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**NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN OCTOBER 2009**

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for October 2009:

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in October were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 552,000. This is 4.0 percent ( $\pm 1.9\%$ ) below the revised September rate of 575,000 and is 24.3 percent ( $\pm 1.9\%$ ) below the October 2008 estimate of 729,000.

Single-family authorizations in October were at a rate of 451,000; this is 0.2 percent ( $\pm 1.0\%$ )\* below the revised September figure of 452,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 85,000 in October.

**HOUSING STARTS**

Privately-owned housing starts in October were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 529,000. This is 10.6 percent ( $\pm 8.7\%$ ) below the revised September estimate of 592,000 and is 30.7 percent ( $\pm 8.3\%$ ) below the October 2008 rate of 763,000.

Single-family housing starts in October were at a rate of 476,000; this is 6.8 percent ( $\pm 7.5\%$ )\* below the revised September figure of 511,000. The October rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 48,000.

**HOUSING COMPLETIONS**

Privately-owned housing completions in October were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 740,000. This is 1.9 percent ( $\pm 12.4\%$ )\* above the revised September estimate of 726,000, but is 29.9 percent ( $\pm 9.7\%$ ) below the October 2008 rate of 1,055,000.

Single-family housing completions in October were at a rate of 528,000; this is 10.7 percent ( $\pm 14.5\%$ )\* above the revised September figure of 477,000. The October rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 200,000.

*New Residential Construction data for November 2009 will be released on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 8:30 A.M. EST.*

*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 3 months to establish an underlying trend for building permit authorizations, 4 months for total starts, and 5 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 two percent or less. 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												
2008: October	729	470	33	226	76	49	131	82	364	245	158	94
November	630	422	21	187	72	47	98	74	306	215	154	86
December	564	370	20	174	60	42	85	54	302	199	117	75
2009: January	531	342	20	169	58	41	83	49	274	187	116	65
February	550	381	17	152	71	37	85	69	293	209	101	66
March	511	360	20	131	56	35	83	58	266	200	106	67
April	498	378	18	102	53	37	79	62	260	199	106	80
May	518	406	18	94	56	41	88	72	266	208	108	85
June	570	433	23	114	58	41	92	73	305	232	115	87
July	564	463	18	83	56	44	105	77	277	245	126	97
August	580	464	19	97	62	43	100	81	297	243	121	97
September <sup>f</sup>	575	452	19	104	64	46	99	73	292	239	120	94
<b>October<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>552</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>96</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	9	3	3	4	4	2	1	1	3	2
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>October 2009 from September 2009</i>	<i>-4.0%</i>	<i>-0.2%</i>	<i>-15.8%</i>	<i>-18.3%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>2.2%</i>	<i>2.0%</i>	<i>-1.4%</i>	<i>-5.8%</i>	<i>-1.3%</i>	<i>-6.7%</i>	<i>2.1%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 1.9</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 10.8</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 3.7</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 3.2</i>	<i>± 3.5</i>
<i>October 2009 from October 2008</i>	<i>-24.3%</i>	<i>-4.0%</i>	<i>-51.5%</i>	<i>-62.4%</i>	<i>-15.8%</i>	<i>-4.1%</i>	<i>-22.9%</i>	<i>-12.2%</i>	<i>-24.5%</i>	<i>-3.7%</i>	<i>-29.1%</i>	<i>2.1%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 1.9</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 5.7</i>	<i>± 6.6</i>	<i>± 4.9</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 6.7</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2007	1,398.4	979.9	59.6	359.0	150.6	83.7	211.7	153.8	692.2	507.5	343.9	234.9
2008	905.4	575.6	34.4	295.4	119.0	58.0	137.7	93.2	451.9	304.3	196.7	120.0
RSE (%)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
2008: Year to Date <sup>2</sup>	810.7	519.4	29.4	262.0	107.2	50.1	125.3	86.2	401.6	272.9	176.7	110.1
2009: Year to Date <sup>2</sup>	482.3	368.9	16.2	97.1	53.2	36.3	81.5	63.3	248.3	194.4	99.3	75.0
RSE (%)	1	1	4	(Z)	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2
<b>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>-40.5%</b>	<b>-29.0%</b>	<b>-44.9%</b>	<b>-62.9%</b>	<b>-50.4%</b>	<b>-27.6%</b>	<b>-35.0%</b>	<b>-26.6%</b>	<b>-38.2%</b>	<b>-28.8%</b>	<b>-43.8%</b>	<b>-31.9%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 0.5</i>	<i>± 0.6</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>
2008: October	63.7	40.4	2.7	20.6	7.0	4.6	12.4	8.1	30.3	20.0	14.0	7.7
November	41.5	26.2	1.5	13.8	5.0	3.1	7.3	4.9	19.3	13.1	9.9	5.1
December	41.2	24.6	1.5	15.1	4.7	2.9	5.5	3.2	22.4	13.5	8.6	5.0
2009: January	36.3	21.8	1.4	13.1	3.5	2.4	4.3	2.3	20.4	13.0	8.0	4.1
February	38.0	25.9	1.2	10.8	4.0	2.0	4.5	3.4	22.1	16.1	7.3	4.5
March	44.0	32.3	1.8	10.0	4.3	2.9	6.7	4.7	24.0	18.7	8.9	6.0
April	46.5	37.3	1.6	7.7	5.0	3.6	7.8	6.5	23.9	19.3	9.8	7.9
May	48.2	38.8	1.6	7.7	5.1	3.9	8.8	7.6	24.3	19.3	10.0	8.1
June	59.5	46.2	2.3	11.0	6.5	4.4	10.3	8.2	30.8	23.8	12.0	9.8
July	54.7	46.1	1.6	6.9	5.8	4.5	10.7	8.3	26.2	23.6	12.0	9.7
August	52.4	42.2	1.6	8.6	5.8	4.1	9.4	7.8	26.8	21.6	10.4	8.6
September <sup>f</sup>	51.3	40.0	1.7	9.6	5.9	4.3	9.9	7.4	24.9	20.2	10.6	8.2
<b>October<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	9	3	3	4	4	2	1	1	3	2

