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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN MARCH 2010

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for March 2010:

BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 685,000. This is 7.5 percent ($\pm 1.3\%$) above the revised February rate of 637,000 and is 34.1 percent ($\pm 2.6\%$) above the March 2009 estimate of 511,000.

Single-family authorizations in March were at a rate of 543,000; this is 5.6 percent ($\pm 1.5\%$) above the revised February figure of 514,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 120,000 in March.

HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 626,000. This is 1.6 percent ($\pm 15.2\%$)* above the revised February estimate of 616,000 and is 20.2 percent ($\pm 15.3\%$) above the March 2009 rate of 521,000.

Single-family housing starts in March were at a rate of 531,000; this is 0.9 percent $(\pm 12.1\%)^*$ below the revised February figure of 536,000. The March rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 88,000.

HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 656,000. This is 3.1 percent $(\pm 16.7\%)^*$ below the revised February estimate of 677,000 and is 21.2 percent $(\pm 8.9\%)$ below the March 2009 rate of 833,000.

Single-family housing completions in March were at a rate of 486,000; this is 5.9 percent $(\pm 14.6\%)^*$ above the revised February rate of 459,000. The March rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 161,000.

New Residential Construction data for April 2010 will be released on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 8:30 A.M. EDT. Our Internet site is: <u>http://www.census.gov/newresconst</u>

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; 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]

		ļ,	United			North	heast	Mid	west	So	uth	We	est
	Period		In structures with		th								
		Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 uni
						Sea	sonally adju	isted annual	rate			$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
2009:	March	511	360	20	131	56	35	83	58	266	200	t Total 0 106 9 106 8 108 2 115 5 126 3 121 9 120 4 111 7 111 4 29 8 143 2 149 9 139 1 2 $\frac{1}{6}$ -6.7% ± 2.1 3 1.1% 5 ± 2.4 3 1.1% 5 ± 2.4 3 3.29 1 3 4 34.2% 8 24.5 3 32.9 1 3 4 34.2% 8 24.5 3 32.9 1 3 1 2 8 24.5 3 32.9 1 3 1 2 1 3 1 2 8 24.5 3 32.9 1 3 1 2 8 24.5 3 32.9 1 3 1 2 8 24.5 3 32.9 1 3 1 0.0 8 24.5 3 32.9 1 3 3 3.2 1 3 3 3.2 1 3 3 3 1 0.0 8 12.0 1 0.4 1 0.4 1 0.6 1 0.6 1 0.4 1 0.6 1 0.6	6
	April	498	378	18	102	53	37	79	62	260	199	106	8
	May	518	406	18	94	56	41	88	72	266	208		8
	June	570	433	23	114	58	41	92	73	305	232		8
	July	564	162	10	02			105	77	077	245	126	
	August	564 580	463 464	18 19	83 97	56 62	44 43	105 100	77 81	277 297	245 243		ç
	September	575	452	19	104	64	46	99	73	297	245		ç
	October November	551	449	16	86	64	47	104	73				9
	December	589 653	469 505	25 18	95 130	68 90	49 54	105 114	75 78				10
	Deemoer	055	505	10	150	90	54	114	70	320	204	129	П
2010:	January	622	504	19	99	73	51	94	75	312	268	143	11
	February (r)	637	514	17	106	82	65	102	84	304	252	149	11
	March (p)	685	543	22	120	66	50	120	91	360	289	139	11
Averag	ge RSE (%) ¹	1	1	10	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	2	
Perce	nt Change:												
	March 2010 from February 2010	7.5%	5.6%	29.4%	13.2%	-19.5%	-23.1%	17.6%	8.3%	18.4%	14.7%	-6.7%	0.0
	90% Confidence Interval ³	±1.3	± 1.5	± 3.2	± 3.2	±9.2	± 10.5	± 3.7	±4.2	±1.4	±1.5	± 2.1	±2.
	March 2010 from March 2009	34.1%	50.8%	10.0%	-8.4%	17.9%	42.9%	44.6%	56.9%				68.7
	•	± 2.6		± 21.9		± 5.4	± 6.2	± 8.3	±9.4		304 252 360 289 1 1 18.4% 14.7% ± 1.4 ± 1.5 35.3% 44.5% ± 3.3 ± 3.6 451.9 304.3 292.4 228.7 1 1 67.4 47.8 79.0 65.3 1 1		
	90% Confidence Interval ³	±2.0	±1.8	±21.9	±6.4			± 0.5 ally adjusted		4 ±3.3 ±3.6	±4.0	± 5	
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RSE (9	6)	1	1	4	(Z)	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	
	2												
	Year to Date ²	119.1	80.1	4.5	34.5	12.2	7.3	14.9	10.3				14
2010:	Year to Date ²	146.2	116.4	4.7	25.2	14.5	10.6	19.8	15.8	79.0	65.3	32.9	24
RSE (9	6)	1	1	6	(Z)	4	6	3	2	1	1	3	
	Year to Date Percent Change ⁴	22.8%	45.4%	4.4%	-27.0%	19.1%	46.0%	32.8%	53.9%	17.2%	36.5%	34.2%	68.0
	90% Confidence Interval ³	±2.4	± 2.2	±11.3	± 4.3	±8.4	± 9.8	± 8.3	±9.3	±1.6	±1.8	±6.4	± 7.
2009:	March	44.0	32.3	1.8	10.0	4.3	2.9	6.7	4.7	24.0	18.7	8.9	6
	April	46.5	37.3	1.6	7.7	5.0	3.6	7.8	6.5	23.9	19.3		7
	May June	48.2 59.5	38.8 46.2	1.6 2.3	7.7 11.0	5.1 6.5	3.9 4.4	8.8 10.3	7.6 8.2	24.3 30.8	19.3 23.8		s ç
	suic	59.5	40.2	2.5	11.0	0.5	4.4	10.5	0.2	50.8	23.8	12.0	2
	July	54.7	46.1	1.6	6.9	5.8	4.5	10.7	8.3	26.2	23.6		9
	August	52.4	42.2	1.6	8.6	5.8	4.1	9.4	7.8	26.8	21.6		8
	September	51.3	40.0	1.7	9.6	5.9	4.3	9.9	7.4	24.9	20.2	10.6	8
	October	46.5	37.9	1.2	7.4	5.7	4.3	9.8	7.3	21.8	18.7	9.3	7
	November	40.7	31.4	2.0	7.4	5.1	3.5	8.0	5.6	20.4	16.2	7.3	6
	December	47.4	34.1	1.4	12.0	6.9	3.8	7.4	4.5	23.8	18.4	9.3	7
2010:	January	39.5	30.8	1.3	7.4	4.0	2.9	4.5	3.4	21.9	18.0	9.1	e
	February (r)	44.1	35.0	1.3	7.8	4.8	3.6	5.3	4.6	23.0	19.2	10.9	7
	March (p)	62.7	50.6	2.1	10.0	5.5	4.2	10.1	7.8	34.4	28.2	12.8	10.

