

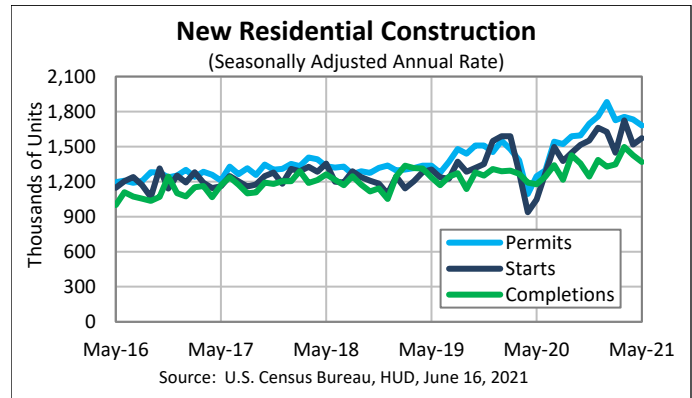
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MONTHLY NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, MAY 2021

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June 16, 2021 - The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for May 2021:

NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION MAY 2021	
Building Permits:	1,681,000
Housing Starts:	1,572,000
Housing Completions:	1,368,000
Next Release: July 20, 2021	
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR)	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, HUD, June 16, 2021	



Building Permits

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in May were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,681,000. This is 3.0 percent (± 1.4 percent) below the revised April rate of 1,733,000, but is 34.9 percent (± 2.4 percent) above the May 2020 rate of 1,246,000. Single-family authorizations in May were at a rate of 1,130,000; this is 1.6 percent (± 0.9 percent) below the revised April figure of 1,148,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 494,000 in May.

Housing Starts

Privately-owned housing starts in May were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,572,000. This is 3.6 percent (± 10.3 percent)* above the revised April estimate of 1,517,000 and is 50.3 percent (± 15.1 percent) above the May 2020 rate of 1,046,000. Single-family housing starts in May were at a rate of 1,098,000; this is 4.2 percent (± 9.2 percent)* above the revised April figure of 1,054,000. The May rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 465,000.

Housing Completions

Privately-owned housing completions in May were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,368,000. This is 4.1 percent (± 9.8 percent)* below the revised April estimate of 1,426,000, but is 16.1 percent (± 10.9 percent) above the May 2020 rate of 1,178,000. Single-family housing completions in May were at a rate of 978,000; this is 2.6 percent (± 7.9 percent)* below the revised April rate of 1,004,000. The May rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 387,000.

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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 three months to establish an underlying trend for building permit authorizations, six months for total starts, and six 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 (± 3.2 percent) above” appears in the text, this indicates the range (-0.7 to +5.7 percent) in which the actual percentage change is likely to have occurred. All ranges given for percentage 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 percentage changes shown in the tables. On average, the preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates of total building permits, housing starts and housing completions are revised 2.7 percent or less. Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our website. www.census.gov/construction/nrc/how_the_data_are_collected/

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New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized in Permit-Issuing Places

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

Table 1a - Seasonally adjusted annual rate

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2020												
May	1,246	753	44	449	112	47	172	102	681	441	281	163
June	1,296	850	41	405	128	54	186	119	685	484	297	193
July	1,542	993	49	500	146	56	236	134	783	577	377	226
August	1,522	1,055	53	414	127	57	195	136	823	618	377	244
September	1,589	1,121	46	422	156	65	215	143	837	647	381	266
October	1,595	1,141	60	394	141	59	220	144	848	665	386	273
November	1,696	1,155	54	487	165	64	233	145	890	672	408	274
December	1,758	1,233	49	476	155	71	259	168	898	710	446	284
2021												
January	1,883	1,268	55	560	195	79	245	175	956	711	487	303
February	1,726	1,145	48	533	170	78	250	172	863	609	443	286
March	1,755	1,194	58	503	155	78	253	174	908	661	439	281
April (r)	1,733	1,148	50	535	168	76	228	159	918	649	419	264
May (p)	1,681	1,130	57	494	156	70	222	135	897	678	406	247
Average RSE (%) ¹	2	2	4	2	4	7	4	4	2	2	2	3
Percent Change ²												
May, 2021 from Apr. 2021	-3.0%	-1.6%	14.0%	-7.7%	-7.1%	-7.9%	-2.6%	-15.1%	-2.3%	4.5%	-3.1%	-6.4%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 1.4	± 0.9	± 15.6	± 4.7	± 4.6	± 4.4	± 7.4	± 2.0	± 1.4	± 1.2	± 2.0	± 1.1
May, 2021 from May, 2020	34.9%	50.1%	29.5%	10.0%	39.3%	48.9%	29.1%	32.4%	31.7%	53.7%	44.5%	51.5%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 2.4	± 2.4	± 16.4	± 6.8	± 8.0	± 10.4	± 8.4	± 5.0	± 3.8	± 3.3	± 7.0	± 10.7