<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. 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 interval

<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								
2008: October	129.4	73.8	5.0	50.7	11.8	6.2	14.9	8.8	65.1	39.9	37.6	18.8
November	118.3	65.4	4.9	47.9	12.0	6.4	13.5	6.8	56.4	36.1	36.4	16.1
December	116.6	64.6	4.1	47.8	12.2	6.4	13.4	6.3	56.4	35.5	34.6	16.4
2009: January	118.1	62.2	5.6	50.2	13.4	7.2	14.3	6.2	58.1	33.9	32.4	14.9
February	112.9	61.5	5.9	45.6	13.7	7.5	13.4	6.9	54.5	33.0	31.4	14.0
March	106.4	60.7	4.2	41.5	12.1	6.3	11.4	7.1	51.1	33.3	31.8	14.1
April	109.1	64.0	4.1	41.0	12.4	6.5	12.3	8.0	53.7	34.5	30.8	15.1
May	102.9	63.1	4.2	35.6	11.6	6.4	13.2	8.3	51.4	34.2	26.7	14.3
June	103.2	61.9	4.8	36.5	10.6	6.0	12.5	7.6	53.7	34.6	26.3	13.8
July	99.9	60.9	3.4	35.6	9.6	5.3	12.0	7.7	52.8	35.5	25.6	12.5
August <sup>f</sup>	97.1	59.1	3.4	34.5	8.7	5.0	10.8	7.1	53.5	36.0	24.0	11.0
September <sup>f</sup>	95.9	55.8	3.5	36.6	9.1	5.2	10.5	6.5	52.3	33.7	24.1	10.4
<b>October<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>10.1</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	7	19	9	16	21	10	10	8	10	14	17
<b>Percent Change:<sup>2</sup></b>												
<b>October 2009 from September 2009</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
<b>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>± 2.9</b>	<b>± 4.5</b>	<b>± 20.4</b>	<b>± 3.0</b>	<b>± 6.9</b>	<b>± 7.3</b>	<b>± 7.9</b>	<b>± 6.7</b>	<b>± 3.6</b>	<b>± 5.5</b>	<b>± 5.7</b>	<b>± 10.0</b>
<b>October 2009 from October 2008</b>	<b>-27.4%</b>	<b>-27.2%</b>	<b>-16.6%</b>	<b>-28.8%</b>	<b>-22.8%</b>	<b>-14.1%</b>	<b>-27.5%</b>	<b>-27.4%</b>	<b>-22.8%</b>	<b>-20.2%</b>	<b>-36.8%</b>	<b>-46.4%</b>
<b>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>± 4.9</b>	<b>± 5.9</b>	<b>± 27.0</b>	<b>± 8.3</b>	<b>± 11.7</b>	<b>± 15.4</b>	<b>± 11.4</b>	<b>± 10.7</b>	<b>± 6.9</b>	<b>± 8.1</b>	<b>± 10.5</b>	<b>± 11.4</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												
2008: October	763	534	(S)	219	76	57	121	95	407	267	159	115
November	655	457	(S)	180	56	41	107	88	355	233	137	95
December	556	393	(S)	154	63	51	76	60	283	202	134	80
2009: January	488	357	(S)	118	38	28	58	46	254	200	138	83
February	574	357	(S)	204	62	37	93	54	306	205	113	61
March	521	361	(S)	129	69	44	98	58	274	195	80	64
April	479	388	(S)	80	50	40	84	66	231	198	114	84
May	551	409	(S)	133	59	36	79	71	276	210	137	92
June	590	478	(S)	101	81	48	107	88	276	238	126	104
July	593	506	(S)	72	63	55	112	89	291	251	127	111
August <sup>f</sup>	581	481	(S)	94	70	46	106	87	279	236	126	112
September <sup>f</sup>	592	511	(S)	72	69	52	104	83	301	274	118	102
