23.6	114.9	88.0	60.5	41.9
May	231.1	165.7	8.6	56.8	27.2	15.0	31.9	23.5	113.3	86.8	58.7	40.3
June <sup>f</sup>	238.6	169.8	11.4	57.4	23.1	15.4	29.8	20.4	122.4	91.3	63.3	42.7
July <sup>f</sup>	217.8	150.5	7.8	59.5	23.8	15.3	25.3	17.0	112.8	81.7	55.8	36.5
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>225.1</b>	<b>154.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>35.5</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	7	15	6	12	14	10	10	10	12	7	8
<b>Percent Change:<sup>2</sup></b>												
<i>August 2006 from July 2006</i>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<b>± 3.1</b>	<b>± 3.7</b>	<b>± 21.3</b>	<b>± 6.1</b>	<b>± 7.7</b>	<b>± 7.2</b>	<b>± 13.6</b>	<b>± 16.4</b>	<b>± 5.1</b>	<b>± 6.7</b>	<b>± 5.8</b>	<b>± 7.4</b>
<i>August 2006 from August 2005</i>	<b>-2.6%</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>-15.5%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>	<b>-8.9%</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>	<b>-28.4%</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>-4.9%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<b>± 6.5</b>	<b>± 6.3</b>	<b>± 26.2</b>	<b>± 18.4</b>	<b>± 12.9</b>	<b>± 16.7</b>	<b>± 11.1</b>	<b>± 11.8</b>	<b>± 10.8</b>	<b>± 10.4</b>	<b>± 10.7</b>	<b>± 11.0</b>

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>f</sup>Revised. RSE Relative Standard Error.<sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.<sup>2</sup>Computed using unrounded data.<sup>3</sup>See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals

Note: These data represent the number of housing units authorized in all months up to and including the last day of the reporting period and not started as of that date without regard to the months of original permit issuance. Cancelled, abandoned, expired, and revoked permits are excluded.