(p) Preliminary. (r) 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.

¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period. ²Reflects revisions not distributed to months.

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

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

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

			United	States		North	neast	Mid	west	Sou	uth	W	est
	Period		In st	ructures wi 2 to 4	th 5 units								
		Total	1 unit	units	or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
							Not season	ally adjusted	1				
2009:	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	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	87.7	49.2	4.4	34.1	8.7	5.2	9.6	5.3	48.7	29.7	20.6	9.0
	December	95.4	55.3	3.3	36.7	10.4	6.5	10.1	5.1	52.9	33.7	22.0	10.1
2010:	January (r)	93.6	55.1	3.6	34.9	9.8	6.3	9.8	5.2	51.4	33.5	22.6	10.2
	February (r)	96.0	55.2	3.3	37.6	10.5	6.8	8.8	4.5	53.8	33.9	23.0	10.0
	March (p)	103.2	60.5	3.5	39.2	10.8	6.7	11.9	7.0	56.8	36.2	23.8	10.6
Avera	ge RSE $(\%)^1$	6	6	16	8	16	19	10	11	7	9	12	16
Perce	ent Change: ²												
	March 2010 from February 2010	7.5%	9.7%	6.9%	4.3%	2.8%	-1.3%	35.3%	55.7%	5.7%	7.0%	3.2%	5.7%
	90% Confidence Interval ³	±4.2	± 5.2	±9.7	±6.1	± 6.5	± 9.6	± 10.1	±16.3	± 5.4	± 6.2	± 7.3	± 17.9
	March 2010 from March 2009	-3.0%	-0.4%	-15.8%	-5.5%	-11.3%	7.0%	4.2%	-1.9%	11.1%	8.8%	-25.2%	-24.9%
	90% Confidence Interval ³	± 7.0	± 8.3	± 22.0	± 11.9	±16.9	± 35.6	± 16.7	± 21.4	± 14.7	±13.9	± 11.1	± 12.8

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¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period. ² Computed using unrounded data.

