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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN AUGUST 2010

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

BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 569,000. This is 1.8 percent ($\pm 2.0\%$)* above the revised July rate of 559,000, but is 6.7 percent ($\pm 1.4\%$) below the August 2009 estimate of 610,000.

Single-family authorizations in August were at a rate of 401,000; this is 1.2 percent ($\pm 1.0\%$) below the revised July figure of 406,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 150,000 in August.

HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 598,000. This is 10.5 percent ($\pm 11.9\%$)* above the revised July estimate of 541,000 and is 2.2 percent ($\pm 9.7\%$)* above the August 2009 rate of 585,000.

Single-family housing starts in August were at a rate of 438,000; this is 4.3 percent ($\pm 12.4\%$)* above the revised July figure of 420,000. The August rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 147,000.

HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 603,000. This is 5.6 percent ($\pm 12.6\%$)* above the revised July estimate of 571,000, but is 23.7 percent ($\pm 9.6\%$) below the August 2009 rate of 790,000.

Single-family housing completions in August were at a rate of 482,000; this is 1.3 percent ($\pm 12.0\%$)* above the revised July rate of 476,000. The August rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 115,000.

New Residential Construction data for September 2010 will be released on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 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 3 months to establish an underlying trend for building permit authorizations, 3 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												
2009: August	610	482	20	108	69	47	105	87	313	249	123	99
September	605	473	20	112	70	49	103	80	309	246	123	98
October	576	468	16	92	68	50	106	81	289	240	113	97
November	621	489	26	106	76	52	110	83	317	254	118	100
December	681	517	19	145	106	57	117	82	325	268	133	110
2010: January	629	509	19	101	74	51	95	82	317	267	143	109
February	650	523	20	107	85	68	106	85	311	258	148	112
March	685	542	22	121	68	52	117	90	356	287	144	113
April	610	486	17	107	68	47	114	84	310	258	118	97
May	574	436	18	120	65	48	102	72	294	232	113	84
June	583	421	20	142	85	49	93	74	283	215	122	83
July (r)	559	406	19	134	66	44	94	69	283	209	116	84
August (p)	569	401	18	150	66	42	89	68	276	209	138	82
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	5	2	4	4	2	2	1	1	2	2
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>August 2010 from July 2010</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>-1.2%</i>	<i>-5.3%</i>	<i>11.9%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-4.5%</i>	<i>-5.3%</i>	<i>-1.4%</i>	<i>-2.5%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>-2.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ³	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 5.2</i>	<i>± 9.6</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 4.6</i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 3.5</i>
<i>August 2010 from August 2009</i>	<i>-6.7%</i>	<i>-16.8%</i>	<i>-10.0%</i>	<i>38.9%</i>	<i>-4.3%</i>	<i>-10.6%</i>	<i>-15.2%</i>	<i>-21.8%</i>	<i>-11.8%</i>	<i>-16.1%</i>	<i>12.2%</i>	<i>-17.2%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ³	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 7.0</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>	<i>± 6.3</i>	<i>± 7.7</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 3.5</i>	<i>± 4.5</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:	583.0	441.1	20.7	121.1	68.5	45.8	100.3	74.9	297.4	231.8	116.7	88.7
RSE (%)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
2009: Year to Date ²	385.3	291.1	13.5	80.6	42.0	27.9	62.4	48.6	201.6	155.5	79.3	59.1
2010: Year to Date ²	417.2	319.6	13.0	84.5	48.9	32.7	67.1	52.7	211.0	168.5	90.2	65.8
RSE (%)	1	1	5	(Z)	3	3	2	1	1	1	2	2
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ⁴	<i>8.3%</i>	<i>9.8%</i>	<i>-3.7%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>16.4%</i>	<i>17.4%</i>	<i>7.5%</i>	<i>8.5%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>8.3%</i>	<i>13.8%</i>	<i>11.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ³	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 7.8</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 5.0</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>
2009: August	54.0	42.9	1.7	9.3	6.3	4.3	9.6	8.0	27.5	21.9	10.6	8.7
September	52.9	40.7	1.8	10.4	6.4	4.5	10.2	7.5	25.6	20.4	10.8	8.3
October	47.9	38.6	1.3	8.0	6.2	4.5	10.0	7.4	22.3	18.9	9.4	7.6
November	42.1	31.9	2.1	8.1	5.6	3.7	8.2	5.7	20.9	16.4	7.4	6.2
December	49.2	34.7	1.4	13.1	7.8	4.0	7.6	4.6	24.4	18.7	9.4	7.4
2010: January	39.5	30.8	1.3	7.4	4.0	2.9	4.5	3.4	21.9	18.0	9.1	6.5
February	44.1	35.0	1.3	7.8	4.8	3.6	5.3	4.6	23.0	19.2	10.9	7.6
March	62.1	49.9	2.2	10.0	5.6	4.2	9.7	7.7	33.6	27.5	13.1	10.4
April	56.3	46.3	1.6	8.5	6.2	4.4	11.0	8.5	28.3	24.0	10.8	9.3
May	51.0	40.1	1.6	9.3	5.9	4.5	9.4	7.2	25.5	20.5	10.2	7.9
June	58.9	43.0	1.9	14.0	9.2	5.0	9.6	7.9	27.4	21.1	12.6	9.0
July (r)	50.4	37.5	1.7	11.2	6.2	4.2	9.1	6.8	24.8	18.7	10.3	7.8
August (p)	52.9	37.0	1.7	14.2	6.2	4.1	8.7	6.5	25.6	19.0	12.4	7.4
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	5	2	4	4	2	2	1	1	2	2