Table 1b - Not seasonally adjusted

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2019 Annual	1,386.0	862.1	42.6	481.4	141.2	52.7	184.8	114.2	710.3	486.2	349.8	209.0
2020 Annual	1,471.1	979.4	47.2	444.5	134.8	56.3	202.1	128.0	776.3	568.5	358.0	226.7
RSE (%)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2020 Year to date	534.5	348.9	16.1	169.5	44.4	19.1	66.1	42.1	292.3	207.3	131.7	80.4
2021 Year to date	709.4	482.9	21.0	205.6	63.6	29.0	90.0	61.1	379.7	280.1	176.1	112.8
RSE (%)	2	2	3	1	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	2
Year to date percent change²	32.7%	38.4%	30.4%	21.3%	43.2%	51.8%	36.2%	45.1%	29.9%	35.1%	33.7%	40.3%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 0.9	± 1.0	± 4.0	± 1.6	± 3.7	± 9.6	± 3.4	± 3.1	± 0.9	± 0.9	± 2.6	± 3.5
2020												
May	107.3	66.5	3.4	37.3	9.6	4.2	15.9	9.8	57.3	38.0	24.5	14.6
June	127.2	84.8	4.0	38.3	13.5	5.6	18.7	12.8	65.2	46.4	29.8	20.1
July	138.9	92.5	4.4	42.0	13.3	5.4	22.0	13.3	70.5	52.4	33.0	21.4
August	128.9	90.2	4.8	33.9	10.3	5.0	18.0	12.4	70.1	52.1	30.6	20.8
September	136.3	95.0	4.0	37.3	13.7	6.2	20.5	13.8	70.6	52.9	31.5	22.0
October	135.9	95.5	5.4	35.0	12.0	5.3	21.8	13.6	70.1	54.4	32.0	22.3
November	123.1	79.6	4.2	39.3	13.2	4.8	17.5	10.1	62.7	46.2	29.7	18.4
December	137.0	88.6	3.7	44.7	13.1	5.0	16.7	10.1	68.2	52.1	39.0	21.4
2021												
January	128.8	83.9	3.6	41.3	13.4	5.0	12.6	8.3	70.4	51.3	32.4	19.3
February	120.1	81.1	3.4	35.6	10.8	4.8	13.4	9.1	64.9	46.9	31.0	20.3
March	157.6	110.8	5.2	41.5	13.0	6.5	21.0	15.0	84.8	63.3	38.8	26.0
April (r)	157.9	107.8	4.4	45.7	13.6	6.8	22.4	15.9	83.0	60.1	38.8	25.1
May (p)	142.0	98.7	4.5	38.8	13.2	6.0	20.2	12.8	74.8	58.0	33.9	21.9
Average RSE (%) ¹	2	2	4	2	4	7	4	4	2	2	2	3

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Note: Year-to-date permits estimates reflect revisions not distributed to months.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, New Residential Construction, June 16, 2021.

Additional information on the survey methodology may be found at <www.census.gov/construction/nrc/how_the_data_are_collected/>.

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.)