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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]

			United	States		Northeast		Midwest		So	uth	West	
	Period		In st	tructures wi	th								
		Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total 80 114 137 126 127 126 118 106 109 110 127 143 140 10 -2.1% ± 36.9 75.0% ± 52.0 196.2 116.8 2 23.9 30.0 4 25.9% ± 16.4 6.7 10.0 13.1 12.2 12.4 11.7	1 unit
						Sea	sonally adju	isted annual	l rate				
2009:	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	Total 80 114 137 126 127 126 118 106 127 140 10 ±36.9 75.0% ±52.0 196.2 116.8 2 23.9 30.0 4 25.9% ± 16.4 6.7 10.0 13.1 12.2 12.4 11.7 10.1 8.7 10.1	92
	June	590	478	(S)	101	81	48	107	88	276	238		104
	July	593	506	(S)	72	63	55	112	89	291	251	127	111
	August	595	481	(S)	94	70	46	106	87	279	231		112
	September	586	508	(S)	69	66	51	104	84	298	272		101
	October	524	471	(5)	49	54	16	99	81	265	250	106	94
	November	524 579	471	(S) (S)	49 78	54 63	46 44	99 106	78	265 301	250 268		94 102
	December	573	481	(S)	79	60	47	94	81	309	257		96
2010	I ()												
2010:	January (r) February (r)	609 616	507 536	(S) (S)	95 63	68 72	56 54	91 116	76 104	323 285	270 262		105 116
		010	550	(5)	05	12	54	110	104	200	202	145	110
	March (p)	626	531	(S)	88	66	57	83	69	337	288	140	117
Averag	ge RSE $(\%)^1$	5	4	(X)	18	13	13	11	9	6	7	10	10
Perce	nt Change:												
	March 2010 from February 2010	1.6%	-0.9%	(S)	39.7%	-8.3%	5.6%	-28.4%	-33.7%	18.2%	9.9%	-2.1%	0.9%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	±15.2	± 12.1	(X)	± 87.2	±36.7	±51.4	±19.5	±16.8	±19.8	±21.1	±36.9	± 42.5
	March 2010 from March 2009	20.2%	47.1%	<i>(S)</i>	-31.8%	-4.3%	29.5%	-15.3%	19.0%	23.0%	47.7%	75.0%	82.8%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	±15.3	±18.4	(X)	± 32.5	±29.4	± 58.0	±21.9	±32.0	±17.1	±17.5	± 52.0	±63.0
							Not seasona	ally adjuste	d				
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:		554.0	445.1	11.6	97.3	61.8	44.1	97.1	76.3	278.2	232.0		92.8
RSE (9	%)	1	1	14	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
2009.	Year to Date	114.4	78.3	4.1	32.0	11.1	6.8	15.5	9.0	63.9	47.3	23.9	15.2
	Year to Date	134.2	114.3	2.2	17.7	13.3	10.6	16.4	13.5	74.5	65.4		24.9
RSE (9	%)	3	3	22	11	6	6	6	5	4	4	4	5
	Year to Date Percent Change ³	17.3%	46.0%	-47.1%	-44.6%	19.9%	56.1%	5.6%	48.8%	16.5%	38.3%	25.9%	63.8%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	± 8.1	± 9.9	±26.1	±12.1	±21.5	±41.6	± 18.6	±24.3	±11.3	±11.2	±16.4	±24.9
2009:	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		7.5
	May June	52.2 59.1	39.5 49.2	0.8 1.0	11.9 8.9	5.7 8.1	3.6 5.1	8.2 11.7	7.5 10.1	25.2 27.1	19.4 23.8		9.1 10.2
	July	56.8	49.3	1.3	6.2	6.1	5.4	11.2	9.2	27.0	23.6		11.1
	August September	52.9 52.6	43.4 45.6	0.6 0.8	8.9 6.2	6.5 5.8	4.2 4.4	9.9 9.9	8.1 8.2	24.9 26.8	20.8 24.4		10.3 8.6
	September	52.0	45.0	0.8	0.2	5.6	4.4	9.9	0.2	20.8	24.4	10.1	8.0
	October	44.5	39.4	0.4	4.7	4.9	4.2	9.4	7.7	21.4	20.0		7.6
	November	42.3	35.2	0.8	6.4	4.8	3.2	8.1	5.8	21.5	18.8		7.3
	December	36.6	30.1	0.9	5.7	4.4	3.4	5.6	4.6	19.8	16.2	6.9	5.9
2010:	January (r)	38.9	31.7	0.5	6.7	4.1	3.3	4.3	3.2	22.5	18.8	7.9	6.4
	February (r)	41.3	35.7	1.2	4.4	3.9	2.7	5.9	5.1	21.3	19.6	10.1	8.2
	Manah (a)	54.1	46.9	0.5	(7	5.2	4.5	α	5.1	20.7	26.9	12.0	10.3
	March (p)	54.1	40.9	0.5	6.7	5.2	4.5	6.2	5.1	30.7	20.9	12.0	10.0