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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.

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

⁴Computed using unrounded data.

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]

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								
Not seasonally adjusted												
2009: 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	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	96.2	55.3	3.3	37.7	10.5	6.8	9.1	4.8	53.9	33.7	22.8	10.0
March	100.8	58.6	3.6	38.6	11.0	7.1	11.4	7.1	54.8	33.8	23.5	10.6
April	93.3	53.0	3.6	36.7	9.9	6.3	10.9	6.8	49.7	29.2	22.8	10.7
May	87.7	50.7	3.7	33.4	9.0	5.3	9.2	5.6	48.0	29.7	21.5	10.0
June (r)	92.5	51.3	4.2	37.0	11.5	5.8	9.7	6.2	49.2	29.5	22.1	9.8
July (r)	89.8	50.6	3.5	35.7	9.8	5.5	9.0	6.2	49.1	28.8	21.8	10.2
August (p)	87.0	48.9	3.7	34.5	10.1	6.0	7.7	5.1	48.0	28.3	21.2	9.4
Average RSE (%) ¹	7	8	14	9	18	24	11	13	10	11	12	18
Percent Change:²												
<i>August 2010 from July 2010</i>	<i>-3.1%</i>	<i>-3.4%</i>	<i>6.5%</i>	<i>-3.6%</i>	<i>2.6%</i>	<i>9.6%</i>	<i>-14.3%</i>	<i>-16.9%</i>	<i>-2.3%</i>	<i>-1.5%</i>	<i>-2.8%</i>	<i>-7.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 4.8</i>	<i>± 7.5</i>	<i>± 11.8</i>	<i>± 5.5</i>	<i>± 12.1</i>	<i>± 12.1</i>	<i>± 25.8</i>	<i>± 38.7</i>	<i>± 5.8</i>	<i>± 8.4</i>	<i>± 7.2</i>	<i>± 8.0</i>
<i>August 2010 from August 2009</i>	<i>-10.4%</i>	<i>-17.4%</i>	<i>7.4%</i>	<i>-0.1%</i>	<i>15.3%</i>	<i>20.9%</i>	<i>-28.5%</i>	<i>-28.3%</i>	<i>-10.2%</i>	<i>-21.4%</i>	<i>-11.8%</i>	<i>-14.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 8.7</i>	<i>± 8.8</i>	<i>± 29.6</i>	<i>± 17.2</i>	<i>± 25.8</i>	<i>± 36.2</i>	<i>± 16.9</i>	<i>± 22.8</i>	<i>± 11.7</i>	<i>± 10.8</i>	<i>± 18.9</i>	<i>± 11.3</i>

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¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

² Computed using unrounded data.

