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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN NOVEMBER 2008

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for November 2008:

BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in November were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 616,000. This is 15.6 percent ($\pm 1.6\%$) below the revised October rate of 730,000 and is 48.1 percent ($\pm 1.1\%$) below the revised November 2007 estimate of 1,187,000.

Single-family authorizations in November were at a rate of 412,000; this is 12.3 percent ($\pm 1.5\%$) below the October figure of 470,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 182,000 in November.

HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in November were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 625,000. This is 18.9 percent (\pm 8.9%) below the revised October estimate of 771,000 and is 47.0 percent (\pm 5.5%) below the revised November 2007 rate of 1,179,000.

Single-family housing starts in November were at a rate of 441,000; this is 16.9 percent ($\pm 8.5\%$) below the October figure of 531,000. The November rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 166,000.

HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in November were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,084,000. This is 3.3 percent $(\pm 9.5\%)^*$ above the revised October estimate of 1,049,000, but is 22.8 percent $(\pm 6.5\%)$ below the revised November 2007 rate of 1,404,000.

Single-family housing completions in November were at a rate of 760,000; this is 0.9 percent ($\pm 10.2\%$)* above the October figure of 753,000. The November rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 301,000.

New Residential Construction data for December 2008 will be released on Thursday, January 22, 2009, 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, 4 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 (±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 one percent. 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

