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# **NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN AUGUST 2014**

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for August 2014:

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 998,000. This is 5.6 percent ( $\pm 1.4\%$ ) below the revised July rate of 1,057,000, but is 5.3 percent ( $\pm 1.7\%$ ) above the August 2013 estimate of 948,000.

Single-family authorizations in August were at a rate of 626,000; this is 0.8 percent (±1.5%)\* below the revised July figure of 631,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 343,000 in August.

#### **HOUSING STARTS**

Privately-owned housing starts in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 956,000. This is 14.4 percent ( $\pm 7.9\%$ ) below the revised July estimate of 1,117,000, but is 8.0 percent ( $\pm 11.2\%$ )\* above the August 2013 rate of 885,000.

Single-family housing starts in August were at a rate of 643,000; this is 2.4 percent ( $\pm 9.7\%$ )\* below the revised July figure of 659,000. The August rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 304,000.

#### HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 892,000. This is 3.2 percent  $(\pm 13.0\%)^*$  above the revised July estimate of 864,000 and is 16.9 percent  $(\pm 14.7\%)$  above the August 2013 rate of 763,000.

Single-family housing completions in August were at a rate of 591,000; this is 8.2 percent  $(\pm 9.7\%)^*$  below the revised July rate of 644,000. The August rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 292,000.

New Residential Construction data for September 2014 will be released on Friday, October 17, 2014, at 8:30 A.M. EDT.

Our Internet site is: http://www.census.gov/starts

The U.S. Census Bureau updated its application programming interface (API) with monthly and quarterly economic indicators. The API allows developers to combine Census Bureau statistics with other data sets to create tools for research on a variety of other topics. For more information, go to <a href="http://www.census.gov/developers/">http://www.census.gov/developers/</a>.

To receive the latest updates on the Nation's key economic indicators, download the America's Economy app for Apple and Android smartphones and tablets.

### **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 6 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%) 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 four percent or less. Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our web site listed above.