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³ 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]

			United	States		Nort	heast	Mid	west	So	uth	We	est
			In s	tructures wi	th								
	Period			2 to 4	5 units								
		Total	1 unit	units	or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
						Sea	sonally adju	usted annua	rate				
2009:	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	125	48	84	57	224	132	154	77
	September	578	314	(S)	250	125	48	84	58	220	132	149	76
	October	551	205	(5)	222	121	16	84	50	207	120	139	72
	November	551 531	305 300	(S) (S)	232 218	121 118	46 46	84 82	58 56	207 200	129 129	139	69
	December	514	298	(S)	204	115	40	79	55	193	129	127	68
	-												
2010:	January (r) February (r)	503	300	(S)	192	111	45	79	55	191	133	122	67
	reolitary (1)	496	303	(S)	182	110	45	80	57	188	134	118	67
	March (p)	489	305	(S)	173	108	45	78	56	187	137	116	67
Avera	ge RSE (%) ¹	3	4	(X)	6	7	8	8	11	3	4	7	9
Perce	nt Change:												
	March 2010 from February 2010	-1.4%	0.7%	<i>(S)</i>	-4.9%	-1.8%	0.0%	-2.5%	-1.8%	-0.5%	2.2%	-1.7%	0.0%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	± 1.4	± 1.6	(X)	± 2.0	± 1.5	±2.7	± 1.5	± 1.6	± 2.2	± 2.4	± 3.1	± 5.3
	March 2010 from March 2009	-32.0%	-12.1%	(S)	-51.0%	-27.5%	-16.7%	-17.9%	-8.2%	-35.1%	-6.2%	-38.0%	-22.1%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	±2.7	± 3.9	(X)	± 4.0	± 7.0	± 11.0	± 7.1	± 7.7	± 3.9	± 5.6	± 4.5	± 7.7
							Not season	ally adjuste	d				
2009:	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	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	534.8	300.8	13.2	220.8	119.9	46.7	84.0	57.7	199.3	127.8	131.6	68.5
	December	495.4	283.1	11.9	200.4	112.2	43.7	76.4	53.0	183.6	121.7	123.2	64.6
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2010:	January (r)	483.5	283.4	10.5	189.6	107.8	42.8	74.9	51.8	183.1	125.7	117.7	63.1
2010:		483.5 476.5	283.4 286.8	10.5 10.7	189.6 178.9	107.8 105.9	42.8 42.0	74.9 74.8	51.8 52.6	183.1 180.9	125.7 128.1	117.7 114.8	63.1 64.1
2010:	January (r)												

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Table 5. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Completed