| | | | 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 |
| | | | | | | Seas | sonally adju | sted annual | rate | | | | |
| 2007: | November | 1,187 | 767 | 53 | 367 | 126 | 70 | 192 | 131 | 594 | 406 | 275 | 160 |
| | December | 1,111 | 714 | 56 | 341 | 134 | 71 | 166 | 116 | 560 | 378 | 251 | 149 |
| 2008: | January | 1,052 | 675 | 43 | 334 | 126 | 68 | 180 | 112 | 539 | 365 | 207 | 130 |
| 2000. | February | 981 | 646 | 40 | 295 | 105 | 66 | 130 | 97 | 504 | 350 | 242 | 133 |
| | March | 932 | 621 | 37 | 274 | 111 | 60 | 126 | 93 | 502 | 340 | 193 | 128 |
| | April | 982 | 649 | 38 | 295 | 108 | 60 | 157 | 110 | 499 | 344 | 218 | 135 |
| | May | 978 | 635 | 34 | 309 | 137 | 58 | 147 | 109 | 460 | 330 | 234 | 133 |
| | June | 1,138 | 616 | 33 | 489 | 295 | 53 | 148 | 103 | 459 | 321 | 236 | 139 |
| | July | 937 | 584 | 33 | 320 | 105 | 56 | 147 | 99 | 487 | 306 | 198 | 123 |
| | August | 957 857 | 553 | 31 | 273 | 82 | 59 | 147 | 92 | 443 | 283 | 198 | 119 |
| | September | 805 | 538 | 34 | 233 | 93 | 55 | 134 | 94 | 408 | 277 | 170 | 112 |
| | October ^r | 720 | 470 | 29 | 221 | 75 | 47 | 121 | 96 | 262 | 242 | 161 | 94 |
| | October | 730 | 470 | 29 | 231 | 75 | 47 | 131 | 86 | 363 | 243 | 161 | 94 |
| | November ^p | 616 | 412 | 22 | 182 | 64 | 42 | 102 | 75 | 295 | 209 | 155 | 86 |
| Avera | ge RSE (%) ¹ | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Perce | nt Change: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | November 2008 from October 2008 | -15.6% | -12.3% | -24.1% | -21.2% | -14.7% | -10.6% | -22.1% | -12.8% | -18.7% | -14.0% | -3.7% | -8.5% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ³ | ± 1.6 | ± 1.5 | ± 1.8 | ± 4.9 | ± 2.1 | ± 2.7 | ± 5.5 | ± 6.6 | ± 0.9 | ± 1.1 | ± 5.3 | ± 7.4 |
| | November 2008 from November 2007 | -48.1% | -46.3% | -58.5% | -50.4% | -49.2% | -40.0% | -46.9% | -42.7% | -50.3% | -48.5% | -43.6% | -46.3% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ³ | ± 1.1 | ± 1.0 | ± 4.4 | ± 1.1 | ± 2.8 | ± 3.7 | ± 4.7 | ± 5.6 | ± 0.8 | ± 1.0 | ± 2.1 | ± 2.9 |
| | | | | | | | Not seasona | ally adjusted | 1 | | | | |
| 2006 | | 1,838.9 | 1,378.2 | 76.6 | 384.1 | 174.6 | 103.4 | 279.4 | 209.3 | 929.7 | 726.2 | 455.2 | 339.3 |
| 2007 | | 1,398.4 | 979.9 | 59.6 | 359.0 | 150.6 | 83.7 | 211.7 | 153.8 | 692.2 | 507.5 | 343.9 | 234.9 |