³ 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												
2009: August	585	482	(S)	96	71	46	106	86	281	237	127	113
September	586	507	(S)	70	67	51	105	85	297	271	117	100
October	529	475	(S)	49	55	47	100	82	269	253	105	93
November	589	504	(S)	76	66	47	107	80	303	271	113	106
December	576	486	(S)	78	61	48	94	81	312	262	109	95
2010: January	612	511	(S)	94	70	58	91	76	326	274	125	103
February	605	527	(S)	62	72	55	105	94	285	262	143	116
March	634	535	(S)	91	66	57	93	82	339	285	136	111
April	679	563	(S)	104	84	57	118	93	367	312	110	101
May	588	459	(S)	117	72	56	109	81	291	229	116	93
June (r)	539	450	(S)	84	60	48	83	69	287	238	109	95
July (r)	541	420	(S)	103	74	50	92	74	270	221	105	75
August (p)	598	438	(S)	147	56	36	112	88	289	222	141	92
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	4	(X)	18	12	13	9	10	8	7	9	9
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>August 2010 from July 2010</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>42.7%</i>	<i>-24.3%</i>	<i>-28.0%</i>	<i>21.7%</i>	<i>18.9%</i>	<i>7.0%</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>34.3%</i>	<i>22.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 11.9</i>	<i>± 12.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 38.9</i>	<i>± 21.6</i>	<i>± 21.4</i>	<i>± 38.3</i>	<i>± 38.4</i>	<i>± 18.5</i>	<i>± 17.0</i>	<i>± 23.0</i>	<i>± 17.8</i>
<i>August 2010 from August 2009</i>	<i>2.2%</i>	<i>-9.1%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>53.1%</i>	<i>-21.1%</i>	<i>-21.7%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>2.3%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>-6.3%</i>	<i>11.0%</i>	<i>-18.6%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 9.7</i>	<i>± 9.5</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 35.2</i>	<i>± 22.1</i>	<i>± 19.8</i>	<i>± 21.6</i>	<i>± 24.6</i>	<i>± 16.5</i>	<i>± 14.8</i>	<i>± 20.4</i>	<i>± 13.0</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:	554.0	445.1	11.6	97.3	61.8	44.1	97.1	76.3	278.2	232.0	116.8	92.8
RSE (%)	1	1	14	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
2009: Year to Date	378.0	294.8	8.7	74.4	41.9	28.8	64.1	50.0	188.7	152.6	83.2	63.4
2010: Year to Date	411.7	336.2	7.8	67.8	46.7	35.1	67.9	55.5	212.3	177.4	84.9	68.1
RSE (%)	1	1	14	6	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ³	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>-10.6%</i>	<i>-9.0%</i>	<i>11.3%</i>	<i>22.0%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>11.1%</i>	<i>12.5%</i>	<i>16.3%</i>	<i>2.0%</i>	<i>7.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 24.5</i>	<i>± 9.4</i>	<i>± 5.8</i>	<i>± 7.1</i>	<i>± 7.8</i>	<i>± 7.0</i>	<i>± 5.0</i>	<i>± 4.3</i>	<i>± 4.8</i>	<i>± 5.0</i>
2009: 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	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	42.3	35.2	0.8	6.4	4.8	3.2	8.1	5.8	21.5	18.8	7.9	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	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	40.7	35.2	1.1	4.3	3.9	2.7	5.4	4.7	21.2	19.6	10.2	8.3
March	54.7	47.4	0.6	6.7	5.3	4.7	7.0	6.2	30.8	26.8	11.5	9.7
April	62.0	52.2	1.0	8.8	7.3	5.1	10.8	8.7	33.8	29.2	10.0	9.2
May	56.2	44.5	1.1	10.5	7.1	5.6	11.0	8.5	26.8	21.2	11.3	9.2
June (r)	53.8	45.5	0.5	7.8	6.4	5.4	9.1	7.8	27.5	22.9	10.8	9.4
July (r)	50.6	40.0	1.6	9.0	7.2	5.1	9.1	7.6	24.3	19.9	10.0	7.4
August (p)	54.8	39.7	1.2	13.9	5.2	3.2	11.1	8.8	25.4	19.0	13.2	8.6
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	4	32	18	12	13	9	10	8	7	9	9