**Table 3. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Seasonally adjusted annual rate												
2005: August	2,075	1,713	(S)	319	204	135	375	303	925	790	571	485
September	2,158	1,790	(S)	310	195	145	377	321	1,014	860	572	464
October	2,046	1,726	(S)	287	170	144	336	302	1,029	848	511	432
November	2,131	1,795	(S)	298	197	132	385	319	995	863	554	481
December	2,002	1,633	(S)	338	167	129	295	250	1,104	871	436	383
2006: January	2,265	1,814	(S)	424	241	175	369	332	1,136	901	519	406
February	2,132	1,812	(S)	285	186	145	326	298	1,038	882	582	487
March	1,972	1,615	(S)	321	166	128	294	238	1,023	856	489	393
April	1,832	1,524	(S)	252	178	133	338	284	881	731	435	376
May	1,953	1,587	(S)	315	198	137	294	253	950	797	511	400
June <sup>f</sup>	1,833	1,478	(S)	311	168	92	298	258	910	767	457	361
July <sup>f</sup>	1,772	1,445	(S)	245	147	101	304	248	887	758	434	338
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>323</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	4	(X)	11	10	11	8	8	5	6	6	6
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>August 2006 from July 2006</i>	<i>-6.0%</i>	<i>-5.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>8.2%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>	<i>-12.2%</i>	<i>-12.9%</i>	<i>-6.1%</i>	<i>-6.1%</i>	<i>-5.5%</i>	<i>-4.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 9.2</i>	<i>± 8.1</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 25.4</i>	<i>± 31.8</i>	<i>± 32.3</i>	<i>± 19.6</i>	<i>± 17.9</i>	<i>± 14.5</i>	<i>± 13.7</i>	<i>± 14.8</i>	<i>± 14.5</i>
<i>August 2006 from August 2005</i>	<i>-19.8%</i>	<i>-20.6%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-16.9%</i>	<i>-24.0%</i>	<i>-19.3%</i>	<i>-28.8%</i>	<i>-28.7%</i>	<i>-9.9%</i>	<i>-9.9%</i>	<i>-28.2%</i>	<i>-33.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 5.0</i>	<i>± 5.0</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 22.5</i>	<i>± 22.2</i>	<i>± 26.4</i>	<i>± 10.8</i>	<i>± 10.8</i>	<i>± 8.5</i>	<i>± 8.2</i>	<i>± 9.0</i>	<i>± 9.2</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2004	1,955.8	1,610.5	42.3	303.0	175.4	127.7	355.7	306.4	908.5	743.4	516.2	433.1
2005	2,068.3	1,715.8	41.1	311.4	189.7	137.5	357.4	305.7	996.1	831.2	525.1	441.4
RSE (%)	1	1	10	4	3	5	2	1	1	2	2	2
2005: Year to Date	1,403.2	1,170.2	27.1	206.0	128.4	91.4	240.5	206.1	673.8	568.5	360.5	304.1
2006: Year to Date	1,294.0	1,067.2	30.9	195.8	115.8	81.5	202.4	172.3	651.5	550.5	324.2	262.9
RSE (%)	1	1	13	5	4	6	2	2	2	2	1	2
<i>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>-7.8%</i>	<i>-8.8%</i>	<i>14.1%</i>	<i>-4.9%</i>	<i>-9.8%</i>	<i>-10.8%</i>	<i>-15.9%</i>	<i>-16.4%</i>	<i>-3.3%</i>	<i>-3.2%</i>	<i>-10.1%</i>	<i>-13.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 25.4</i>	<i>± 8.2</i>	<i>± 5.5</i>	<i>± 5.0</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>
2005: August	192.0	158.6	3.9	29.5	19.8	13.4	36.7	30.1	83.7	71.2	51.8	43.9
September	187.9	154.0	5.4	28.5	17.7	13.1	35.8	30.6	84.7	70.5	49.7	39.7
October	180.4	150.7	3.0	26.6	15.4	13.1	30.3	27.1	89.8	73.0	44.9	37.6
November	160.7	133.1	3.2	24.4	15.9	10.6	32.2	26.8	72.1	61.2	40.5	34.5
December	136.0	107.9	2.4	25.8	12.3	9.4	18.5	15.1	75.7	58.0	29.5	25.5
2006: January	153.0	121.0	1.9	30.1	13.3	8.6	18.0	15.4	84.7	68.0	37.0	29.0
February	145.1	123.6	2.4	19.1	10.1	7.4	17.1	15.2	77.7	67.2	40.2	33.9
March	165.9	137.7	2.8	25.4	12.9	9.9	22.4	18.0	89.7	76.5	41.0	33.4
April	160.5	134.8	4.6	21.0	16.0	12.2	30.0	25.5	77.8	65.3	36.7	31.8
May	190.2	158.0	4.5	27.7	18.8	13.4	30.9	27.3	89.6	76.2	50.8	41.1
June <sup>f</sup>	170.2	139.9	3.8	26.4	16.1	9.6	30.1	26.7	81.9	69.7	42.1	33.9
July <sup>f</sup>	162.5	133.4	7.3	21.8	13.7	9.6	28.4	23.4	80.3	68.8	40.0	31.5
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>146.6</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>28.5</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	4	26	11	10	11	8	8	5	6	6	6

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>r</sup>Revised. RSE Relative standard error. S Does not meet publication standards because tests for identifiable and stable seasonality do not meet reliability standards.

X Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

<sup>2</sup>See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

<sup>3</sup>Computed using unrounded data.