| RSE (| %) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| 2007: | Year to Date ² | 1,307.0 | 930.3 | 54.3 | 322.4 | 141.7 | 79.9 | 204.1 | 151.5 | 639.1 | 474.2 | 322.1 | 224.6 |
| | Year to Date ² | 852.3 | 545.2 | 31.0 | 276.1 | 113.7 | 52.6 | 131.6 | 91.9 | 420.9 | 285.9 | 186.0 | 114.9 |
| DCE (| W | | | | | | | _ | | | | | |
| RSE (| %) | 1 | 1 | 2 | (Z) | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | (Z) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | Year to Date Percent Change 4 | -34.8% | -41.4% | -42.9% | -14.4% | -19.8% | -34.2% | -35.5% | -39.4% | -34.1% | -39.7% | -42.2% | -48.8% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ³ | ± 0.8 | ± 1.0 | ± 2.2 | ± 1.0 | ± 3.2 | ± 4.7 | ± 2.1 | ± 2.5 | ± 0.5 | ± 0.6 | ± 1.2 | ± 1.5 |
| 2007: | November | 89.5 | 54.7 | 4.3 | 30.5 | 10.1 | 5.2 | 14.9 | 9.9 | 44.3 | 28.8 | 20.2 | 10.8 |
| 2007. | December | 77.8 | 45.2 | 4.0 | 28.7 | 9.8 | 4.6 | 10.0 | 6.2 | 40.4 | 24.9 | 17.6 | 9.6 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008: | January February | 75.9 73.4 | 47.5 47.5 | 2.8 2.8 | 25.6 23.0 | 8.0 6.4 | 4.2 3.8 | 10.1 7.9 | 5.9 5.3 | 43.0 40.3 | 28.2 28.5 | 14.8 18.8 | 9.2 9.9 |
| | March | 77.4 | 53.6 | 3.0 | 20.8 | 8.4 | 4.7 | 9.9 | 7.5 | 43.2 | 30.2 | 15.9 | 11.2 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | April May | 89.5 90.3 | 62.7 61.1 | 3.4 2.9 | 23.4 26.2 | 9.7 12.6 | 5.7 5.6 | 15.7 14.2 | 11.5 11.4 | 44.4 41.6 | 32.4 30.7 | 19.8 21.9 | 13.1 13.5 |
| | June | 108.1 | 58.7 | 2.9 | 46.5 | 29.7 | 5.2 | 14.4 | 10.2 | 41.6 | 29.4 | 22.5 | 13.8 |
| | Lebe | 00.7 | | 2.5 | 25.5 | | | | | | 27.5 | | |
| | July August | 83.5 73.9 | 55.0 47.4 | 3.0 2.7 | 25.5 23.8 | 9.8 7.2 | 5.6 5.3 | 14.3 12.9 | 10.1 8.2 | 42.2 38.0 | 27.7 24.0 | 17.2 15.8 | 11.6 9.9 |
| | September | 68.8 | 45.3 | 3.1 | 20.4 | 8.2 | 5.0 | 12.9 | 8.8 | 33.1 | 22.4 | 14.7 | 9.9 |
| | O-t-l ^I | | 20.0 | | 10.7 | | | ,,,, | 0.0 | 20.5 | 10.0 | 12.0 | |
| | October ^r | 61.7 | 39.9 | 2.5 | 19.4 | 6.8 | 4.4 | 12.2 | 8.3 | 29.0 | 19.6 | 13.8 | 7.7 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 A |
| | November ^p | 40.2 | 25.7 | 1.4 | 13.2 | 4.6 | 2.7 | 7.0 | 4.9 | 18.8 | 13.0 | 9.8 | 5.0 |

PPreliminary. 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.