<b>October<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>529</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>96</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	4	4	(X)	16	9	10	8	7	6	6	8	8
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>October 2009 from September 2009</i>	<b>-10.6%</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>	(S)	<b>-33.3%</b>	<b>-18.8%</b>	<b>-9.6%</b>	<b>-10.6%</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>	<b>-9.6%</b>	<b>-7.3%</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	± 8.7	± 7.5	(X)	± 31.6	± 18.8	± 21.0	± 18.7	± 12.1	± 12.1	± 10.9	± 15.2	± 13.6
<i>October 2009 from October 2008</i>	<b>-30.7%</b>	<b>-10.9%</b>	(S)	<b>-78.1%</b>	<b>-26.3%</b>	<b>-17.5%</b>	<b>-23.1%</b>	<b>-16.8%</b>	<b>-33.2%</b>	<b>-4.9%</b>	<b>-32.1%</b>	<b>-16.5%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	± 8.3	± 8.1	(X)	± 10.0	± 20.7	± 18.0	± 8.6	± 14.2	± 14.5	± 11.8	± 12.7	± 18.9
Not seasonally adjusted												
2007	1,355.0	1,046.0	31.7	277.3	142.9	93.0	210.1	171.1	681.1	539.5	320.9	242.4
2008	905.5	622.0	17.5	266.0	121.0	62.7	134.9	102.3	453.4	323.7	196.2	133.3
RSE (%)	1	1	10	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
2008: Year to Date	820.3	564.6	15.4	240.2	112.2	55.9	122.2	92.3	408.6	294.7	177.3	121.7
2009: Year to Date	476.6	380.9	9.9	85.7	53.2	37.7	83.0	65.5	238.1	197.8	102.4	79.9
RSE (%)	1	1	14	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3
<b>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>-41.9%</b>	<b>-32.5%</b>	<b>-35.4%</b>	<b>-64.3%</b>	<b>-52.6%</b>	<b>-32.6%</b>	<b>-32.1%</b>	<b>-29.0%</b>	<b>-41.7%</b>	<b>-32.9%</b>	<b>-42.2%</b>	<b>-34.4%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	± 1.4	± 1.5	± 16.5	± 3.5	± 1.8	± 3.2	± 4.5	± 3.3	± 2.1	± 2.1	± 2.6	± 3.0
2008: October	68.2	45.8	1.0	21.4	7.2	5.4	11.7	9.2	35.3	21.6	14.0	9.7
November	47.5	31.3	1.5	14.8	4.3	3.1	8.0	6.4	25.3	15.2	9.9	6.5
December	37.7	26.1	0.6	11.0	4.5	3.6	4.8	3.6	19.5	13.7	9.0	5.2
2009: January	31.9	22.7	0.9	8.3	2.2	1.5	2.8	2.0	17.7	13.9	9.2	5.3
February	39.8	24.6	0.9	14.3	3.6	1.8	5.4	2.7	22.8	15.8	8.0	4.3
March	42.7	31.0	2.3	9.5	5.3	3.4	7.3	4.4	23.4	17.6	6.7	5.5
April	42.5	35.0	0.9	6.6	4.5	3.7	7.5	6.0	20.5	17.8	10.0	7.5
May	52.2	39.5	0.8	11.9	5.7	3.6	8.2	7.5	25.2	19.4	13.1	9.1
June	59.1	49.2	1.0	8.9	8.1	5.1	11.7	10.1	27.1	23.8	12.2	10.2
July	56.8	49.3	1.3	6.2	6.1	5.4	11.2	9.2	27.0	23.6	12.4	11.1
August <sup>f</sup>	52.9	43.4	0.6	8.9	6.5	4.2	9.9	8.1	24.9	20.8	11.7	10.3
September <sup>f</sup>	53.3	45.9	0.8	6.6	6.1	4.6	10.0	8.1	27.1	24.6	10.1	8.6
<b>October<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	4	4	38	16	9	10	8	7	6	6	8	8