<sup>\* 90%</sup> 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

_		United States			Nortl	neast	Midwest		South		West		
	Period		In structures with										
		Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
						Seas	sonally adju	isted annua	l rate				
2013:	August September	948 993	631 617	25 29	292 347	123 100	51 55	156 177	106 105	436 515	333 331	233 201	141 126
		773	017	2)	347	100	55	177	103	515	331	201	120
	October	1,067	625	30	412	104	55	164	98	555	334	244	138
	November December	1,037 1,022	645 617	27 30	365 375	112 123	60 53	158 143	105 96	515 482	345 322	252 274	135 146
		-,											
2014:	January	939	598	26	315	93	50	148	91	488	315	210	142
	February March	1,011 1,000	593 600	23 28	395 372	106 136	46 49	133 162	90 94	534 456	326 327	238 246	131 130
		2,000											
	April	1,059	597	26	436	113	48	160	96	523	325	263	128
	May June	1,005 973	615 634	27 30	363 309	116 101	52 50	167 180	102 109	494 470	327 332	228 222	134 143
	July (r)	1,057	631	30	396	121	50	178	104	517	344	241	133
	August (p)	998	626	29	343	107	49	156	101	514	348	221	128
Averse	ge RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	5	1	3	3	2	3	1	1	1	1
Perce	nt Change:	5 (0)	0.00/	2.20/	12.40/	11.60/	2.00/	12 40/	2.00/	0.60/	1.20/	0.20/	2.00/
	August 2014 from July 2014	-5.6% ± 1.4	-0.8% ± 1.5	<b>-3.3%</b> ± 3.9	-13.4% ± 3.4	-11.6% ± 1.7	-2.0% ± 2.5	-12.4% ± 6.2	-2.9% ± 7.7	-0.6% ± 2.3	1.2% ± 2.8	-8.3% ± 2.4	-3.8% ± 3.1
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>3</sup> August 2014 from August 2013	5.3%	±1.5 -0.8%	±3.9 16.0%	± 5.4 17.5%	±1./ -13.0%	±2.5 -3.9%	± 0.2 0.0%	±7.7 -4.7%	±2.3	± 2.8 4.5%	± 2.4 -5.2%	±3.1 -9.2%
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>3</sup>	± 1.7	± 1.0	± 5.2	± 4.2	± 8.0	±11.7	± 2.8	± 3.5	± 1.6	± 1.9	± 3.6	± 4.7
	90% Confluence Interval		_1.0	_0.2	_ /.2			ally adjuste		_1.0		_5.0	- ***
		020.7	510.5	25.0	205.1					425.0	25.0	101.2	
2012: 2013:		829.7 990.8	518.7 620.8	25.9 29.0	285.1 341.1	84.7 107.1	44.2 52.6	133.0 156.8	87.3 101.8	427.8 493.3	276.0 330.0	184.2 233.7	111.2 136.3
RSE (9	6)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
	Year to Date <sup>2</sup>	654.7	429.5	17.6	207.6	71.9	34.4	100.9	69.7	327.1	229.3	154.8	96.1
2014:	Year to Date <sup>2</sup>	690.7	429.5	18.1	243.1	76.7	33.5	107.9	68.2	346.2	233.2	159.9	94.7
RSE (9	6)	(Z)	1	3	(Z)	3	2	1	2	(Z)	(Z)	1	1
	Year to Date Percent Change 4	5.5%	0.0%	2.8%	17.1%	6.6%	-2.5%	7.0%	-2.2%	5.8%	1.7%	3.3%	-1.5%
		±0.9		±4.8	± 1.0	± 3.9	± 5.9	. 2.4	± 3.0	± 0.6	± 0.7	± 1.5	+10
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>3</sup>	±0.9	± 1.1	±4.0	±1.0	±3.9	±3.9	± 2.4	±3.0	±0.0	±0.7	±1.5	± 1.9
2013:	August	87.1	58.0	2.4	26.7	11.2	4.6	15.4	10.5	38.7	30.1	21.7	12.8
	September	83.1	50.5	2.5	30.1	8.8	4.9	16.5	9.6	41.9	25.9	16.0	10.2
	October	92.5	54.4	2.8	35.3	9.3	5.2	17.0	9.9	46.1	27.6	20.0	11.7
	November	73.5	43.8	2.0	27.7	8.1	4.4	12.1	7.5	35.9	23.1	17.4	8.8
	December	77.8	40.2	2.4	35.2	10.0	3.6	9.0	5.2	36.8	21.7	21.9	9.7
2014:	January	65.0	41.1	1.8	22.1	6.1	3.1	7.2	4.1	37.9	24.1	13.7	9.8
	February	70.5	41.2	1.6	27.7	5.9	2.6	6.5	4.6	40.8	25.0	17.4	9.0
	March	83.7	51.4	2.2	30.2	10.2	3.8	12.7	7.6	39.7	28.8	21.0	11.1
	April	94.7	57.6	2.2	34.9	9.7	4.6	15.5	9.9	46.4	30.8	23.2	12.3
	May June	92.2	59.1	2.3	30.8	10.4	5.2	16.4	10.6	44.2	30.4	21.2	13.0
	Junc	92.3	61.1	2.9	28.3	10.9	4.9	17.6	11.0	42.5	30.8	21.2	14.4
	July (r)	97.6	60.2	2.9	34.6	11.7	4.9	17.4	10.5	46.3	31.9	22.2	12.9
	August (p)	86.8	55.0	2.5	29.2	9.2	4.3	14.5	9.5	44.0	30.2	19.0	11.1
			1	5			3	2	3		1	1	1
Averag	ge RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	5	1	3	3	2	3	1	1	1	1

<sup>(</sup>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>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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]