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

⁴ Computed using unrounded data.

Table 2. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized, but Not Started, at End of Period

[Not seasonally adjusted. Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| | | | United States | | North | neast | Midwest | | South | | West | | |
|-------|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|---------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Period | | In st | ructures wi | th | | | | | | | | |
| | 10.00 | Total | 1 unit | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more | Total | 1 unit | Total | 1 unit | Total | 1 unit | Total | 1 unit |
| 2007: | November | 175.2 | 107.0 | 5.0 | 63.2 | 19.6 | 10.6 | 18.2 | 9.3 | 87.7 | 57.7 | 49.7 | 29.5 |
| | December | 178.3 | 103.2 | 5.9 | 69.3 | 20.8 | 10.3 | 19.6 | 9.4 | 87.4 | 53.9 | 50.5 | 29.6 |
| 2008: | January | 182.0 | 105.3 | 6.0 | 70.7 | 20.7 | 9.7 | 21.1 | 10.3 | 91.3 | 55.0 | 48.9 | 30.3 |
| | February | 176.7 | 104.9 | 6.4 | 65.3 | 19.6 | 9.8 | 20.1 | 10.4 | 87.9 | 55.6 | 49.1 | 29.1 |
| | March | 168.1 | 99.8 | 5.6 | 62.6 | 16.1 | 9.7 | 19.7 | 9.8 | 86.6 | 52.7 | 45.7 | 27.7 |
| | April | 164.8 | 100.5 | 5.0 | 59.3 | 17.1 | 9.5 | 20.4 | 11.7 | 85.2 | 53.6 | 42.1 | 25.6 |
| | May | 163.7 | 98.4 | 5.5 | 59.9 | 17.6 | 8.9 | 21.3 | 11.6 | 81.5 | 51.6 | 43.3 | 26.2 |
| | June | 166.2 | 94.3 | 5.5 | 66.4 | 24.1 | 8.7 | 20.9 | 11.1 | 75.7 | 47.3 | 45.5 | 27.2 |
| | July | 159.0 | 91.4 | 4.8 | 62.9 | 19.4 | 8.3 | 18.8 | 10.4 | 76.7 | 47.3 | 44.1 | 25.4 |
| | August | 152.5 | 83.1 | 4.9 | 64.4 | 13.9 | 7.6 | 18.6 | 8.5 | 78.9 | 45.1 | 41.0 | 21.9 |
| | September ^r | 143.6 | 80.9 | 5.0 | 57.6 | 13.4 | 7.7 | 16.8 | 9.3 | 73.0 | 42.7 | 40.4 | 21.1 |
| | October | 129.9 | 74.5 | 4.8 | 50.6 | 11.4 | 6.1 | 15.1 | 8.9 | 65.7 | 40.4 | 37.7 | 19.0 |
| | November ^p | 121.1 | 68.8 | 4.1 | 48.3 | 11.2 | 6.2 | 14.6 | 7.8 | 59.1 | 38.1 | 36.3 | 16.7 |
| Avera | ge RSE (%) ¹ | 5 | 7 | 15 | 7 | 13 | 19 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 15 |
| Perce | ent Change: ² | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | November 2008 from October 2008 | -6.7% | -7.7% | -14.8% | -4.5% | -1.8% | 1.6% | -3.5% | -12.4% | -10.1% | -5.9% | -3.5% | -12.4% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ³ | ± 2.3 | ± 3.0 | ± 8.8 | ± 4.1 | ± 6.2 | ± 8.3 | ± 8.1 | ± 10.7 | ± 3.7 | ± 3.8 | ± 3.2 | ± 5.1 |
| | November 2008 from November 2007 | -30.9% | -35.7% | -19.1% | -23.5% | -42.9% | -41.0% | -19.9% | -16.0% | -32.7% | -34.1% | -26.9% | -43.4% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ³ | ± 5.7 | ± 4.7 | ± 21.7 | ± 12.0 | ± 7.4 | ± 9.9 | ± 22.4 | ± 21.8 | ± 9.2 | ± 7.8 | ± 8.1 | ± 8.3 |

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised. RSE Relative Standard Error.

