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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN OCTOBER 2010

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

BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in October were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 550,000. This is 0.5 percent ($\pm 3.0\%$)* above the revised September rate of 547,000, but is 4.5 percent ($\pm 3.1\%$) below the October 2009 estimate of 576,000.

Single-family authorizations in October were at a rate of 406,000; this is 1.0 percent ($\pm 1.3\%$)* above the revised September figure of 402,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 121,000 in October.

HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in October were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 519,000. This is 11.7 percent ($\pm 8.6\%$) below the revised September estimate of 588,000 and is 1.9 percent ($\pm 9.6\%$)* below the October 2009 rate of 529,000.

Single-family housing starts in October were at a rate of 436,000; this is 1.1 percent ($\pm 8.6\%$)* below the revised September figure of 441,000. The October rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 74,000.

HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in October were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 613,000. This is 3.2 percent ($\pm 15.3\%$)* below the revised September estimate of 633,000 and is 18.4 percent ($\pm 11.4\%$) below the October 2009 rate of 751,000.

Single-family housing completions in October were at a rate of 501,000; this is 2.7 percent ($\pm 16.8\%$)* above the revised September rate of 488,000. The October rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 107,000.

New Residential Construction data for November 2010 will be released on Thursday, December 16, 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: 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	571	403	18	150	68	42	92	70	279	208	132	83
September (r)	547	402	25	120	75	46	91	70	267	204	114	82
October (p)	550	406	23	121	75	47	104	73	258	201	113	85
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	5	2	4	4	2	2	1	1	2	2
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>October 2010 from September 2010</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>1.0%</i>	<i>-8.0%</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>2.2%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>-3.4%</i>	<i>-1.5%</i>	<i>-0.9%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ³	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 10.8</i>	<i>± 15.7</i>	<i>± 9.9</i>	<i>± 12.5</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 1.8</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 10.3</i>	<i>± 12.2</i>
<i>October 2010 from October 2009</i>	<i>-4.5%</i>	<i>-13.2%</i>	<i>43.8%</i>	<i>31.5%</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>-6.0%</i>	<i>-1.9%</i>	<i>-9.9%</i>	<i>-10.7%</i>	<i>-16.3%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-12.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ³	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 5.1</i>	<i>± 18.0</i>	<i>± 14.6</i>	<i>± 18.4</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 11.7</i>	<i>± 13.8</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	484.8	369.2	16.6	99.0	53.9	36.6	82.6	63.4	248.8	194.3	99.6	75.0
2010: Year to Date ²	508.5	386.2	17.0	105.3	62.5	41.0	85.4	65.7	253.0	200.4	107.6	79.0
RSE (%)	1	1	5	(Z)	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	2
Year to Date Percent Change ⁴	4.9%	4.6%	2.4%	6.4%	16.1%	12.2%	3.4%	3.6%	1.7%	3.2%	8.1%	5.4%
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ³	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 7.3</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 6.5</i>	<i>± 8.0</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 0.9</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>
2009: 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	53.2	37.2	1.7	14.3	6.3	4.1	9.1	6.8	25.9	18.9	11.9	7.4
September (r)	47.1	34.5	2.1	10.5	7.0	4.3	8.5	6.4	21.7	16.8	9.8	7.0
October (p)	43.7	31.9	1.7	10.2	6.5	4.1	9.6	6.4	18.8	15.0	8.8	6.3
Average RSE (%) ¹	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.