Table 2a - Seasonally adjusted

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2020												
May	170	93	S	75	15	8	12	8	94	54	49	23
June	164	91	S	71	14	8	12	8	91	52	47	23
July	167	93	S	71	13	7	13	8	91	54	50	24
August	170	98	S	70	14	8	10	7	95	58	51	25
September	178	104	S	72	17	10	11	9	96	59	54	26
October	183	106	S	74	22	11	11	9	98	60	52	26
November	187	108	S	76	23	12	13	10	101	61	50	25
December	187	104	S	80	23	12	13	8	98	60	53	24
2021												
January	204	114	S	87	23	12	13	9	111	66	57	27
February	217	122	S	92	25	12	16	12	118	71	58	27
March (r)	229	130	S	97	24	12	18	13	126	76	61	29
April (r)	236	137	S	97	25	12	17	12	135	82	59	31
May (p)	238	142	S	93	25	11	17	11	137	89	59	31
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	6	X	10	15	16	12	14	8	8	11	11
Percent Change ²												
May, 2021 from Apr. 2021	0.8%	3.6%	S	-4.1%	0.0%	-8.3%	0.0%	-8.3%	1.5%	8.5%	0.0%	0.0%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 2.6	± 3.9	X	± 4.5	± 8.8	± 10.1	± 12.6	± 17.1	± 3.8	± 5.6	± 4.1	± 6.6
May, 2021 from May, 2020	40.0%	52.7%	S	24.0%	66.7%	37.5%	41.7%	37.5%	45.7%	64.8%	20.4%	34.8%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 8.8	± 12.4	X	± 16.9	± 49.3	± 42.3	± 30.4	± 42.6	± 13.2	± 16.6	± 11.0	± 27.4

Table 2b - Not seasonally adjusted

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2020												
May	172.0	95.4	1.7	74.9	15.5	8.9	13.4	8.7	93.7	54.1	49.4	23.6
June	169.8	93.7	2.4	73.6	14.9	8.6	12.0	8.2	94.5	52.9	48.4	24.1
July	168.2	96.4	2.6	69.2	13.5	7.3	12.9	8.6	90.9	55.9	50.8	24.6
August	167.1	97.1	2.3	67.7	14.4	7.6	9.5	6.9	93.5	58.0	49.8	24.7
September	176.0	102.7	2.3	70.9	16.7	9.8	10.6	8.8	97.7	58.7	51.0	25.4
October	178.1	102.9	2.8	72.3	19.5	10.2	10.5	8.5	97.1	59.4	51.0	24.9
November	174.4	99.2	2.8	72.5	20.8	11.1	11.7	8.6	94.6	57.5	47.4	22.1
December	187.9	101.0	3.2	83.6	23.0	11.1	11.6	7.0	99.1	58.9	54.2	24.1
2021												
January	201.9	109.7	3.0	89.3	22.8	11.0	12.3	7.7	109.1	64.2	57.7	26.8
February	215.7	119.1	3.1	93.6	25.8	12.4	16.2	11.1	116.4	68.6	57.3	27.0
March (r)	236.3	135.9	2.3	98.2	24.7	12.3	21.5	14.3	127.7	78.7	62.5	30.7
April (r)	244.8	145.0	2.3	97.5	25.4	12.5	20.6	14.6	136.6	85.2	62.1	32.7
May (p)	240.5	145.3	2.8	92.5	26.2	12.3	17.0	11.5	137.0	90.1	60.4	31.4
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	6	27	10	15	16	12	14	8	8	11	11

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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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, New Residential Construction, June 16, 2021.

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New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