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.

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

Table 3. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started

| | | | United | States | | Nortl | neast | Mid | west | So | uth | W | est |
|-------|--|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 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 | onally adju | sted annual | rate | | | | |
| 2007: | November | 1,179 | 816 | (S) | 342 | 128 | 82 | 209 | 139 | 587 | 422 | 255 | 173 |
| | December | 1,000 | 779 | (S) | 211 | 101 | 74 | 137 | 120 | 549 | 435 | 213 | 150 |
| 2008: | January | 1,064 | 750 | (S) | 287 | 137 | 103 | 156 | 119 | 531 | 403 | 240 | 125 |
| | February | 1,107 | 722 | (S) | 356 | 129 | 67 | 154 | 110 | 577 | 376 | 247 | 169 |
| | March | 988 | 711 | (S) | 261 | 115 | 67 | 135 | 108 | 515 | 380 | 223 | 156 |
| | April | 1,004 | 681 | (S) | 308 | 93 | 59 | 164 | 104 | 504 | 353 | 243 | 165 |
| | May | 982 | 682 | (S) | 280 | 123 | 66 | 139 | 113 | 500 | 365 | 220 | 138 |
| | June | 1,089 | 663 | (S) | 404 | 251 | 63 | 139 | 113 | 490 | 348 | 209 | 139 |
| | July | 949 | 644 | (S) | 291 | 168 | 73 | 155 | 109 | 441 | 320 | 185 | 142 |
| | August | 854 | 615 | (S) | 224 | 134 | 62 | 128 | 113 | 401 | 303 | 191 | 137 |
| | September ^r | 824 | 551 | (S) | 254 | 112 | 57 | 138 | 87 | 410 | 290 | 164 | 117 |
| | October ^r | 771 | 531 | (S) | 227 | 78 | 57 | 121 | 93 | 411 | 265 | 161 | 116 |
| | October | //1 | 331 | (3) | 221 | 78 | 37 | 121 | 93 | 411 | 203 | 101 | 110 |
| | November ^p | 625 | 441 | (S) | 166 | 51 | 33 | 93 | 81 | 347 | 229 | 134 | 98 |
| Avera | ge RSE (%) ¹ | 5 | 4 | (X) | 13 | 13 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 9 |
| Perce | ent Change: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | November 2008 from October 2008 | -18.9% | -16.9% | (S) | -26.9% | -34.6% | -42.1% | -23.1% | -12.9% | -15.6% | -13.6% | -16.8% | -15.5% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ² | ± 8.9 | ± 8.5 | (X) | ± 23.6 | ± 16.6 | ± 14.1 | ± 15.4 | ± 20.6 | ± 15.4 | ± 10.4 | ± 15.5 | ± 20.6 |
| | November 2008 from November 2007 | -47.0% | -46.0% | (S) | -51.5% | -60.2% | -59.8% | -55.5% | -41.7% | -40.9% | -45.7% | -47.5% | -43.4% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ² | ± 5.5 | ± 4.9 | (X) | ± 12.5 | ± 9.5 | ± 15.7 | ± 9.3 | ± 12.2 | ± 10.4 | ± 5.9 | ± 9.8 | ± 12.2 |
| | | | | | | | Not seasona | lly adjusted | i | | | | |
| 2006 | | 1,800.9 | 1,465.4 | 42.7 | 292.8 | 167.2 | 118.0 | 279.5 | 235.3 | 910.3 | 756.5 | 443.8 | 355.6 |
| 2007 | | 1,355.0 | 1,046.0 | 31.7 | 277.3 | 142.9 | 93.0 | 210.1 | 171.1 | 681.1 | 539.5 | 320.9 | 242.4 |
| RSE (| %) | 1 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 2007: | Year to Date | 1,286.1 | 993.7 | 30.9 | 261.5 | 135.5 | 87.6 | 202.1 | 164.4 | 642.2 | 509.2 | 306.3 | 232.5 |
| | Year to Date | 864.4 | 593.2 | 17.0 | 254.2 | 116.3 | 58.4 | 129.0 | 98.0 | 432.4 | 308.7 | 186.7 | 128.1 |
| DCE / | 0/ \ | | | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 2 |
| RSE (| %) | 1 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | Year to Date Percent Change 3 | -32.8% | -40.3% | -44.9% | -2.8% | -14.2% | -33.4% | -36.2% | -40.4% | -32.7% | -39.4% | -39.0% | -44.9% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ² | ± 1.4 | ± 1.4 | ± 10.2 | ± 7.8 | ± 6.2 | ± 5.8 | ± 3.4 | ± 2.3 | ± 2.1 | ± 1.9 | ± 2.6 | ± 3.3 |
| 2007: | November | 88.8 | 58.6 | 1.8 | 28.4 | 10.4 | 6.5 | 16.7 | 10.9 | 42.5 | 28.8 | 19.2 | 12.4 |
| 2007. | December | 68.9 | 52.3 | 0.8 | 15.9 | 7.4 | 5.4 | 8.0 | 6.7 | 38.9 | 30.3 | 14.6 | 9.9 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008: | January February | 70.8 | 48.5 | 1.9 | 20.4 | 8.2 | 5.8 | 8.2 | 5.5 | 38.0 | 28.9 | 16.5 | 8.3 |
| | March | 78.4 82.2 | 51.9 61.5 | 2.0 1.2 | 24.5 19.5 | 7.6 8.6 | 3.3 5.0 | 8.7 9.7 | 5.7 7.7 | 44.2 45.2 | 30.4 35.1 | 17.9 18.6 | 12.5 13.6 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | April | 89.5 | 62.6 | 1.3 | 25.7 | 8.2 | 5.3 | 15.0 | 10.0 | 45.3 | 32.6 | 21.1 | 14.6 |
| | May | 91.7 102.5 | 66.1 | 1.7 1.9 | 23.9 | 11.7 23.0 | 6.8 | 14.2 | 12.0 | 44.9 | 33.4 | 20.8 19.5 | 13.8 |
| | | 102.3 | 65.2 | 1.9 | 35.3 | 23.0 | 6.6 | 14.1 | 11.8 | 45.8 | 33.4 | 19.5 | 13.4 |
| | June | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | July | 86.7 | 59.9 | 1.2 | 25.6 | 15.1 | 6.8 | 15.4 | 11.4 | 38.7 | 28.1 | 17.4 | 13.7 |
| | July August | 86.7 76.4 | 54.4 | 1.4 | 20.6 | 12.7 | 6.1 | 11.9 | 10.5 | 34.7 | 25.8 | 17.0 | 12.0 |
| | July | 86.7 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | July August | 86.7 76.4 | 54.4 | 1.4 | 20.6 | 12.7 | 6.1 | 11.9 | 10.5 | 34.7 | 25.8 | 17.0 | 12.0 |
| | July August September ^r | 86.7 76.4 73.9 | 54.4 48.7 | 1.4 1.8 | 20.6 23.4 | 12.7 9.8 | 6.1 4.7 | 11.9 13.1 | 10.5 8.4 | 34.7 36.5 | 25.8 25.4 | 17.0 14.5 | 12.0 10.1 |