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: 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	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)	87.0	48.8	3.7	34.4	10.2	6.0	8.0	5.2	48.3	28.3	20.5	9.3
September (r)	81.4	50.0	3.3	28.1	9.6	5.9	7.9	5.4	45.4	29.8	18.5	9.0
October (p)	79.5	47.2	3.5	28.8	8.9	5.1	8.2	5.5	43.2	27.2	19.3	9.5
Average RSE (%) ¹	7	9	16	10	19	24	13	14	10	11	13	18
Percent Change:²												
<i>October 2010 from September 2010</i>	<i>-2.3%</i>	<i>-5.5%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>2.5%</i>	<i>-8.0%</i>	<i>-13.6%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>-4.9%</i>	<i>-8.5%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>5.1%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 3.8</i>	<i>± 22.1</i>	<i>± 5.8</i>	<i>± 11.2</i>	<i>± 10.9</i>	<i>± 14.7</i>	<i>± 16.4</i>	<i>± 5.9</i>	<i>± 6.6</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 9.3</i>
<i>October 2010 from October 2009</i>	<i>-12.6%</i>	<i>-11.2%</i>	<i>-19.2%</i>	<i>-13.9%</i>	<i>0.9%</i>	<i>-0.6%</i>	<i>-23.6%</i>	<i>-13.5%</i>	<i>-13.9%</i>	<i>-15.0%</i>	<i>-9.5%</i>	<i>-2.6%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 6.4</i>	<i>± 9.2</i>	<i>± 37.5</i>	<i>± 12.4</i>	<i>± 24.3</i>	<i>± 33.6</i>	<i>± 21.2</i>	<i>± 22.4</i>	<i>± 9.2</i>	<i>± 12.1</i>	<i>± 11.6</i>	<i>± 22.0</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: 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	550	427	(S)	103	75	50	92	76	275	224	108	77
August (r)	614	432	(S)	168	75	35	111	86	289	223	139	88
September (r)	588	441	(S)	141	70	59	97	76	290	218	131	88
October (p)	519	436	(S)	74	79	59	98	75	251	226	91	76
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	4	(X)	16	13	13	9	10	8	6	8	8
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>October 2010 from September 2010</i>	<i>-11.7%</i>	<i>-1.1%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-47.5%</i>	<i>12.9%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>1.0%</i>	<i>-1.3%</i>	<i>-13.4%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>-30.5%</i>	<i>-13.6%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 8.6</i>	<i>± 8.6</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 22.1</i>	<i>± 30.0</i>	<i>± 25.6</i>	<i>± 30.7</i>	<i>± 28.8</i>	<i>± 12.7</i>	<i>± 14.6</i>	<i>± 14.3</i>	<i>± 15.4</i>
<i>October 2010 from October 2009</i>	<i>-1.9%</i>	<i>-8.2%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>51.0%</i>	<i>43.6%</i>	<i>25.5%</i>	<i>-2.0%</i>	<i>-8.5%</i>	<i>-6.7%</i>	<i>-10.7%</i>	<i>-13.3%</i>	<i>-18.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 9.6</i>	<i>± 7.9</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 65.4</i>	<i>± 40.3</i>	<i>± 34.8</i>	<i>± 19.1</i>	<i>± 16.8</i>	<i>± 16.4</i>	<i>± 13.7</i>	<i>± 13.3</i>	<i>± 14.2</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	475.0	379.9	9.9	85.2	52.7	37.4	83.5	65.8	236.9	197.0	102.1	79.6
2010: Year to Date	510.5	411.6	9.4	89.4	62.1	45.7	85.9	69.5	258.7	214.9	103.9	81.5
RSE (%)	1	1	13	5	3	3	1	3	2	2	2	2
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ³	<i>7.5%</i>	<i>8.4%</i>	<i>-5.5%</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>17.9%</i>	<i>22.3%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>9.2%</i>	<i>9.1%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>2.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 23.5</i>	<i>± 10.3</i>	<i>± 6.3</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 5.4</i>	<i>± 5.0</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 4.4</i>	<i>± 4.7</i>
2009: 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	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)	56.3	39.1	1.3	15.9	6.9	3.1	11.0	8.6	25.3	19.1	13.1	8.2
September (r)	52.0	38.8	0.6	12.6	6.2	5.3	8.8	6.9	25.5	19.0	11.5	7.6
October (p)	44.3	36.4	0.8	7.1	7.4	5.5	9.1	6.9	20.5	18.1	7.4	5.9
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	4	36	16	13	13	9	10	8	6	8	8

