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**NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN SEPTEMBER 2010**

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

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 539,000. This is 5.6 percent ( $\pm 1.4\%$ ) below the revised August rate of 571,000 and is 10.9 percent ( $\pm 2.3\%$ ) below the September 2009 estimate of 605,000.

Single-family authorizations in September were at a rate of 405,000; this is 0.5 percent ( $\pm 1.3\%$ )\* above the revised August figure of 403,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 111,000 in September.

**HOUSING STARTS**

Privately-owned housing starts in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 610,000. This is 0.3 percent ( $\pm 10.3\%$ )\* above the revised August estimate of 608,000 and is 4.1 percent ( $\pm 12.0\%$ )\* above the September 2009 rate of 586,000.

Single-family housing starts in September were at a rate of 452,000; this is 4.4 percent ( $\pm 13.9\%$ )\* above the revised August figure of 433,000. The September rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 150,000.

**HOUSING COMPLETIONS**

Privately-owned housing completions in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 648,000. This is 7.3 percent ( $\pm 14.3\%$ )\* above the revised August estimate of 604,000, but is 10.1 percent ( $\pm 13.6\%$ )\* below the September 2009 rate of 721,000.

Single-family housing completions in September were at a rate of 501,000; this is 4.8 percent ( $\pm 14.2\%$ )\* above the revised August rate of 478,000. The September rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 138,000.

*New Residential Construction data for October 2010 will be released on Wednesday, November 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, 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: 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	559	406	19	134	66	44	94	69	283	209	116	84
August (r)	571	403	18	150	68	42	92	70	279	208	132	83
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>84</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	5	2	4	4	2	2	1	1	2	2
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>September 2010 from August 2010</i>	<i>-5.6%</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>27.8%</i>	<i>-26.0%</i>	<i>-1.5%</i>	<i>9.5%</i>	<i>-4.3%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-4.7%</i>	<i>-1.4%</i>	<i>-10.6%</i>	<i>1.2%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>3</sup>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 8.5</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 5.1</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>± 1.8</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>
<i>September 2010 from September 2009</i>	<i>-10.9%</i>	<i>-14.4%</i>	<i>15.0%</i>	<i>-0.9%</i>	<i>-4.3%</i>	<i>-6.1%</i>	<i>-14.6%</i>	<i>-12.5%</i>	<i>-13.9%</i>	<i>-16.7%</i>	<i>-4.1%</i>	<i>-14.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>3</sup>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 9.9</i>	<i>± 10.2</i>	<i>± 7.4</i>	<i>± 8.9</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 5.4</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 <sup>2</sup>	437.7	331.5	15.3	90.9	48.1	32.2	72.6	56.1	226.6	175.7	90.4	67.6
2010: Year to Date <sup>2</sup>	464.8	354.7	15.2	94.9	55.1	36.9	75.9	59.5	234.1	185.5	99.7	72.9
RSE (%)	1	1	5	(Z)	3	3	2	1	1	1	2	2
<b>Year to Date Percent Change</b> <sup>4</sup>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>3</sup>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 7.7</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 4.9</i>	<i>± 6.0</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 3.5</i>
2009: 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	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 (r)	53.2	37.2	1.7	14.3	6.3	4.1	9.1	6.8	25.9	18.9	11.9	7.4
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	5	2	4	4	2	2	1	1	2	2

(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.

<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**

[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: 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	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)	90.1	50.3	3.5	36.3	10.0	5.5	9.1	6.0	49.0	28.6	22.0	10.1
August (r)	87.1	49.6	3.8	33.7	10.2	5.9	8.0	5.3	48.4	28.8	20.6	9.6
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>9.3</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	7	8	15	10	19	24	12	13	10	12	12	18
<b>Percent Change:<sup>2</sup></b>												
<i>September 2010 from August 2010</i>	<b>-6.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>	<b>-17.3%</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	± 5.0	± 8.4	± 20.0	± 9.5	± 10.7	± 13.0	± 9.9	± 14.6	± 8.4	± 14.5	± 7.0	± 8.3
<i>September 2010 from September 2009</i>	<b>-11.5%</b>	<b>-10.1%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>-15.8%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>-24.1%</b>	<b>-16.3%</b>	<b>-12.6%</b>	<b>-12.1%</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>	<b>-10.3%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	± 7.1	± 8.4	± 36.3	± 13.6	± 21.0	± 29.0	± 22.2	± 24.1	± 10.1	± 11.8	± 10.1	± 13.6

(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.