Table 3a - Seasonally adjusted annual rate

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2020												
May	1,046	733	S	305	70	35	144	99	510	403	322	196
June	1,273	903	S	363	116	77	208	134	653	489	296	203
July	1,497	995	S	492	132	72	210	136	845	564	310	223
August	1,376	1,023	S	331	87	59	241	158	706	552	342	254
September	1,448	1,105	S	338	126	68	210	127	763	645	349	265
October	1,514	1,162	S	337	84	56	208	153	840	668	382	285
November	1,551	1,182	S	353	143	71	189	134	806	659	413	318
December	1,661	1,315	S	336	136	84	246	219	837	692	442	320
2021												
January	1,625	1,143	S	469	204	79	209	163	811	642	401	259
February	1,447	1,069	S	365	109	69	136	108	771	581	431	311
March (r)	1,725	1,255	S	448	165	95	288	217	891	676	381	267
April (r)	1,517	1,054	S	447	152	73	184	145	784	575	397	261
May (p)	1,572	1,098	S	465	118	63	239	169	814	591	401	275
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	5	X	17	19	18	13	14	7	6	9	8
Percent Change ²												
May, 2021 from Apr. 2021	3.6%	4.2%	S	4.0%	-22.4%	-13.7%	29.9%	16.6%	3.8%	2.8%	1.0%	5.4%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 10.3	± 9.2	X	± 24.8	± 33.6	± 40.5	± 43.8	± 37.7	± 15.9	± 13.1	± 12.7	± 13.9
May, 2021 from May, 2020	50.3%	49.8%	S	52.5%	68.6%	80.0%	66.0%	70.7%	59.6%	46.7%	24.5%	40.3%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 15.1	± 16.8	X	± 39.0	± 89.0	± 58.4	± 44.9	± 34.7	± 23.4	± 25.5	± 15.5	± 20.2

Table 3b - Not seasonally adjusted

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2019 Annual	1,290.0	887.7	13.4	388.9	114.8	57.1	169.4	119.8	684.8	496.9	321.0	213.9
2020 Annual	1,379.6	990.5	12.3	376.8	111.5	60.2	191.6	135.6	735.5	553.1	341.0	241.5
RSE (%)	2	1	22	5	6	9	2	2	2	1	3	2
2020 Year to date	509.2	345.0	5.1	159.1	39.4	16.7	57.9	41.0	282.3	200.8	129.5	86.4
2021 Year to date	636.7	452.6	5.9	178.3	57.7	27.8	79.5	58.6	335.9	254.1	163.7	112.1
RSE (%)	2	2	27	7	10	9	4	3	2	2	4	4
Year to date percent change²	25.1%	31.2%	15.7%	12.0%	46.3%	66.1%	37.2%	42.9%	19.0%	26.5%	26.4%	29.7%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 5.1	± 5.6	± 101.6	± 10.9	± 27.9	± 22.4	± 14.6	± 14.6	± 5.9	± 7.0	± 8.9	± 10.5
2020												
May	95.1	67.5	0.7	26.9	6.2	3.1	14.4	10.4	45.7	36.3	28.8	17.7
June	118.8	86.8	0.6	31.4	11.2	7.8	20.7	14.4	59.5	45.4	27.3	19.2
July	138.7	93.9	0.9	43.8	12.8	7.5	20.7	14.1	76.3	51.2	28.8	21.0
August	122.5	92.3	1.8	28.4	7.7	5.3	22.3	15.2	61.8	48.6	30.7	23.2
September	126.3	95.1	0.5	30.8	11.5	6.2	19.8	12.2	64.8	54.0	30.3	22.6
October	131.2	100.2	1.3	29.7	7.8	5.4	20.4	15.5	70.4	55.2	32.7	24.1
November	117.8	87.5	1.3	29.1	11.5	5.6	15.0	10.5	60.0	48.0	31.2	23.4
December	115.1	89.7	0.7	24.6	9.5	5.7	14.7	12.7	60.4	49.8	30.4	21.5
2021												
January	115.2	77.9	1.0	36.2	14.7	5.0	11.3	7.8	60.7	47.6	28.5	17.5
February	102.1	74.6	1.0	26.5	6.3	3.4	7.1	5.1	57.6	43.8	31.1	22.4
March (r)	140.6	102.8	1.7	36.0	12.8	7.2	20.4	14.7	75.3	58.0	32.1	22.9
April (r)	135.8	96.6	1.4	37.8	13.4	6.7	16.4	13.1	70.2	52.5	35.8	24.3
May (p)	143.1	100.6	0.8	41.7	10.4	5.5	24.3	18.0	72.2	52.1	36.2	24.9
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	5	43	17	19	18	13	14	7	6	9	8

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New Privately-Owned Housing Units Under Construction at End of Period

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Table 4a - Seasonally adjusted