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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]

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												
2009: August	587	310	(S)	262	127	48	84	57	224	129	152	76
September	577	314	(S)	249	125	48	84	58	220	132	148	76
October	551	305	(S)	232	121	46	84	58	207	129	139	72
November	533	300	(S)	220	119	46	82	56	200	129	132	69
December	514	298	(S)	204	115	45	79	55	193	130	127	68
2010: January	503	300	(S)	192	111	45	79	55	191	133	122	67
February	496	304	(S)	181	110	45	79	57	188	135	119	67
March	494	308	(S)	175	108	45	80	58	189	138	117	67
April	487	308	(S)	169	108	45	79	58	186	138	114	67
May	477	302	(S)	164	106	45	79	58	184	135	108	64
June (r)	448	283	(S)	155	103	42	72	53	176	128	97	60
July (r)	444	278	(S)	155	104	43	71	51	175	126	94	58
August (p)	444	276	(S)	157	102	42	71	52	176	124	95	58
Average RSE (%) ¹	3	4	(X)	6	7	8	7	9	4	5	7	8
Percent Change:												
<i>August 2010 from July 2010</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-0.7%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>1.3%</i>	<i>-1.9%</i>	<i>-2.3%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>2.0%</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>-1.6%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 3.5</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>
<i>August 2010 from August 2009</i>	<i>-24.4%</i>	<i>-11.0%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-40.1%</i>	<i>-19.7%</i>	<i>-12.5%</i>	<i>-15.5%</i>	<i>-8.8%</i>	<i>-21.4%</i>	<i>-3.9%</i>	<i>-37.5%</i>	<i>-23.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 3.5</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 4.7</i>	<i>± 7.4</i>	<i>± 8.3</i>	<i>± 6.4</i>	<i>± 5.8</i>	<i>± 4.3</i>	<i>± 6.2</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 4.4</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2009: 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
2010: January	483.5	283.4	10.5	189.6	107.8	42.8	74.9	51.8	183.1	125.7	117.7	63.1
February	476.2	287.0	10.6	178.6	105.8	42.2	73.8	52.3	181.0	128.4	115.6	64.0
March	480.8	295.8	10.7	174.2	106.0	43.1	75.0	53.4	185.1	134.8	114.6	64.6
April	485.1	304.7	10.2	170.2	106.7	43.8	77.6	56.0	187.3	139.1	113.5	65.8
May	482.8	306.0	10.7	166.1	106.5	44.9	78.7	57.5	187.6	138.1	109.9	65.4
June (r)	457.6	290.9	10.2	156.5	105.1	43.6	73.5	54.0	180.5	131.9	98.5	61.4
July (r)	458.5	291.4	10.8	156.4	106.6	44.8	73.8	53.8	180.2	131.4	97.9	61.3
August (p)	456.5	288.6	11.1	156.8	103.3	43.5	74.3	55.3	180.3	128.7	98.6	61.2
Average RSE (%) ¹	3	4	9	6	7	8	7	9	4	5	7	8

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¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