<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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<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 interval

<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								
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>												
2008: October	875	438	(S)	417	170	58	119	76	354	191	232	113
November	842	416	(S)	407	162	56	111	72	346	180	223	108
December	803	397	(S)	388	159	55	106	71	324	169	214	102
2009: January	779	381	(S)	380	156	55	101	68	312	160	210	98
February	755	367	(S)	370	154	55	100	66	302	153	199	93
March	719	347	(S)	353	149	54	95	61	288	146	187	86
April	680	330	(S)	332	140	51	91	59	270	137	179	83
May	650	318	(S)	315	136	49	86	57	257	132	171	80
June	630	315	(S)	298	133	50	86	57	245	130	166	78
July	610	316	(S)	278	129	49	86	58	238	132	157	77
August <sup>r</sup>	589	311	(S)	263	127	48	84	57	224	129	154	77
September <sup>r</sup>	580	315	(S)	251	126	48	84	58	221	133	149	76
<b>October<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>560</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>74</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	4	(X)	4	7	10	7	8	3	4	6	8
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>October 2009 from September 2009</i>	<i>-3.4%</i>	<i>-1.6%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-6.0%</i>	<i>-2.4%</i>	<i>-2.1%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-4.1%</i>	<i>-1.5%</i>	<i>-5.4%</i>	<i>-2.6%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 1.8</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>
<i>October 2009 from October 2008</i>	<i>-36.0%</i>	<i>-29.2%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-43.4%</i>	<i>-27.6%</i>	<i>-19.0%</i>	<i>-29.4%</i>	<i>-23.7%</i>	<i>-40.1%</i>	<i>-31.4%</i>	<i>-39.2%</i>	<i>-34.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 1.8</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 4.7</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 4.8</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 3.2</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 4.7</i>
<b>Not seasonally adjusted</b>												
2008: October	892.9	451.7	20.0	421.2	172.6	59.8	123.9	80.1	360.5	195.5	235.9	116.3
November	845.8	417.3	19.4	409.1	163.5	56.7	113.5	74.2	345.4	178.6	223.4	107.8
December	780.9	377.3	17.9	385.8	157.3	54.0	103.9	69.0	311.6	157.9	208.1	96.5
2009: January	754.9	360.4	18.2	376.3	152.8	52.4	97.2	64.5	301.2	150.8	203.7	92.8
February	731.3	346.3	18.1	367.0	149.1	51.1	94.3	60.4	293.7	146.0	194.2	88.7
March	701.6	331.4	18.8	351.4	145.6	50.6	89.7	56.2	283.4	141.8	182.7	82.7
April	672.9	323.6	17.7	331.5	138.2	49.5	87.9	55.6	269.8	137.1	177.0	81.4
May	654.2	320.0	17.2	317.0	136.6	49.0	85.7	56.1	259.9	133.9	172.0	81.0
June	640.2	323.7	17.1	299.4	133.7	50.5	88.4	58.8	249.7	134.0	168.5	80.4
July	626.6	330.4	16.6	279.7	130.8	50.6	90.1	61.8	243.9	136.9	161.8	81.0
August <sup>r</sup>	605.7	327.3	15.1	263.3	129.8	50.5	88.0	60.9	230.1	134.8	157.7	81.2
September <sup>r</sup>	594.5	329.9	14.3	250.3	127.5	49.9	88.4	62.0	226.4	138.4	152.2	79.6
<b>October<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>571.0</b>	<b>320.1</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>237.4</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>216.1</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>143.6</b>	<b>75.9</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	4	13	4	7	10	7	8	3	4	6	8