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2020												
May	1,179	510	S	657	174	54	147	73	520	240	338	143
June	1,187	512	S	663	175	55	150	74	524	241	338	142
July	1,199	517	S	671	177	55	154	75	534	245	334	142
August	1,212	529	S	672	175	55	159	79	543	253	335	142
September	1,218	545	S	662	179	57	160	80	546	264	333	144
October	1,228	566	S	651	179	57	162	83	552	277	335	149
November	1,247	586	S	650	180	56	163	83	564	291	340	156
December	1,264	609	S	645	178	57	163	86	576	303	347	163
2021												
January	1,284	619	S	654	183	58	165	87	581	308	355	166
February	1,289	623	S	655	181	58	163	85	581	309	364	171
March (r)	1,307	637	S	658	186	58	165	91	589	313	367	175
April (r)	1,318	644	S	661	188	60	170	93	586	314	374	177
May (p)	1,324	652	S	659	190	61	170	96	585	314	379	181
Average RSE (%) ¹	3	3	X	6	6	8	5	5	3	5	5	6
Percent Change ²												
May, 2021 from Apr. 2021	0.5%	1.2%	S	-0.3%	1.1%	1.7%	0.0%	3.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	1.3%	2.3%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 0.9	± 1.2	X	± 1.5	± 1.1	± 2.5	± 3.5	± 4.1	± 1.7	± 1.9	± 1.3	± 1.4
May, 2021 from May, 2020	12.3%	27.8%	S	0.3%	9.2%	13.0%	15.6%	31.5%	12.5%	30.8%	12.1%	26.6%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 3.4	± 4.9	X	± 4.0	± 7.0	± 9.4	± 9.8	± 9.7	± 5.1	± 7.9	± 5.3	± 6.7

Table 4b - Not seasonally adjusted

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2020												
May	1,183.3	510.1	11.8	661.4	173.9	53.5	146.1	71.4	523.5	241.6	339.8	143.6
June	1,193.2	517.7	11.6	663.8	175.2	55.4	150.9	74.5	527.9	244.7	339.2	143.2
July	1,215.6	532.8	11.1	671.8	178.7	56.7	157.5	78.6	541.2	252.1	338.2	145.4
August	1,225.3	545.5	11.4	668.4	176.7	57.1	163.1	83.4	547.5	258.8	338.0	146.2
September	1,234.4	562.4	10.8	661.2	180.2	58.5	164.4	84.2	553.1	271.9	336.7	147.8
October	1,238.6	581.2	10.6	646.9	178.9	57.7	166.7	88.1	556.8	283.8	336.2	151.6
November	1,255.3	592.0	10.8	652.5	181.6	57.0	166.4	86.4	564.9	290.9	342.4	157.7
December	1,240.3	590.5	10.1	639.8	177.0	56.8	162.0	85.5	560.6	289.8	340.8	158.4
2021												
January	1,263.8	597.3	10.7	655.8	181.9	56.6	161.3	83.5	570.4	296.6	350.1	160.6
February	1,270.3	600.4	10.9	658.9	178.9	55.4	157.0	78.6	574.7	300.8	359.7	165.6
March (r)	1,289.9	619.0	12.0	658.9	184.3	56.1	158.1	84.1	584.7	307.9	362.9	170.9
April (r)	1,310.5	635.5	12.6	662.4	186.9	59.0	164.4	87.1	585.9	313.4	373.2	176.0
May (p)	1,330.1	653.0	12.7	664.4	189.9	60.5	169.5	94.6	588.8	315.7	381.8	182.2
Average RSE (%) ¹	3	3	19	6	6	8	5	5	3	5	5	6

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X Not applicable

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² Computed using unrounded data

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New Privately-Owned Housing Units Completed