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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: 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	444	278	(S)	155	103	42	71	51	175	126	95	59
August (r)	444	274	(S)	159	102	41	71	51	175	123	96	59
September (r)	438	268	(S)	160	101	41	70	50	173	120	94	57
October (p)	430	263	(S)	157	100	41	68	49	170	118	92	55
Average RSE (%) ¹	3	4	(X)	5	7	10	7	9	3	4	8	10
Percent Change:												
<i>October 2010 from September 2010</i>	<i>-1.8%</i>	<i>-1.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-1.9%</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-2.9%</i>	<i>-2.0%</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>	<i>-2.1%</i>	<i>-3.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>	<i>± 3.2</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>
<i>October 2010 from October 2009</i>	<i>-22.0%</i>	<i>-13.8%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-32.3%</i>	<i>-17.4%</i>	<i>-10.9%</i>	<i>-19.0%</i>	<i>-15.5%</i>	<i>-17.9%</i>	<i>-8.5%</i>	<i>-33.8%</i>	<i>-23.6%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 5.3</i>	<i>± 5.4</i>	<i>± 8.3</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>	<i>± 4.9</i>	<i>± 3.7</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>	<i>± 5.8</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2009: 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	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)	458.3	287.5	10.9	159.9	104.2	42.6	75.3	55.1	179.5	127.6	99.2	62.2
September (r)	451.7	280.7	10.2	160.8	102.6	42.4	73.9	53.7	178.2	125.1	97.0	59.5
October (p)	440.7	271.2	10.1	159.4	101.9	41.8	71.0	51.8	174.0	120.9	93.8	56.7
Average RSE (%) ¹	3	4	11	5	7	10	7	9	3	4	8	10

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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: 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	576	475	(S)	93	66	45	107	93	288	250	115	87
August (r)	606	480	(S)	120	84	53	100	72	299	262	123	93
September (r)	633	488	(S)	134	89	57	95	77	306	247	143	107
October (p)	613	501	(S)	107	87	64	118	86	288	254	120	97
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	6	(X)	17	15	15	12	12	8	8	10	9
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>October 2010 from September 2010</i>	<i>-3.2%</i>	<i>2.7%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-20.1%</i>	<i>-2.2%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>24.2%</i>	<i>11.7%</i>	<i>-5.9%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>-16.1%</i>	<i>-9.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 15.3</i>	<i>± 16.8</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 35.5</i>	<i>± 37.1</i>	<i>± 40.7</i>	<i>± 29.6</i>	<i>± 20.1</i>	<i>± 23.6</i>	<i>± 26.1</i>	<i>± 18.6</i>	<i>± 22.1</i>
<i>October 2010 from October 2009</i>	<i>-18.4%</i>	<i>-5.6%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-47.8%</i>	<i>-7.4%</i>	<i>1.6%</i>	<i>21.6%</i>	<i>6.2%</i>	<i>-21.1%</i>	<i>-0.4%</i>	<i>-38.5%</i>	<i>-26.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 11.4</i>	<i>± 12.3</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 19.3</i>	<i>± 38.8</i>	<i>± 33.0</i>	<i>± 34.1</i>	<i>± 27.5</i>	<i>± 16.8</i>	<i>± 20.2</i>	<i>± 12.7</i>	<i>± 15.8</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	649.4	422.0	11.3	216.0	77.5	42.9	93.8	70.1	322.7	213.3	155.4	95.8
2010: Year to Date	549.8	415.5	7.4	126.9	68.1	45.2	87.7	67.7	265.3	214.7	128.8	87.9
RSE (%)	2	2	18	6	3	4	3	2	3	3	4	2
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ³	<i>-15.3%</i>	<i>-1.5%</i>	<i>-34.7%</i>	<i>-41.2%</i>	<i>-12.1%</i>	<i>5.5%</i>	<i>-6.5%</i>	<i>-3.4%</i>	<i>-17.8%</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>-17.1%</i>	<i>-8.2%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 3.5</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 23.1</i>	<i>± 7.3</i>	<i>± 11.2</i>	<i>± 11.2</i>	<i>± 7.4</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 5.8</i>	<i>± 5.2</i>	<i>± 5.9</i>	<i>± 8.4</i>
2009: 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	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)	54.6	41.4	0.6	12.6	7.9	4.6	9.3	6.4	26.6	22.7	10.9	7.7
September (r)	56.8	44.2	1.0	11.6	7.9	5.2	9.0	7.4	26.6	21.4	13.3	10.2
October (p)	55.8	46.4	0.4	8.9	8.2	6.3	11.1	8.4	26.0	23.1	10.6	8.6
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	6	38	17	15	15	12	12	8	8	10	9

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