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¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period. ³ Computed using unrounded data.

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

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

| | | | United | United States | | | Northeast | | Midwest | | uth | West | |
|-------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Period | | In st | ructures wi | th | | | | | | | | |
| | renod | | | 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 | | | | | |
| 2007: | November | 1,077 | 623 | (S) | 424 | 161 | 70 | 170 | 114 | 455 | 273 | 291 | 166 |
| | December | 1,055 | 608 | (S) | 417 | 157 | 68 | 166 | 111 | 448 | 269 | 284 | 160 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008: | January | 1,034 | 590 | (S) | 416 | 157 | 69 | 165 | 109 | 435 | 260 | 277 | 152 |
| | February | 1,024 | 580 | (S) | 416 | 159 | 70 | 162 | 105 | 428 | 253 | 275 | 152 |
| | March | 1,013 | 563 | (S) | 423 | 161 | 68 | 158 | 102 | 423 | 246 | 271 | 147 |
| | April | 1,006 | 550 | (S) | 429 | 158 | 64 | 157 | 99 | 420 | 240 | 271 | 147 |
| | May | 989 | 530 | (S) | 434 | 156 | 62 | 152 | 95 | 415 | 233 | 266 | 140 |
| | June | 977 | 511 | (S) | 442 | 169 | 62 | 145 | 89 | 403 | 226 | 260 | 134 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | July | 955 | 489 | (S) | 442 | 169 | 60 | 144 | 87 | 391 | 216 | 251 | 126 |
| | August | 939 | 479 | (S) | 437 | 172 | 59 | 139 | 85 | 377 | 210 | 251 | 125 |
| | September ^r | 905 | 456 | (S) | 428 | 172 | 58 | 126 | 79 | 365 | 201 | 242 | 118 |
| | October ^r | 881 | 439 | (S) | 421 | 171 | 58 | 122 | 76 | 356 | 191 | 232 | 114 |
| | | | | . , | | | | | | | | | |
| | November ^p | 857 | 419 | (S) | 418 | 167 | 56 | 117 | 73 | 348 | 180 | 225 | 110 |
| Avera | ge RSE (%) ¹ | 2 | 3 | (X) | 3 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| Perc | ent Change: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | November 2008 from October 2008 | -2.7% | -4.6% | (S) | -0.7% | -2.3% | -3.4% | -4.1% | -3.9% | -2.2% | -5.8% | -3.0% | -3.5% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ² | ± 0.8 | ± 1.1 | (X) | ± 1.5 | ± 1.2 | ± 1.4 | ± 2.2 | ± 2.4 | ± 1.6 | ± 1.9 | ± 1.3 | ± 1.8 |
| | November 2008 from November 2007 | -20.4% | -32.7% | (S) | -1.4% | 3.7% | -20.0% | -31.2% | -36.0% | -23.5% | -34.1% | -22.7% | -33.7% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ² | ± 2.4 | ± 2.3 | (X) | ± 5.2 | ± 4.2 | ± 5.5 | ± 5.7 | ± 5.9 | ± 4.4 | ± 3.1 | ± 3.6 | ± 5.8 |
| | 90% Confidence Interval | ± 2.7 | ± 2.5 | (11) | ± 3.2 | | | | | = 1.7 | ±3.1 | ±3.0 | ±5.0 |
| | | | | | | | Not seasona | ally adjusted | i | | | | |
| 2007: | November | 1,085.2 | 626.8 | 30.7 | 427.7 | 163.4 | 71.1 | 174.0 | 117.4 | 455.3 | 271.8 | 292.5 | 166.4 |
| | December | 1,025.0 | 579.1 | 29.6 | 416.3 | 155.9 | 67.0 | 162.5 | 107.2 | 431.6 | 253.3 | 274.9 | 151.6 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008: | January | 1,002.4 | 559.2 | 28.4 | 414.8 | 155.0 | 67.0 | 158.3 | 102.1 | 421.0 | 246.4 | 268.1 | 143.8 |
| | February March | 989.6 988.6 | 548.1 540.5 | 27.6 27.1 | 414.0 421.0 | 153.4 156.2 | 64.9 64.0 | 152.5 150.1 | 96.1 94.6 | 416.3 416.6 | 242.0 240.4 | 267.4 265.6 | 145.0 141.5 |
| | Match | 988.0 | 340.3 | 27.1 | 421.0 | 150.2 | 64.0 | 150.1 | 94.6 | 410.0 | 240.4 | 203.0 | 141.5 |
| | April | 999.9 | 542.5 | 26.6 | 430.8 | 156.4 | 62.4 | 152.9 | 94.9 | 421.3 | 240.8 | 269.4 | 144.5 |
| | May | 995.4 | 535.9 | 25.2 | 434.4 | 155.7 | 61.7 | 151.2 | 94.3 | 419.8 | 237.2 | 268.8 | 142.7 |
| | June | 992.6 | 525.2 | 24.4 | 443.0 | 171.1 | 63.4 | 147.3 | 91.5 | 410.0 | 232.7 | 264.3 | 137.6 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | July | 983.2 | 513.7 | 23.7 | 445.8 | 172.6 | 62.9 | 150.4 | 92.9 | 401.5 | 225.0 | 258.7 | 133.0 |
| | August | 963.7 | 504.7 | 22.5 | 436.6 | 175.4 | 62.6 | 145.1 | 91.0 | 385.8 | 219.4 | 257.4 | 131.7 |
| | September ^r | 926.5 | 476.7 | 21.2 | 428.7 | 174.5 | 60.5 | 131.9 | 84.7 | 373.0 | 208.7 | 247.1 | 122.8 |
| | October ^r | 897.2 | 452.1 | 20.9 | 424.2 | 174.2 | 60.2 | 126.5 | 80.4 | 360.7 | 194.7 | 235.9 | 116.8 |
| | November ^p | 858.6 | 418.9 | 20.1 | 419.5 | 168.2 | 56.7 | 118.4 | 74.4 | 347.2 | 178.5 | 224.8 | 109.3 |
| Aver | ge RSE (%) ¹ | 2 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| | g (/*/ | | | | | | | | | | | | |