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

			United	States		North	heast	Mid	west	So	uth	W	est
	Period		In st	ructures wi									
		Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
				-		Sea	sonally adju	sted annual	rate			-	
2009:	March	833	547	(S)	271	73	57	121	101	426	262	213	127
		055	547	(5)	271	15	57	121	101	420	202	215	127
	April	846	539	(S)	292	143	60	119	86	404	281	180	112
	May June	812	492	(S)	309	81	51	121	83	413	258	197	100
	Juie	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	750	531	(S)	204	93	62	97	81	365	256	195	132
	November	850	560	(S)	274	104	54	140	96	404	266	202	144
	December	753	492	(S)	240	80	60	128	98	391	236	154	98
2010:	January (r)	665	441	(S)	207	85	49	84	71	297	208	199	113
	February (r)	677	459	(S)	211	86	52	86	68	335	235	170	104
	March (p)	656	486	(S)	161	57	40	86	76	353	260	160	110
Avera	ge RSE (%) ¹	7	5	(X)	16	19	20	14	14	10	8	13	13
Perce	nt Change:												
	March 2010 from February 2010	-3.1%	5.9%	(S)	-23.7%	-33.7%	-23.1%	0.0%	11.8%	5.4%	10.6%	-5.9%	5.8%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	±16.7	±14.6	(X)	± 40.1	±22.2	±23.6	± 27.2	±29.6	±29.4	± 20.8	±41.0	± 53.5
	March 2010 from March 2009	-21.2%	-11.2%	<i>(S)</i>	-40.6%	-21.9%	-29.8%	-28.9%	-24.8%	-17.1%	-0.8%	-24.9%	-13.4%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	± 8.9	± 12.5	(X)	±18.0	±35.1	± 34.2	±22.4	±26.0	±11.9	±17.0	213 180 197 183 198 157 178 195 202 154 199 170 160 13 ± 41.0 $\pm 24.9\%$ ± 19.7 264.4 187.5 3 44.3 38.1 8 ± 41.0 $\pm 24.9\%$ ± 19.7 264.4 187.5 3 44.3 38.1 8 $\pm 41.0\%$ ± 19.7 264.4 187.5 3 44.3 38.1 8 ± 19.7 264.4 187.5 3 44.3 38.1 8 ± 19.7 264.4 187.5 3 44.3 38.1 8 ± 19.7 264.4 187.5 3 44.3 38.1 8 ± 19.7 264.4 187.5 3 44.3 38.1 8 13.8 16.8 13.8 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 16.4 17.0 14.5 15.9 17.2 17.3 14.8 13.9 14.5 15.9 17.0 14.5 15.9 17.0 14.5 15.9 17.0 14.5 15.9 17.0 14.5 15.9 17.0 14.5 15.9 17.2 17.3 14.8 13.9	±24.8
							Not seasona	ally adjusted	1				
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:		794.4	520.1	14.5	259.8	94.2	53.8	119.2	89.3	393.5	259.0		118.1
RSE (%)	2	2	14	5	7	5	3	3	2	2	3	4
2009-	Year to Date	173.2	116.8	2.5	53.9	17.8	10.3	24.2	19.4	87.0	60.4	44.3	26.7
	Year to Date	173.2	98.6	2.3	41.2	17.8	9.1	17.0	19.4	71.8	51.7		23.6
RSE (%)	4	3	37	10	9	11	10	11	6	5	8	5
	Year to Date Percent Change ³	-17.9%	-15.6%	-6.0%	-23.6%	-14.2%	-11.4%	-29.6%	-27.1%	-17.5%	-14.4%	-14.0%	-11.4%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	± 6.0	± 5.6	±67.2	±14.7	±23.8	± 20.9	±12.5	± 15.0	± 8.3	± 7.7	±14.8	±13.7
2009:	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	4.4	10.0	6.8	35.0	21.9		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		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		10.0	1.0	17.1	0.0		0.0		22.2		17.0	11.0
	November	67.4 72.6	49.0 50.1	1.3 1.3	17.1 21.2	9.0 8.5	6.4 4.7	9.0 13.1	7.7 9.7	32.3 33.7	23.1 22.9		11.9 12.7
	December	72.4	48.0	2.0	22.5	8.1	6.2	12.3	9.5	37.2	22.7		9.6
2010	I												_
2010:	January (r) February (r)	46.3 46.1	30.0 31.0	1.3 0.5	15.1 14.5	5.8 5.7	3.2 3.4	5.5 5.5	4.5 4.3	21.2 23.6	14.7 16.7	13.9 11.2	7.6 6.7
	March (p)	49.8	37.6	0.6	11.6	3.7	2.5	6.0	5.3	27.0	20.3	13.0	9.3
Avera	ge RSE (%) ¹	7	5	47	16	19	20	14	14	10	8	13	13

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