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**NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN DECEMBER 2009**

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

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in December were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 653,000. This is 10.9 percent ( $\pm 2.4\%$ ) above the revised November rate of 589,000 and is 15.8 percent ( $\pm 2.9\%$ ) above the December 2008 estimate of 564,000.

Single-family authorizations in December were at a rate of 508,000; this is 8.3 percent ( $\pm 1.2\%$ ) above the revised November figure of 469,000. Authorizations of units in building with five units or more were at a rate of 127,000 in December.

An estimated 571,600 housing units were authorized by building permits in 2009. This is 36.9 percent ( $\pm 1.0\%$ ) below the 2008 figure of 905,400.

**HOUSING STARTS**

Privately-owned housing starts in December were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 557,000. This is 4.0 percent ( $\pm 9.3\%$ )\* below the revised November estimate of 580,000, but is 0.2 percent ( $\pm 11.5\%$ )\* above the December 2008 rate of 556,000.

Single-family housing starts in December were at a rate of 456,000; this is 6.9 percent ( $\pm 8.5\%$ )\* below the revised November figure of 490,000. The December rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 92,000.

An estimated 553,800 housing units were started in 2009. This is 38.8 percent ( $\pm 1.4\%$ ) below the 2008 figure of 905,500.

**HOUSING COMPLETIONS**

Privately-owned housing completions in December were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 768,000. This is 11.2 percent ( $\pm 13.6\%$ )\* below the revised November estimate of 865,000 and is 25.3 percent ( $\pm 8.6\%$ ) below the December 2008 rate of 1,028,000.

Single-family housing completions in December were at a rate of 503,000; this is 11.1 percent ( $\pm 10.2\%$ ) below the revised November rate of 566,000. The December rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 245,000.

An estimated 796,000 housing units were completed in 2009. This is 28.9 percent ( $\pm 3.0\%$ ) below the 2008 figure of 1,119,700.