		United States			Nortl	Northeast		Midwest		South		est		
	Period		In structures with											
	2 2232			2 to 4	5 units									
		Total	1 unit	units	or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	
						1	Not season:	ally adjusted	l	1				
2012.	August	104.1	54.2	2.0	47.0	0.2	4.2	15.4	7.0	50.1	22.6	21.2	0.4	
2013.	September	104.1 108.7	54.2 55.4	2.0 1.7	47.9 51.7	9.3 9.4	4.3 5.0	15.4 14.5	7.9 7.9	58.1 63.8	32.6 32.9	21.3 21.1	9.4 9.6	
	September	108.7	55.4	1.7	31.7	9.4	5.0	14.5	7.9	03.8	32.9	21.1	9.6	
	October	118.2	60.9	1.5	55.8	8.1	4.3	16.3	8.7	71.6	36.1	22.3	11.8	
	November	103.0	54.6	1.7	46.7	8.7	4.8	11.5	7.1	61.8	32.5	20.9	10.2	
	December	100.5	51.2	1.5	47.8	10.4	4.8	9.4	6.0	58.0	28.7	22.7	11.6	
2014	January	103.0	53.7	1.6	47.6	9.4	5.2	12.2	8.0	62.8	30.3	18.6	10.3	
201	February	103.0	55.1	1.9	51.2	10.4	6.0	13.8	8.7	64.0	30.3	20.0	10.3	
	March	112.9	56.6	1.7	54.7	11.2	5.9	15.5	8.8	63.7	31.5	22.6	10.3	
	April	114.2	56.4	1.6	56.2	10.2	6.1	14.1	8.3	67.2	33.4	22.8	8.6	
	May	111.1	56.7	1.4	53.0	10.6	5.9	13.7	8.2	61.6	32.3	25.3	10.3	
	June (r)	114.2	59.9	1.4	52.9	12.8	6.0	12.0	7.7	65.8	35.3	23.6	11.0	
	July (r)	108.9	57.8	1.7	49.4	12.3	6.1	12.3	7.0	63.9	35.0	20.4	9.8	
	August (p)	108.5	56.4	2.0	50.1	11.8	5.7	12.3	7.1	63.0	34.4	21.4	9.2	
Avera	ge RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	7	6	20	10	16	16	12	13	10	10	14	11	
Perce	Percent Change: 2													
	August 2014 from July 2014	-0.4%	-2.4%	21.9%	1.3%	-3.7%	-6.4%	0.1%	2.0%	-1.4%	-1.6%	4.7%	-5.8%	
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>3</sup>	± 4.1	± 4.6	± 26.2	± 8.8	± 14.5	± 11.6	± 18.7	± 27.1	± 5.6	± 7.1	± 13.5	$\pm16.4$	
	August 2014 from August 2013	4.3%	4.1%	2.7%	4.6%	27.1%	32.0%	-19.8%	-10.0%	8.4%	5.6%	0.5%	-2.2%	
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>3</sup>	± 11.5	± 8.5	± 59.1	± 22.1	± 28.7	± 20.2	± 19.6	± 21.1	± 19.3	$\pm 13.8$	± 26.1	$\pm20.2$	

<sup>(</sup>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.

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.

Z Relative standard error is less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Computed using unrounded data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