<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												
2009: 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	539	450	(S)	84	60	48	83	69	287	238	109	95
July (r)	550	427	(S)	103	75	50	92	76	275	224	108	77
August (r)	608	433	(S)	161	70	36	110	85	291	225	137	87
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>89</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	5	4	(X)	17	13	13	9	10	8	7	9	8
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>September 2010 from August 2010</i>	<i>0.3%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-6.8%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>	<i>66.7%</i>	<i>-8.2%</i>	<i>-8.2%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-3.6%</i>	<i>2.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>	<i>± 10.3</i>	<i>± 13.9</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 22.8</i>	<i>± 40.4</i>	<i>± 61.3</i>	<i>± 28.2</i>	<i>± 31.6</i>	<i>± 13.8</i>	<i>± 18.6</i>	<i>± 19.0</i>	<i>± 17.0</i>
<i>September 2010 from September 2009</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>-10.8%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>114.3%</i>	<i>7.5%</i>	<i>17.6%</i>	<i>-3.8%</i>	<i>-8.2%</i>	<i>2.7%</i>	<i>-17.0%</i>	<i>12.8%</i>	<i>-11.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>	<i>± 12.0</i>	<i>± 8.2</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 85.6</i>	<i>± 28.7</i>	<i>± 27.1</i>	<i>± 19.5</i>	<i>± 17.7</i>	<i>± 18.6</i>	<i>± 10.5</i>	<i>± 23.0</i>	<i>± 15.6</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	430.5	340.4	9.5	80.6	47.8	33.2	74.0	58.1	215.4	177.1	93.3	72.0
2010: Year to Date	467.3	376.2	8.7	82.3	54.3	40.4	77.1	62.7	239.8	197.8	96.1	75.4
RSE (%)	1	1	14	5	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2
<b>Year to Date Percent Change</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>-8.3%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 23.0</i>	<i>± 10.4</i>	<i>± 6.4</i>	<i>± 5.9</i>	<i>± 6.3</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 5.3</i>	<i>± 5.1</i>
2009: 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	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)	51.5	40.7	1.7	9.0	7.2	5.0	9.3	7.9	24.7	20.3	10.2	7.6
August (r)	55.5	38.9	1.3	15.2	6.4	3.2	10.9	8.5	25.5	19.2	12.8	8.0
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>7.6</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	5	4	34	17	13	13	9	10	8	7	9	8

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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												
2009: 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	448	283	(S)	155	103	42	72	53	176	128	97	60
July (r)	444	278	(S)	155	103	42	71	51	175	126	95	59
August (r)	444	274	(S)	159	102	41	72	52	175	123	95	58
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>57</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	4	(X)	6	7	8	6	9	3	5	7	9
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>September 2010 from August 2010</i>	<i>-1.6%</i>	<i>-1.8%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-0.6%</i>	<i>-2.9%</i>	<i>-2.4%</i>	<i>-2.8%</i>	<i>-1.9%</i>	<i>-0.6%</i>	<i>-1.6%</i>	<i>-1.1%</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 3.2</i>
<i>September 2010 from September 2009</i>	<i>-24.3%</i>	<i>-14.3%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-36.5%</i>	<i>-20.8%</i>	<i>-16.7%</i>	<i>-16.7%</i>	<i>-12.1%</i>	<i>-20.9%</i>	<i>-8.3%</i>	<i>-36.5%</i>	<i>-25.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 5.4</i>	<i>± 7.6</i>	<i>± 8.2</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 4.9</i>	<i>± 5.5</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2009: 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	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)	457.2	290.8	10.6	155.8	105.0	43.7	73.7	53.9	180.8	131.4	97.6	61.8
August (r)	457.0	287.6	10.9	158.5	103.4	42.6	75.2	55.3	180.0	127.8	98.4	61.9
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>449.9</b>	<b>281.0</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>158.5</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>179.0</b>	<b>125.5</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>59.2</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	4	10	6	7	8	6	9	3	5	7	9

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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 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												
2009: 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	879	682	(S)	189	84	70	171	135	391	333	233	144
July (r)	576	475	(S)	93	66	45	107	93	288	250	115	87
August (r)	604	478	(S)	119	84	53	99	71	299	263	122	91
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>106</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	5	(X)	16	16	15	13	13	8	7	11	11
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>September 2010 from August 2010</i>	<i>7.3%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>16.0%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>	<i>20.8%</i>	<i>-4.0%</i>	<i>8.5%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>-3.4%</i>	<i>18.9%</i>	<i>16.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>	<i>± 14.3</i>	<i>± 14.2</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 40.2</i>	<i>± 42.4</i>	<i>± 48.8</i>	<i>± 23.2</i>	<i>± 34.3</i>	<i>± 24.3</i>	<i>± 18.7</i>	<i>± 24.8</i>	<i>± 23.1</i>
<i>September 2010 from September 2009</i>	<i>-10.1%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-38.1%</i>	<i>-3.0%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>-9.5%</i>	<i>2.7%</i>	<i>-8.5%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>-17.6%</i>	<i>-1.9%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>	<i>± 13.6</i>	<i>± 14.1</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 27.1</i>	<i>± 33.5</i>	<i>± 37.9</i>	<i>± 16.8</i>	<i>± 20.1</i>	<i>± 20.4</i>	<i>± 17.3</i>	<i>± 21.5</i>	<i>± 26.3</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	582.0	373.0	10.0	198.9	68.6	36.5	84.8	62.4	290.4	190.2	138.2	83.9
2010: Year to Date	495.4	370.3	6.9	118.3	60.8	39.7	76.6	59.3	239.9	192.4	118.2	78.9
RSE (%)	2	2	19	6	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	2
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> <sup>3</sup>	<i>-14.9%</i>	<i>-0.7%</i>	<i>-31.5%</i>	<i>-40.6%</i>	<i>-11.4%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>-9.6%</i>	<i>-5.0%</i>	<i>-17.4%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>-14.5%</i>	<i>-6.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>	<i>± 3.5</i>	<i>± 3.8</i>	<i>± 26.0</i>	<i>± 7.4</i>	<i>± 13.4</i>	<i>± 11.9</i>	<i>± 6.8</i>	<i>± 6.0</i>	<i>± 5.7</i>	<i>± 5.2</i>	<i>± 7.1</i>	<i>± 9.8</i>
2009: 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	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)	48.2	39.2	0.7	8.3	5.8	4.0	8.8	7.5	23.8	20.4	9.8	7.3
August (r)	54.5	41.2	0.7	12.5	7.8	4.6	9.2	6.3	26.6	22.8	10.8	7.6
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>58.3</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>9.9</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	5	39	16	16	15	13	13	8	7	11	11

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