**Table 4. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Under Construction at End of Period**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Seasonally adjusted												
2005: August	1,360	934	(S)	389	171	90	219	169	608	422	362	253
September	1,378	943	(S)	396	173	92	223	171	611	424	371	256
October	1,373	952	(S)	384	172	95	221	172	613	428	367	257
November	1,393	969	(S)	386	174	94	226	175	619	436	374	264
December	1,401	972	(S)	394	173	95	225	173	631	441	372	263
2006: January	1,418	986	(S)	399	176	99	226	174	645	451	371	262
February	1,424	991	(S)	402	178	102	224	173	647	453	375	263
March	1,420	983	(S)	408	176	101	223	172	643	446	378	264
April	1,397	960	(S)	405	173	100	222	170	630	432	372	258
May	1,405	959	(S)	413	174	100	223	169	635	436	373	254
June <sup>f</sup>	1,385	936	(S)	415	174	95	219	165	627	429	365	247
July <sup>f</sup>	1,360	911	(S)	411	171	92	214	158	615	422	360	239
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>231</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	2	(X)	3	4	7	4	5	2	3	3	4
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>August 2006 from July 2006</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	<i>-2.5%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>-0.6%</i>	<i>-3.3%</i>	<i>-1.4%</i>	<i>-3.8%</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	<i>-1.4%</i>	<i>-1.1%</i>	<i>-3.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 4.4</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 1.9</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>
<i>August 2006 from August 2005</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	<i>-4.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>7.7%</i>	<i>-0.6%</i>	<i>-1.1%</i>	<i>-3.7%</i>	<i>-10.1%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>-1.4%</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>	<i>-8.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 5.7</i>	<i>± 7.6</i>	<i>± 7.2</i>	<i>± 5.2</i>	<i>± 6.0</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 4.3</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 4.8</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2005: August	1,398.2	978.4	36.2	383.6	174.0	94.3	227.8	178.4	623.3	439.8	373.1	265.9
September	1,413.2	983.8	38.3	391.1	176.8	96.7	232.7	181.5	623.9	439.3	379.8	266.2
October	1,405.5	985.0	37.0	383.5	175.6	98.6	230.8	181.7	623.6	438.7	375.5	266.0
November	1,402.6	977.5	37.9	387.3	177.0	96.5	232.6	181.7	617.4	433.8	375.5	265.5
December	1,355.9	929.1	35.0	391.8	171.9	93.9	221.4	169.6	604.2	415.4	358.4	250.2
2006: January	1,369.3	936.7	33.2	399.4	171.9	94.6	217.3	165.5	620.9	426.7	359.2	249.9
February	1,371.2	938.7	30.6	401.9	170.3	94.1	211.3	160.8	625.8	431.9	363.8	251.9
March	1,382.3	943.1	29.6	409.7	170.2	95.3	211.3	159.8	632.6	434.7	368.2	253.3
April	1,384.8	943.9	32.1	408.8	170.6	97.3	214.6	162.6	632.6	432.5	366.9	251.5
May	1,418.1	968.5	33.5	416.1	174.8	99.9	222.4	167.6	644.8	444.4	376.2	256.7
June <sup>f</sup>	1,407.2	958.8	34.2	414.3	174.7	96.2	222.6	169.0	639.9	441.7	370.0	251.9
July <sup>f</sup>	1,400.6	949.5	38.7	412.4	173.7	94.6	221.4	165.0	633.8	439.8	371.7	250.1
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>1,382.9</b>	<b>931.2</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>412.8</b>	<b>173.3</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>219.0</b>	<b>160.4</b>	<b>623.1</b>	<b>432.9</b>	<b>367.5</b>	<b>244.3</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	2	10	3	4	7	4	5	2	3	3	4

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>f</sup>Revised. RSE Relative standard error. S Does not meet publication standards because tests for identifiable and stable seasonality do not meet reliability standards. X Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