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised. 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.

¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

²See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals

Table 5. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Completed

| | | | United | States | | Nortl | neast | Mid | west | So | uth | We | est |
|--------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--|------------|
| | 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 | onally adju | sted annual | rate | | | | |
| 2007: | November | 1,404 | 1,140 | (S) | 234 | 124 | 93 | 216 | 193 | 686 | 545 | 378 | 309 |
| | December | 1,329 | 1,026 | (S) | 287 | 143 | 94 | 194 | 175 | 645 | 498 | 347 | 259 |
| 2008- | January | 1,331 | 998 | (S) | 291 | 125 | 80 | 191 | 169 | 680 | 512 | 225 | 237 |
| 2008. | February | 1,331 | 998 | (S) | 315 | 101 | 67 | 228 | 178 | 682 | 485 | | 176 |
| | March | 1,192 | 909 | (S) | 269 | 104 | 83 | 183 | 150 | 613 | 460 | 292 | 216 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | April May | 1,033 1,144 | 808 877 | (S) (S) | 192 249 | 117 135 | 90 88 | 146 182 | 124 150 | 523 574 | 416 452 | | 178 187 |
| | June | 1,131 | 844 | (S) | 266 | 85 | 62 | 201 | 170 | 582 | 420 | 263 | 192 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | July | 1,086 | 830 | (S) | 233 | 136 | 91 | 141 | 118 | 536 | 409 | 273 | 212 |
| | August | 1,012 | 708 | (S) | 286 | 91 | 64 | 170 | 128 | 538 | 358 | | 158 |
| | September ^r | 1,155 | 820 | (S) | 300 | 113 | 70 | 237 | 147 | 535 | 399 | 2/0 | 204 |
| | October ^r | 1,049 | 753 | (S) | 283 | 91 | 59 | 163 | 136 | 535 | 388 | 260 | 170 |
| | November ^p | 1,084 | 760 | (S) | 301 | 129 | 70 | 173 | 130 | 508 | 379 | 274 | 181 |
| Averag | ge RSE (%) ¹ | 5 | 5 | (X) | 15 | 14 | 14 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Percei | nt Change: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | November 2008 from October 2008 | 3.3% | 0.9% | (S) | 6.4% | 41.8% | 18.6% | 6.1% | -4.4% | -5.0% | -2.3% | 5.4% | 6.5% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ² | ± 9.5 | ± 10.2 | (X) | ± 24.3 | ± 26.0 | ± 27.1 | ± 21.4 | ± 20.3 | ± 14.1 | ± 16.3 | ± 17.3 | ± 14.3 |
| | November 2008 from November 2007 | -22.8% | -33.3% | (S) | 28.6% | 4.0% | -24.7% | -19.9% | -32.6% | -25.9% | -30.5% | -27.5% | -41.4% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ² | ± 6.5 | ± 5.8 | (X) | ± 32.4 | ± 20.3 | ± 15.8 | ± 17.2 | ± 12.3 | ± 9.5 | ± 10.5 | ±11.9 | ± 10.6 |
| | | | | | | | Not seasona | ally adjusted | i | | | | |