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

Table 5a - Seasonally adjusted annual rate

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2020												
May	1,178	836	S	328	95	51	185	114	619	484	279	187
June	1,243	927	S	311	71	57	185	129	674	508	313	233
July	1,340	950	S	380	104	73	151	111	720	526	365	240
August	1,216	895	S	312	96	54	171	112	611	481	338	248
September	1,426	933	S	481	102	47	207	125	752	514	365	247
October	1,356	898	S	442	97	60	194	117	722	498	343	223
November	1,244	913	S	320	110	54	168	142	641	495	325	222
December	1,386	958	S	415	124	65	190	139	732	540	340	214
2021												
January	1,328	1,012	S	311	108	71	175	146	740	568	305	227
February	1,347	1,017	S	320	121	63	188	152	723	563	315	239
March (r)	1,497	1,034	S	457	134	85	214	125	814	596	335	228
April (r)	1,426	1,004	S	419	101	51	176	118	815	584	334	251
May (p)	1,368	978	S	387	67	43	192	119	824	599	285	217
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	5	X	13	21	18	13	11	7	7	9	9
Percent Change ²												
May, 2021 from Apr. 2021	-4.1%	-2.6%	S	-7.6%	-33.7%	-15.7%	9.1%	0.8%	1.1%	2.6%	-14.7%	-13.5%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 9.8	± 7.9	X	± 28.4	± 33.9	± 22.7	± 31.4	± 23.2	± 13.5	± 10.7	± 19.1	± 18.2
May, 2021 from May, 2020	16.1%	17.0%	S	18.0%	-29.5%	-15.7%	3.8%	4.4%	33.1%	23.8%	2.2%	16.0%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 10.9	± 12.8	X	± 32.3	± 21.4	± 19.3	± 28.3	± 17.6	± 21.3	± 22.2	± 19.8	± 21.3

Table 5b - Not seasonally adjusted

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2019 Annual	1,255.1	903.2	9.0	342.9	122.5	62.1	170.6	121.5	637.2	499.2	324.8	220.5
2020 Annual	1,286.9	911.7	10.5	364.7	95.2	56.7	182.5	125.6	678.4	506.1	330.9	223.4
RSE (%)	2	1	18	6	6	9	3	3	2	2	3	2
2020 Year to date	475.7	344.5	3.8	127.4	32.1	19.5	68.9	47.2	255.8	198.4	118.9	79.4
2021 Year to date	535.8	389.5	1.9	144.4	38.6	22.3	70.7	48.5	307.6	230.8	119.0	87.9
RSE (%)	2	2	29	6	11	13	5	4	3	3	5	5
Year to date percent change²	12.6%	13.1%	-49.4%	13.4%	20.3%	14.6%	2.5%	2.8%	20.3%	16.3%	0.1%	10.7%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 4.8	± 4.7	± 24.6	± 10.7	± 28.2	± 28.1	± 12.3	± 10.0	± 7.5	± 6.9	± 11.0	± 11.0
2020												
May	98.5	69.5	1.2	27.7	7.9	4.1	15.3	9.3	51.6	40.3	23.6	15.9
June	110.7	81.8	0.4	28.5	6.7	5.4	16.4	11.2	58.5	43.3	29.2	21.8
July	117.1	79.5	0.9	36.7	9.2	6.2	12.9	9.0	63.7	45.0	31.3	19.3
August	111.2	78.9	0.9	31.3	8.7	4.5	16.1	10.2	55.4	42.4	31.0	21.9
September	121.1	78.6	1.0	41.4	9.2	4.5	18.2	11.1	61.7	41.2	32.1	21.9
October	120.8	80.7	1.4	38.8	9.2	5.9	18.2	11.4	62.5	42.9	31.0	20.5
November	99.8	75.6	0.8	23.4	8.7	4.6	14.1	12.2	51.6	41.0	25.3	17.8
December	130.5	92.0	1.2	37.3	11.5	6.2	17.8	13.2	69.2	51.9	32.1	20.8
2021												
January	93.7	72.2	0.3	21.1	7.9	5.4	11.9	10.0	53.4	41.8	20.5	15.1
February	94.6	72.5	0.6	21.5	8.0	4.1	12.6	10.2	51.7	41.0	22.4	17.3
March (r)	120.5	83.9	0.5	36.1	9.9	6.1	16.4	9.4	67.7	50.4	26.4	17.9
April (r)	113.0	79.5	0.2	33.3	7.5	3.5	14.2	9.5	65.5	47.1	25.9	19.3
May (p)	114.0	81.4	0.3	32.3	5.3	3.3	15.6	9.4	69.3	50.5	23.8	18.2
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	5	59	13	21	18	13	11	7	7	9	9

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