*New Residential Construction data for January 2010 will be released on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 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: 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	575	452	19	104	64	46	99	73	292	239	120	94
October	551	449	16	86	64	47	104	73	272	234	111	95
November <sup>f</sup>	589	469	25	95	68	49	105	75	305	247	111	98
<b>December<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>653</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>111</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	10	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	2	2
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>December 2009 from November 2009</i>	<i>10.9%</i>	<i>8.3%</i>	<i>-28.0%</i>	<i>33.7%</i>	<i>27.9%</i>	<i>8.2%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>7.7%</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>13.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 15.1</i>	<i>± 9.7</i>	<i>± 10.1</i>	<i>± 13.6</i>	<i>± 6.8</i>	<i>± 8.8</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>	<i>± 4.4</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 1.9</i>
<i>December 2009 from December 2008</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>37.3%</i>	<i>-10.0%</i>	<i>-27.0%</i>	<i>45.0%</i>	<i>26.2%</i>	<i>36.5%</i>	<i>44.4%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>33.7%</i>	<i>12.0%</i>	<i>48.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 7.5</i>	<i>± 5.3</i>	<i>± 14.6</i>	<i>± 19.6</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 5.3</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
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
2009	571.6	435.0	19.7	116.9	65.2	43.6	97.7	73.9	292.3	229.0	116.4	88.8
RSE (%)	1	1	4	(Z)	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	2
<b>Year to Year Percent Change<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>-36.9%</b>	<b>-24.4%</b>	<b>-42.7%</b>	<b>-60.4%</b>	<b>-45.2%</b>	<b>-24.8%</b>	<b>-29.1%</b>	<b>-20.7%</b>	<b>-35.3%</b>	<b>-24.8%</b>	<b>-40.8%</b>	<b>-26.0%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 4.7</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 0.6</i>	<i>± 0.7</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>
2008: 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	51.3	40.0	1.7	9.6	5.9	4.3	9.9	7.4	24.9	20.2	10.6	8.2
October	46.5	37.9	1.2	7.4	5.7	4.3	9.8	7.3	21.8	18.7	9.3	7.6
November <sup>f</sup>	40.7	31.4	2.0	7.4	5.1	3.5	8.0	5.6	20.4	16.2	7.3	6.1
<b>December<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	10	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	2	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 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								
2008: 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	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	91.6	55.1	3.4	33.1	8.8	5.0	10.3	6.4	50.8	33.4	21.7	10.3
October <sup>f</sup>	90.9	53.2	4.4	33.4	8.8	5.1	10.7	6.3	50.1	32.1	21.3	9.7
November <sup>f</sup>	88.3	49.9	4.4	34.0	8.9	5.3	9.8	5.4	49.0	30.2	20.7	9.1
<b>December<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>10.4</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	7	19	9	16	20	10	10	8	10	14	17
<b>Percent Change:<sup>2</sup></b>												
<b>December 2009 from November 2009</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>24.1%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>14.2%</b>
<b>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>± 3.5</b>	<b>± 4.5</b>	<b>± 13.5</b>	<b>± 6.4</b>	<b>± 9.1</b>	<b>± 17.1</b>	<b>± 12.8</b>	<b>± 13.1</b>	<b>± 4.3</b>	<b>± 5.1</b>	<b>± 6.6</b>	<b>± 13.5</b>
<b>December 2009 from December 2008</b>	<b>-17.9%</b>	<b>-15.0%</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>	<b>-23.1%</b>	<b>-9.5%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>-16.1%</b>	<b>-17.0%</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>	<b>-8.7%</b>	<b>-36.7%</b>	<b>-36.8%</b>
<b>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>± 5.8</b>	<b>± 6.7</b>	<b>± 32.8</b>	<b>± 10.2</b>	<b>± 10.0</b>	<b>± 19.8</b>	<b>± 17.8</b>	<b>± 17.5</b>	<b>± 10.6</b>	<b>± 9.5</b>	<b>± 9.3</b>	<b>± 11.1</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: 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	581	481	(S)	94	70	46	106	87	279	236	126	112
September	586	508	(S)	69	66	51	104	84	298	272	118	101
October <sup>f</sup>	524	471	(S)	49	54	46	99	81	265	250	106	94
November <sup>f</sup>	580	490	(S)	80	63	44	108	79	300	265	109	102
<b>December<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>557</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>92</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	4	4	(X)	16	12	12	9	7	6	6	8	8
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>December 2009 from November 2009</i>	<i>-4.0%</i>	<i>-6.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>15.0%</i>	<i>-19.0%</i>	<i>-15.9%</i>	<i>-18.5%</i>	<i>-1.3%</i>	<i>3.3%</i>	<i>-6.0%</i>	<i>-0.9%</i>	<i>-9.8%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 9.3</i>	<i>± 8.5</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 42.0</i>	<i>± 23.7</i>	<i>± 22.5</i>	<i>± 19.4</i>	<i>± 19.6</i>	<i>± 13.6</i>	<i>± 14.4</i>	<i>± 20.2</i>	<i>± 21.1</i>
<i>December 2009 from December 2008</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>16.0%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-40.3%</i>	<i>-19.0%</i>	<i>-27.5%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>30.0%</i>	<i>9.5%</i>	<i>23.3%</i>	<i>-19.4%</i>	<i>15.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 11.5</i>	<i>± 13.9</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 20.7</i>	<i>± 35.8</i>	<i>± 25.2</i>	<i>± 38.7</i>	<i>± 39.8</i>	<i>± 13.8</i>	<i>± 21.7</i>	<i>± 22.5</i>	<i>± 32.1</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
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
2009	553.8	443.5	11.4	98.8	61.3	43.4	97.0	76.1	278.6	231.3	116.9	92.7
RSE (%)	1	1	14	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
<b>Year to Year Percent Change<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>-38.8%</b>	<b>-28.7%</b>	<b>-34.9%</b>	<b>-62.9%</b>	<b>-49.3%</b>	<b>-30.8%</b>	<b>-28.1%</b>	<b>-25.6%</b>	<b>-38.6%</b>	<b>-28.5%</b>	<b>-40.4%</b>	<b>-30.5%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>± 16.1</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>
2008: 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	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	52.6	45.6	0.8	6.2	5.8	4.4	9.9	8.2	26.8	24.4	10.1	8.6
October <sup>f</sup>	44.5	39.4	0.4	4.7	4.9	4.2	9.4	7.7	21.4	20.0	8.7	7.6
November <sup>f</sup>	42.8	35.2	0.9	6.7	4.9	3.3	8.3	5.9	21.6	18.7	7.9	7.3
<b>December<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	4	4	40	16	12	12	9	7	6	6	8	8