# Table 3. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started

		United States		Northeast		Midwest		South		West		
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
			ı		Seas	onally adju	sted annua	l rate				
2013: August	885	617	(E)	255	97	57	150	105	441	216	197	120
September September	863	617 582	(S) (S)	255 271	97	55	150 162	105 101	420	316 303	184	139 123
October	936	603	(S)	322	125	73	172	102	417	298	222	130
November	1,105	710	(S)	386	96	59	216	119	569	374	224	158
December	1,034	675	(S)	338	83	49	155	122	514	365	282	139
2014: January	897	583	(S)	306	116	52	62	53	484	327	235	151
February March	928 950	589 635	(S) (S)	328 301	87 124	37 50	122 143	80 107	502 478	337 340	217 205	135 138
April	1,063	649	(S)	405	124	50	195	111	494	328	250	160
May	984	634	(S)	341	88	52	164	104	541	352	191	126
June (r)	909	593	(S)	294	95	50	196	113	392	290	226	140
July (r)	1,117	659	(S)	444	139	48	175	110	532	352	271	149
August (p)	956	643	(S)	304	121	56	157	96	474	354	204	137
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	5	4	(X)	11	16	11	10	9	7	7	9	8
Percent Change:												
August 2014 from July 2014	-14.4%	-2.4%	(S)	-31.5%	-12.9%	16.7%	-10.3%	-12.7%	-10.9%	0.6%	-24.7%	-8.1%
90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 7.9	± 9.7	(X)	$\pm 15.1$	± 35.2	$\pm 35.9$	± 21.5	± 24.3	± 10.0	± 12.9	± 13.9	$\pm20.9$
August 2014 from August 2013	8.0%	4.2%	(S)	19.2%	24.7%	-1.8%	4.7%	-8.6%	7.5%	12.0%	3.6%	-1.4%
90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	±11.2	± 10.8	(X)	± 27.3	± 53.9	± 22.9	± 22.2	± 22.9	± 13.5	± 16.3	± 22.5	± 23.6
						Not seasona	ally adjuste					
2012: 2013:	780.6 924.9	535.3 617.6	11.4 13.6	233.9 293.7	79.7 96.9	46.5 55.3	127.9 149.6	92.1 102.0	397.8 463.5	282.6 325.9	175.1 214.8	114.1 134.3
RSE (%)	1	1	19	4	4	3	2	1	2	2	3	2
2013: Year to Date	616.6	424.1	9.5	183.1	63.5	36.1	92.8	67.6	314.2	225.2	146.2	95.2
2014: Year to Date	669.5	437.1	8.0	224.4	74.9	33.8	106.3	69.3	332.8	232.9	155.5	101.1
RSE (%)	2	1	16	5	6	4	4	3	2	2	4	2
Year to Date Percent Change <sup>3</sup>	8.6%	3.1%	-16.2%	22.6%	17.9%	-6.3%	14.5%	2.6%	6.0%	3.4%	6.4%	6.2%
90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 3.4	± 2.3	± 26.9	± 10.0	± 12.1	± 4.7	± 8.0	± 5.8	± 4.8	± 4.2	± 5.6	± 4.9
2013: August	80.4	56.5	1.1	22.8	8.7	5.1	14.8	10.8	38.4	27.2	18.5	13.3
September	78.4	51.0	1.0	26.5	8.9	4.7	15.4	9.5	37.9	26.5	16.2	10.2
October	78.4	49.2	1.0	28.3	11.4	6.9	15.8	9.7	33.6	23.1	17.5	9.5
November	83.8	50.9	0.7	32.2	7.4	4.3	17.0	8.9	43.1	26.8	16.4	10.9
December	67.6	42.5	1.5	23.7	5.7	3.3	8.6	6.3	34.8	24.3	18.5	8.5
2014: January	60.7	38.6	0.6	21.5	7.5	3.0	2.9	2.3	34.1	23.0	16.2	10.3
February March	65.1 80.2	40.6 54.6	0.8	23.8 24.5	5.6 10.1	2.0 4.1	6.9 10.8	3.8 7.9	37.3 41.7	25.3 30.5	15.4 17.5	9.5 12.1
April May	94.9 92.5	60.8 60.9	0.8	33.3 30.8	11.0 8.3	4.9 5.0	17.6 16.6	10.7 11.2	43.8 49.8	30.1 32.7	22.5 17.9	15.1 12.0
June (r)	92.3 87.3	60.9	1.8	24.7	8.9	5.1	19.5	12.5	37.0	28.5	22.0	14.8
July (r)	102.8	61.9	1.2	39.7	12.7	4.6	17.1	11.2	47.7	31.6	25.3	14.4
August (p)	86.0	58.8	0.8	26.4	10.8	5.1	15.0	9.7	41.5	31.1	18.7	12.9
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.  $^2\,\mathrm{See}$  the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Computed using unrounded data.

Table 4. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Under Construction at End of Period