<sup>2</sup>See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals

**Table 5. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Completed**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Seasonally adjusted annual rate												
2005: August	1,954	1,652	(S)	255	208	133	359	311	876	756	511	452
September	1,944	1,653	(S)	258	167	119	334	288	930	796	513	450
October	1,967	1,615	(S)	325	153	109	344	293	958	797	512	416
November	1,909	1,630	(S)	254	158	143	338	291	911	764	502	432
December	1,953	1,668	(S)	243	178	137	327	293	936	797	512	441
2006: January	2,044	1,652	(S)	345	184	122	354	307	995	798	511	425
February	2,038	1,728	(S)	239	206	128	319	294	971	846	542	460
March	2,203	1,869	(S)	286	189	137	364	311	1,112	951	538	470
April	2,043	1,716	(S)	295	231	141	338	292	978	845	496	438
May	1,905	1,618	(S)	253	173	132	306	284	926	771	500	431
June <sup>f</sup>	2,043	1,748	(S)	267	168	141	349	310	985	844	541	453
July <sup>f</sup>	1,929	1,660	(S)	245	182	141	317	303	990	835	440	381
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>425</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	4	4	(X)	11	14	14	9	9	6	6	7	7
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>August 2006 from July 2006</i>	<i>-3.2%</i>	<i>-2.5%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-6.1%</i>	<i>-7.7%</i>	<i>-5.0%</i>	<i>-3.2%</i>	<i>-6.3%</i>	<i>-7.7%</i>	<i>-7.2%</i>	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>11.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 10.4</i>	<i>± 11.1</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 23.6</i>	<i>± 33.0</i>	<i>± 40.0</i>	<i>± 24.7</i>	<i>± 22.1</i>	<i>± 14.1</i>	<i>± 15.7</i>	<i>± 16.3</i>	<i>± 18.2</i>
<i>August 2006 from August 2005</i>	<i>-4.4%</i>	<i>-2.1%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-9.8%</i>	<i>-19.2%</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>-14.5%</i>	<i>-8.7%</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>2.5%</i>	<i>-6.3%</i>	<i>-6.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 7.4</i>	<i>± 7.6</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 21.2</i>	<i>± 27.5</i>	<i>± 33.8</i>	<i>± 14.9</i>	<i>± 15.6</i>	<i>± 10.9</i>	<i>± 10.9</i>	<i>± 14.6</i>	<i>± 15.6</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2004	1,841.9	1,531.5	23.5	286.9	155.9	118.9	362.4	303.6	840.4	699.8	483.3	409.2
2005	1,931.4	1,635.9	37.5	258.0	170.7	131.7	351.9	307.2	903.7	760.5	505.1	436.5
RSE (%)	1	1	10	3	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
2005: Year to Date	1,233.4	1,036.0	27.0	170.3	109.5	82.6	227.7	197.4	572.3	476.3	323.9	279.7
2006: Year to Date	1,282.6	1,078.9	24.1	179.6	117.3	83.1	207.1	185.2	633.7	532.8	324.4	277.6
RSE (%)	1	1	13	4	7	7	3	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>-10.9%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-9.0%</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 23.2</i>	<i>± 8.9</i>	<i>± 13.1</i>	<i>± 10.9</i>	<i>± 5.7</i>	<i>± 4.9</i>	<i>± 5.2</i>	<i>± 5.3</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>
2005: August	178.3	145.0	5.2	28.1	19.9	11.6	33.8	28.5	78.7	65.5	46.0	39.4
September	172.0	147.8	2.8	21.4	15.1	11.1	31.3	27.4	80.7	69.5	45.0	39.7
October	175.7	147.1	2.2	26.3	13.9	10.3	31.9	27.8	84.5	71.4	45.4	37.6
November	162.8	142.2	1.9	18.8	14.4	13.3	30.5	27.0	76.0	65.1	41.9	36.8
December	187.5	162.8	3.6	21.1	17.8	14.2	30.6	27.6	90.2	78.1	48.9	42.8
2006: January	142.4	115.1	3.2	24.0	13.3	8.9	23.5	20.2	69.8	56.1	35.8	29.8
February	141.7	120.8	4.8	16.1	14.0	8.7	21.3	19.5	68.5	60.1	38.0	32.5
March	169.2	144.9	3.5	20.8	12.7	9.0	26.1	22.3	87.6	75.9	42.8	37.8
April	160.3	134.0	2.6	23.8	17.2	10.0	26.6	22.9	77.9	67.1	38.6	34.0
May	158.8	133.7	3.0	22.2	13.7	10.1	25.5	23.5	78.0	64.4	41.7	35.6
June <sup>f</sup>	179.6	151.7	2.7	25.2	15.5	13.0	29.3	25.6	86.5	73.2	48.2	39.9
July <sup>f</sup>	162.5	137.6	2.2	22.6	15.2	11.5	26.7	25.4	83.7	69.4	36.8	31.4
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>168.1</b>	<b>141.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>36.7</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	4	4	29	11	14	14	9	9	6	6	7	7

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>f</sup>Revised. RSE Relative standard error. S Does not meet publication standards because tests for identifiable and stable seasonality do not meet reliability standards.

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