<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

**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								
<b>Seasonally adjusted annual rate</b>												
2008: October	1,055	756	(S)	286	89	60	165	134	541	389	260	173
November	1,084	761	(S)	302	110	66	179	122	522	391	273	182
December	1,028	687	(S)	320	116	62	132	93	514	358	266	174
2009: January	778	564	(S)	207	87	48	120	95	389	297	182	124
February	828	534	(S)	280	104	51	118	96	385	269	221	118
March	833	547	(S)	271	73	57	121	101	426	262	213	127
April	846	539	(S)	292	143	60	119	86	404	281	180	112
May	812	492	(S)	309	81	51	121	83	413	258	197	100
June	794	506	(S)	277	104	40	118	85	389	260	183	121
July	785	490	(S)	281	102	59	115	78	370	236	198	117
August <sup>f</sup>	785	507	(S)	262	65	43	126	97	437	256	157	111
September <sup>f</sup>	726	477	(S)	230	97	54	109	76	342	238	178	109
<b>October<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>740</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>127</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	6	(X)	14	18	18	13	14	8	8	13	12
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>October 2009 from September 2009</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>10.7%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-13.0%</i>	<i>1.0%</i>	<i>13.0%</i>	<i>-21.1%</i>	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>9.7%</i>	<i>8.4%</i>	<i>16.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 12.4</i>	<i>± 14.5</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 21.7</i>	<i>± 31.7</i>	<i>± 43.3</i>	<i>± 23.7</i>	<i>± 36.8</i>	<i>± 17.6</i>	<i>± 18.2</i>	<i>± 24.0</i>	<i>± 28.7</i>
<i>October 2009 from October 2008</i>	<i>-29.9%</i>	<i>-30.2%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-30.1%</i>	<i>10.1%</i>	<i>1.7%</i>	<i>-47.9%</i>	<i>-41.0%</i>	<i>-32.9%</i>	<i>-32.9%</i>	<i>-25.8%</i>	<i>-26.6%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 9.7</i>	<i>± 7.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 23.4</i>	<i>± 48.8</i>	<i>± 24.2</i>	<i>± 10.7</i>	<i>± 12.5</i>	<i>± 11.8</i>	<i>± 9.6</i>	<i>± 21.2</i>	<i>± 17.8</i>
<b>Not seasonally adjusted</b>												
2007	1,502.8	1,218.4	31.4	253.0	144.8	104.6	222.7	188.6	766.1	631.5	369.3	293.8
2008	1,119.7	818.8	23.7	277.2	109.6	72.9	178.2	138.6	567.4	417.5	264.4	189.9
RSE (%)	2	2	10	4	5	5	4	3	3	3	2	3
2008: Year to Date	930.4	685.7	20.1	224.5	88.8	60.4	149.7	118.1	475.0	349.5	216.8	157.7
2009: Year to Date	649.1	421.5	11.1	216.4	77.8	42.5	93.5	70.3	322.6	213.5	155.2	95.2
RSE (%)	2	2	14	5	8	5	4	3	3	2	3	5
<b>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>-30.2%</b>	<b>-38.5%</b>	<b>-44.7%</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>-12.5%</b>	<b>-29.6%</b>	<b>-37.6%</b>	<b>-40.4%</b>	<b>-32.1%</b>	<b>-38.9%</b>	<b>-28.4%</b>	<b>-39.6%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 13.4</i>	<i>± 10.9</i>	<i>± 12.7</i>	<i>± 8.2</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 4.3</i>	<i>± 5.0</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 4.7</i>	<i>± 4.8</i>
2008: October	94.1	68.5	1.1	24.5	7.8	5.3	15.6	12.9	48.0	35.0	22.8	15.3
November	91.5	66.8	1.6	23.1	9.4	6.1	16.2	11.9	43.3	33.3	22.5	15.5
December	97.8	66.3	2.0	29.5	11.4	6.4	12.3	8.7	49.0	34.7	25.1	16.6
2009: January	54.7	39.0	0.5	15.1	6.2	3.4	8.0	6.2	27.8	21.1	12.6	8.4
February	56.5	36.4	0.9	19.1	6.9	3.3	7.8	6.3	26.9	19.0	14.8	7.8
March	62.1	41.3	1.1	19.7	4.8	3.6	8.3	6.9	32.2	20.3	16.8	10.5
April	65.5	41.3	1.2	23.0	10.9	4.4	9.1	6.4	31.7	22.0	13.8	8.5
May	68.1	41.1	0.9	26.1	6.7	4.2	10.0	6.8	35.0	21.9	16.4	8.2
June	70.3	44.4	1.0	24.9	9.4	3.6	10.3	7.3	34.3	22.7	16.4	10.8
July	66.4	41.1	1.2	24.2	8.6	4.9	9.4	6.3	31.4	19.9	17.0	10.0
August <sup>f</sup>	73.9	44.5	1.7	27.8	6.3	3.9	11.9	8.9	41.3	22.1	14.5	9.6
September <sup>f</sup>	64.7	43.4	1.6	19.7	8.8	5.1	10.3	7.5	29.8	20.9	15.9	9.9
<b>October<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	6	38	14	18	18	13	14	8	8	13	12

<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.