-		United States			Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
Period		In s	tructures wi	th								
1 Chou			2 to 4	5 units								
	Total	1 unit	units	or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
						Seasonall	y adjusted					
2013: August	653	320	(S)	322	101	38	100	58	296	156	156	68
September	661	323	(S)	327	102	39	102	58	298	157	159	69
October	668	322	(S)	335	106	41	106	58	295	155	161	68
November	688	330	(S)	348	104	40	112	59	308	162	164	69
December	711	339	(S)	362	105	41	115	60	320	168	171	70
2014: January	714	336	(S)	368	105	40	111	57	323	168	175	71
February	714	335	(S)	370	106	40	108	56	325	167	175	72
March	723	336	(S)	377	113	40	108	57	327	166	175	73
April	743	339	(S)	394	117	40	113	58	332	166	181	75
May	755	342	(S)	404	114	39	115	60	345	169	181	74
June (r)	769	343	(S)	416	118	39	121	61	344	168	186	75
July (r)	700	245	(0)	42.4	100	20	100		251	150	104	
July (1)	789	345	(S)	434	122	39	122	60	351	170	194	76
August (p)	794	350	(S)	434	122	39	122	60	354	175	196	76
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	3	(X)	4	7	5	4	5	3	4	5	5
Percent Change:												
August 2014 from July 2014	0.6%	1.4%	(S)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	2.9%	1.0%	0.0%
90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 1.2	± 1.4	(X)	± 1.7	± 3.8	± 4.0	± 2.6	± 3.7	± 1.7	± 2.1	± 1.7	± 2.6
August 2014 from August 201.	3 21.6%	9.4%	(S)	34.8%	20.8%	2.6%	22.0%	3.4%	19.6%	12.2%	25.6%	11.8%
90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 4.4	± 4.2	(X)	± 8.6	± 9.1	± 8.4	± 7.9	± 10.1	± 6.7	± 6.2	± 9.7	± 7.1
		1	1	1		Not season:	ally adjusted	i				
2012. Assessed		227.2		21.5	101.2	20.4	102.0	£1.0	201.0	1.52.1	150.0	72.0
2013: August September	665.1 673.6	337.2 337.2	11.3 11.0	316.7 325.5	101.2 102.3	39.4 39.8	102.8 105.7	61.8 61.4	301.8 303.5	163.1 163.3	159.3 162.2	72.8 72.7
1	075.0	337.2	11.0	323.3	102.0	37.0	100.7	01	505.5	103.5	102.2	,2.,
October	677.5	330.4	10.7	336.4	106.6	41.8	110.0	61.8	297.1	156.7	163.7	70.2
November	690.1	329.4	10.3	350.5	105.5	40.5	113.9	60.9	307.1	159.8	163.6	68.2
December	688.7	319.4	10.0	359.3	103.6	39.7	112.5	58.0	306.9	156.5	165.6	65.2
2014: January	693.4	317.2	9.5	366.7	103.8	38.9	107.3	53.2	312.1	158.1	170.2	67.1
February	694.9	315.8	9.5	369.5	104.0	38.1	102.9	50.7	317.3	159.6	170.8	67.5
March	711.9	322.6	9.7	379.6	112.8	39.0	103.1	52.0	324.0	161.9	172.0	69.7
April	742.4	336.4	9.7	396.3	117.7	40.6	110.9	55.4	332.6	165.9	181.1	74.6
May	760.9	344.6	9.0	407.3	115.1	39.1	114.5	59.2	348.7	171.7	182.6	74.5
June (r)	782.8	354.3	10.1	418.5	119.6	40.0	123.3	63.0	351.4	174.2	188.5	77.1
July (r)	807.7	363.1	10.1	434.5	122.3	39.7	126.1	63.9	359.9	178.4	199.4	81.1
August (p)	808.5	369.5	10.0	429.1	122.4	40.6	126.0	64.9	360.1	182.9	200.0	81.1
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	3	15	4	7	5	4	5	3	4	5	5

<sup>(</sup>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>&</sup>lt;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