| 2006 | | 1,979.4 | 1,654.5 | 40.8 | 284.2 | 179.1 | 128.3 | 325.1 | 285.5 | 986.7 | 825.8 | 488.6 | 414.9 |
| 2007 | | 1,502.8 | 1,218.4 | 31.4 | 253.0 | 144.8 | 104.6 | 222.7 | 188.6 | 766.1 | 631.5 | 369.3 | 293.8 |
| RSE (9 | 6) | 1 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| 2007: | Year to Date | 1,376.0 | 1,118.9 | 29.9 | 227.2 | 130.9 | 95.2 | 204.2 | 171.8 | 704.3 | 583.0 | 226.5 | 269.0 |
| | Year to Date | 1,020.2 | 751.1 | 21.9 | 247.1 | 99.7 | 66.6 | 164.9 | 130.3 | 515.9 | 381.0 | | 173.2 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RSE (9 | 6) | 2 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| | Year to Date Percent Change 3 | -25.9% | -32.9% | -26.8% | 8.8% | -23.9% | -30.1% | -19.2% | -24.2% | -26.7% | -34.6% | -28.8% | -35.6% |
| | 90% Confidence Interval ² | ± 2.2 | ± 1.9 | ± 15.4 | ± 9.8 | ± 8.9 | ± 7.0 | ± 4.9 | ±4.8 | ± 3.6 | ± 2.9 | ± 3.8 | ± 3.2 |
| 2007: | November | 118.7 | 98.9 | 2.3 | 17.5 | 10.9 | 8.6 | 19.9 | 18.2 | 56.6 | 46.0 | 31.3 | 26.1 |
| | December | 126.8 | 99.4 | 1.5 | 25.8 | 13.8 | 9.4 | 18.4 | 16.8 | 61.8 | 48.5 | 32.7 | 24.8 |
| 2008: | January | 93.5 | 69.0 | 3.1 | 21.4 | 8.7 | 5.4 | 12.9 | 11.3 | 48.4 | 36.0 | 23.6 | 16.4 |
| 2000. | February | 87.0 | 63.2 | 2.1 | 21.7 | 7.2 | 4.9 | 15.2 | 11.8 | 48.1 | 34.5 | 16.5 | 12.1 |
| | March | 89.8 | 69.0 | 1.0 | 19.8 | 7.0 | 5.4 | 12.6 | 10.2 | 47.1 | 35.9 | 23.1 | 17.5 |
| | April | 79.6 | 62.0 | 2.5 | 15.0 | 8.6 | 6.5 | 11.2 | 9.5 | 40.6 | 32.3 | 19.0 | 13.6 |
| | May | 96.5 | 73.6 | 1.5 | 21.4 | 11.5 | 7.4 | 15.2 | 12.5 | 48.5 | 38.0 | 21.3 | 15.6 |
| | June | 99.7 | 73.6 | 1.9 | 24.2 | 7.6 | 5.5 | 17.3 | 14.5 | 51.4 | 36.6 | 23.4 | 16.9 |
| | July | 91.5 | 69.2 | 2.0 | 20.3 | 11.1 | 7.2 | 11.6 | 9.6 | 45.7 | 34.7 | 23.0 | 17.7 |
| | August | 94.5 | 62.3 | 1.9 | 30.2 | 8.9 | 6.1 | 16.0 | 11.5 | 50.0 | 30.9 | Total 378 347 335 240 292 247 253 263 273 213 270 260 274 8 5.4% ± 17.3 -27.5% ± 11.9 488.6 369.3 3 336.5 239.6 3 -28.8% ± 3.8 31.3 32.7 23.6 16.5 23.1 19.0 21.3 23.4 | 13.8 |
| | September ^r | 104.2 | 75.3 | 3.0 | 25.9 | 10.4 | 6.7 | 22.1 | 14.3 | 47.2 | 35.5 | 24.5 | 18.8 |
| | October ^r | 93.5 | 68.3 | 1.2 | 24.1 | 8.0 | 5.2 | 15.2 | 12.9 | 47.4 | 34.9 | 22.9 | 15.3 |
| | November ^p | 90.4 | 65.7 | 1.7 | 23.0 | 10.7 | 6.3 | 15.6 | 12.3 | 41.4 | 31.6 | 22.6 | 15.5 |
| | | | 5 | 26 | | | | | | | | | 9 |

Preliminary. 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.

¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

³ Computed using unrounded data.

 $^{^{2}}$ See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.