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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												
2009: August	790	509	(S)	265	66	43	127	98	439	256	158	112
September	721	480	(S)	223	100	57	105	75	340	240	176	108
October	751	531	(S)	205	94	63	97	81	365	255	195	132
November	850	561	(S)	273	102	53	144	100	404	266	200	142
December	752	495	(S)	236	79	59	127	98	390	237	156	101
2010: January	662	440	(S)	205	86	50	82	69	296	208	198	113
February	668	455	(S)	204	85	51	87	66	328	234	168	104
March	643	489	(S)	145	66	47	82	74	340	261	155	107
April	747	554	(S)	181	94	60	105	78	407	310	141	106
May	705	516	(S)	184	93	59	120	80	312	262	180	115
June (r)	879	682	(S)	189	84	70	171	135	391	333	233	144
July (r)	571	476	(S)	88	62	44	105	91	291	252	113	89
August (p)	603	482	(S)	115	86	55	105	73	283	257	129	97
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	5	(X)	15	17	16	14	13	7	7	11	11
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>August 2010 from July 2010</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>1.3%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>30.7%</i>	<i>38.7%</i>	<i>25.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-19.8%</i>	<i>-2.7%</i>	<i>2.0%</i>	<i>14.2%</i>	<i>9.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 12.6</i>	<i>± 12.0</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 44.1</i>	<i>± 60.3</i>	<i>± 68.5</i>	<i>± 31.1</i>	<i>± 28.7</i>	<i>± 15.5</i>	<i>± 15.2</i>	<i>± 28.4</i>	<i>± 24.0</i>
<i>August 2010 from August 2009</i>	<i>-23.7%</i>	<i>-5.3%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-56.6%</i>	<i>30.3%</i>	<i>27.9%</i>	<i>-17.3%</i>	<i>-25.5%</i>	<i>-35.5%</i>	<i>0.4%</i>	<i>-18.4%</i>	<i>-13.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 9.6</i>	<i>± 11.5</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 14.2</i>	<i>± 46.2</i>	<i>± 54.0</i>	<i>± 22.5</i>	<i>± 23.0</i>	<i>± 9.9</i>	<i>± 13.5</i>	<i>± 25.1</i>	<i>± 28.1</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:	794.4	520.1	14.5	259.8	94.2	53.8	119.2	89.3	393.5	259.0	187.5	118.1
RSE (%)	2	2	14	5	7	5	3	3	2	2	3	4
2009: Year to Date	517.5	329.1	8.5	179.9	59.6	31.2	74.9	55.1	260.6	169.0	122.4	73.8
2010: Year to Date	436.5	325.3	5.9	105.3	51.9	34.0	68.1	52.0	211.2	169.6	105.3	69.6
RSE (%)	2	2	19	6	5	5	4	3	3	3	5	3
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ³	<i>-15.7%</i>	<i>-1.2%</i>	<i>-30.4%</i>	<i>-41.4%</i>	<i>-13.0%</i>	<i>9.1%</i>	<i>-9.1%</i>	<i>-5.8%</i>	<i>-19.0%</i>	<i>0.4%</i>	<i>-13.9%</i>	<i>-5.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 3.8</i>	<i>± 3.8</i>	<i>± 27.7</i>	<i>± 8.3</i>	<i>± 15.1</i>	<i>± 14.9</i>	<i>± 8.4</i>	<i>± 7.5</i>	<i>± 5.7</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 7.6</i>	<i>± 9.4</i>
2009: 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	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	72.6	50.1	1.3	21.2	8.5	4.7	13.1	9.7	33.7	22.9	17.3	12.7
December	72.4	48.0	2.0	22.5	8.1	6.2	12.3	9.5	37.2	22.7	14.8	9.6
2010: January	46.3	30.0	1.3	15.1	5.8	3.2	5.5	4.5	21.2	14.7	13.9	7.6
February	45.4	30.7	0.6	14.1	5.6	3.2	5.7	4.3	23.0	16.5	11.2	6.8
March	48.6	37.6	0.6	10.4	4.4	3.0	5.7	5.2	26.0	20.4	12.5	9.0
April	57.7	42.9	0.9	13.9	7.2	4.6	7.9	5.8	32.1	24.7	10.5	7.9
May	58.7	43.0	0.5	15.2	7.5	4.7	10.0	6.7	26.2	22.1	14.9	9.5
June (r)	77.7	60.1	0.7	16.9	7.7	6.5	14.8	11.6	33.9	28.7	21.2	13.3
July (r)	47.8	39.4	0.6	7.8	5.5	3.9	8.6	7.4	24.1	20.6	9.6	7.5
August (p)	54.2	41.6	0.7	12.0	8.1	4.9	9.9	6.5	24.7	22.0	11.5	8.1
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	5	40	15	17	16	14	13	7	7	11	11

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