	United States		North	Northeast		Midwest		South		West		
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
					Seas	sonally adju	isted annua	l rate				
2013: August	763	569	(S)	189	71	47	122	103	407	301	163	118
September	761	563	(S)	190	81	50	125	97	400	301	155	115
October	815	604	(S)	199	67	44	136	101	436	321	176	138
November	826	593	(S)	221	78	49	136	104	411	298	201	142
December	775	568	(S)	194	92	47	124	98	386	301	173	122
2014: January	850	609	(S)	227	95	52	134	117	434	322	187	118
February March	866	617	(S)	240	65	47	154	105 99	449 473	335 349	198 198	130 117
March	874	614	(S)	248	69	49	134	99	4/3	349	196	117
April	832	606	(S)	222	72	41	124	100	439	330	197	135
May June (r)	898 809	628 591	(S) (S)	258 213	117 79	66 53	152 149	90 107	416 407	329 291	213 174	143 140
11.4)												
July (r)	864	644	(S)	213	79	54	157	122	438	335	190	133
August (p)	892	591	(S)	292	104	41	151	98	437	303	200	149
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	5	5	(X)	13	19	15	10	9	8	8	10	9
Percent Change:												
August 2014 from July 2014	3.2%	-8.2%	(S)	37.1%	31.6%	-24.1%	-3.8%	-19.7%	-0.2%	-9.6%	5.3%	12.0%
90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 13.0	± 9.7	(X)	± 42.8	± 86.6	± 22.6	± 19.9	± 17.3	± 20.2	± 15.8	± 22.6	± 20.3
August 2014 from August 2013	16.9%	3.9%	(S)	54.5%	46.5%	-12.8%	23.8%	-4.9%	7.4%	0.7%	22.7%	26.3%
90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 14.7	± 9.0	(X)	±51.7	± 45.2	± 31.2 Not season:	± 31.0	± 17.4	± 18.4	± 12.0	± 30.2	± 24.2
	640.0	402.0	0.5	157.5					224 6	250.4	120.4	100 6
2012: 2013:	649.2 764.4	483.0 569.1	8.7 9.1	157.6 186.2	74.7 75.2	46.8 48.5	110.5 120.6	85.2 95.6	324.6 389.4	250.4 295.9	139.4 179.2	100.6 129.2
RSE (%)	2	1	18	5	6	4	3	4	2	3	3	2
2013: Year to Date	476.4	353.9	5.2	117.3	45.7	30.2	71.0	56.3	244.1	185.9	115.6	81.6
2014: Year to Date	549.7	386.2	5.7	157.8	54.5	31.1	89.8	63.3	281.4	207.0	124.0	84.8
RSE (%)	2	2	23	6	5	6	4	3	3	3	3	2
Year to Date Percent Change <sup>3</sup>	15.4%	9.1%	10.3%	34.6%	19.3%	3.0%					7.3%	3.9%
90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 5.0	± 3.7	± 32.8	± 20.0	± 14.8	±11.7	± 11.8	± 12.1	± 6.3	± 5.6	± 10.0	± 5.3
2013: August	71.6	50.7	0.5	20.5	6.9	4.3	11.4	9.4	38.2	26.7	15.1	10.3
September	69.7	50.9	0.7	18.0	7.3	4.3	12.3	9.7	35.8	26.5	14.3	10.5
October	73.7	56.9	1.0	15.9	6.4	4.6	12.6	9.8	38.9	29.8	15.7	12.7
November December	70.8	52.9	0.9	17.0	7.3	5.0	12.5	10.1	33.5	24.8	17.5	13.0
December	73.8	54.5	1.2	18.1	8.5	4.3	12.2	9.7	37.0	29.1	16.1	11.4
2014: January	56.2	40.3	0.9	15.0	6.2	3.3	8.2	7.1	29.2	21.8	12.6	8.0
February March	59.5 67.6	43.1 47.8	0.6 0.9	15.8 18.8	4.1 4.4	2.9 2.8	10.2 9.8	6.9 7.1	31.8 37.7	24.3 28.3	13.5 15.8	9.0 9.7
	07.0	47.0	0.7	10.0	4.4	2.0	7.0	7.1	37.7	20.3	13.0	<i>7.1</i>
April	63.8	46.4	0.3	17.1	5.5	3.1	9.2	7.3	34.2	25.7	15.0	10.2
May June (r)	73.4 71.0	52.7 51.0	0.9 0.4	19.7 19.6	10.0 6.8	6.1 4.5	12.2 12.7	7.5 8.9	33.7 36.5	27.0 25.8	17.5 15.0	12.2 11.9
July (r)	72.5	52.7	0.6	19.1	6.9	4.7	13.1	10.0	36.7	27.4	15.8	10.6
August (p)	85.8	52.1	1.0	32.7	10.6	3.6	14.5	8.6	41.7	26.7	18.9	13.3
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	5	5	41	13	19	15	10	9	8	8	10	9
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Computed using unrounded data.

 $<sup>^2\,\</sup>mathrm{See}$  the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.