<sup>d</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>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												
2008: 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	589	311	(S)	263	127	48	84	57	224	129	154	77
September	578	314	(S)	250	125	48	84	58	220	132	149	76
October <sup>f</sup>	551	305	(S)	232	121	46	84	58	207	129	139	72
November <sup>f</sup>	531	300	(S)	218	119	46	82	57	198	128	132	69
<b>December<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>511</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>69</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	4	(X)	5	8	10	8	10	5	5	8	10
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>December 2009 from November 2009</i>	<i>-3.8%</i>	<i>-1.3%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-6.9%</i>	<i>-5.0%</i>	<i>-4.3%</i>	<i>-4.9%</i>	<i>-3.5%</i>	<i>-3.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-3.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 3.5</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>
<i>December 2009 from December 2008</i>	<i>-36.4%</i>	<i>-25.4%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-47.7%</i>	<i>-28.9%</i>	<i>-20.0%</i>	<i>-26.4%</i>	<i>-22.5%</i>	<i>-40.7%</i>	<i>-24.3%</i>	<i>-40.2%</i>	<i>-32.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 3.7</i>	<i>± 7.3</i>	<i>± 7.8</i>	<i>± 5.5</i>	<i>± 6.9</i>	<i>± 3.8</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2008: 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	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	592.8	327.9	14.4	250.4	126.8	49.7	88.0	61.7	225.9	137.3	152.1	79.3
October <sup>f</sup>	563.9	315.7	13.6	234.6	123.3	47.6	87.4	61.6	211.2	132.4	141.9	74.1
November <sup>f</sup>	534.2	301.2	13.1	220.0	119.7	46.2	83.7	58.4	198.9	127.9	131.8	68.7
<b>December<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>495.0</b>	<b>282.5</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>200.9</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>183.6</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>123.3</b>	<b>64.9</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	4	13	5	8	10	8	10	5	5	8	10

<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								
Seasonally adjusted annual rate												
2008: 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	785	507	(S)	262	65	43	126	97	437	256	157	111
September	723	482	(S)	223	98	55	105	75	342	242	178	110
October <sup>f</sup>	750	531	(S)	204	93	62	97	81	365	256	195	132
November <sup>f</sup>	865	566	(S)	282	105	54	145	98	411	270	204	144
<b>December<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>768</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>102</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	5	(X)	13	18	17	13	13	8	7	10	11
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>December 2009 from November 2009</i>	<i>-11.2%</i>	<i>-11.1%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-13.1%</i>	<i>-20.0%</i>	<i>14.8%</i>	<i>-15.2%</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	<i>-2.4%</i>	<i>-10.4%</i>	<i>-21.6%</i>	<i>-29.2%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 13.6</i>	<i>± 10.2</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 38.6</i>	<i>± 41.1</i>	<i>± 40.2</i>	<i>± 28.4</i>	<i>± 25.3</i>	<i>± 23.0</i>	<i>± 19.4</i>	<i>± 24.8</i>	<i>± 23.4</i>
<i>December 2009 from December 2008</i>	<i>-25.3%</i>	<i>-26.8%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-23.4%</i>	<i>-27.6%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-6.8%</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>-22.0%</i>	<i>-32.4%</i>	<i>-39.8%</i>	<i>-41.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 8.6</i>	<i>± 6.6</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 25.6</i>	<i>± 18.9</i>	<i>± 27.0</i>	<i>± 23.4</i>	<i>± 29.1</i>	<i>± 16.1</i>	<i>± 9.8</i>	<i>± 15.2</i>	<i>± 14.5</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
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
2009	796.0	521.0	14.5	260.6	94.5	53.9	119.0	89.2	394.8	259.8	187.7	118.0
RSE (%)	2	2	14	5	7	5	3	3	2	2	3	4
<b>Year to Year Percent Change<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>-28.9%</b>	<b>-36.4%</b>	<b>-38.8%</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>	<b>-13.8%</b>	<b>-26.1%</b>	<b>-33.2%</b>	<b>-35.6%</b>	<b>-30.4%</b>	<b>-37.8%</b>	<b>-29.0%</b>	<b>-37.9%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 14.8</i>	<i>± 9.7</i>	<i>± 11.2</i>	<i>± 7.3</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 5.0</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 4.8</i>	<i>± 3.8</i>
2008: 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	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	64.4	43.9	1.5	19.1	8.9	5.3	9.9	7.3	29.8	21.2	15.9	10.1
October <sup>f</sup>	67.4	49.0	1.3	17.1	9.0	6.4	9.0	7.7	32.3	23.1	17.2	11.9
November <sup>f</sup>	73.4	50.3	1.3	21.7	8.5	4.6	13.4	9.7	34.2	23.3	17.3	12.6
<b>December<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>9.6</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	5	38	13	18	17	13	13	8	7	10	11

<sup>d</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.

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