

Table 1. New Privately Owned Housing Units Started

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

Period	Total	In structures with --				Northeast	Midwest	South	West
		1 unit	2 units	3 and 4 units	5 units or more				
1a. Seasonally adjusted annual rate									
1997 - May	1,404	1,095	34	275	123	297	624	360	
June	1,502	1,132	40	330	116	311	707	368	
July	1,461	1,144	38	279	146	302	668	345	
August	1,383	1,076	43	264	126	277	645	335	
September	1,501	1,174	45	282	139	304	696	362	
October	1,529	1,124	64	341	113	328	714	374	
November	1,523	1,167	40	316	182	272	661	408	
December	1,540	1,130	62	348	131	337	677	395	
1998 - January	1,545	1,225	49	271	159	342	665	379	
February	1,616	1,263	63	290	200	367	710	339	
March	1,585	1,239	45	301	146	319	725	395	
April (r)	1,541	1,233	44	264	132	349	688	372	
May (p)	1,530	1,228	40	262	151	310	706	363	
Average relative standard error (%)	3	3	14	7	9	6	4	3	
1b. Not seasonally adjusted									
1996	1,476.8	1,160.9	16.4	28.8	270.8	132.1	321.5	661.9	361.4
1997	1,474.0	1,133.7	18.1	26.4	295.8	136.8	303.6	670.3	363.3
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	6	9	2	1	2	2	1
1997 First 5 months	575.9	453.5	5.8	9.3	107.2	50.6	109.0	270.1	146.1
1998 First 5 months	612.6	490.0	6.3	11.0	105.3	54.5	119.0	288.1	151.1
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	8	13	5	7	3	2	1
1997 - May	136.3	106.2	1.2	1.9	27.0	11.7	31.5	58.8	34.4
June	140.4	108.8	1.4	2.6	27.5	11.6	31.9	62.3	34.5
July	134.6	107.4	1.9	1.5	23.7	14.6	30.0	58.9	31.1
August	126.5	98.8	1.5	2.0	24.2	11.6	28.1	55.5	31.3
September	139.2	108.3	2.2	2.0	26.7	13.7	29.7	62.6	33.1
October	139.0	99.2	2.0	4.4	33.4	11.2	34.0	60.9	33.0
November	112.4	83.7	1.6	2.2	25.0	14.7	21.2	49.4	27.1
December	106.0	73.9	1.8	2.3	28.1	8.8	19.6	50.6	27.0
1998 - January	91.2	72.3	0.8	1.5	16.5	8.0	14.4	42.9	25.9
February	101.1	78.9	0.8	3.2	18.1	9.4	17.3	51.2	23.2
March	132.6	107.2	1.6	1.9	21.9	11.0	23.3	63.2	35.0
April (r)	144.5	116.6	1.7	2.3	23.8	12.3	33.2	65.4	33.6
May (p)	143.2	115.0	1.3	1.9	25.0	13.7	30.7	65.4	33.4
Average relative standard error (%)	3	3	13	21	7	9	6	4	3

(p) Preliminary. (r) Revised. (X) Not applicable. (Z) Less than 50 units or less than 0.5 percent.

Average relative standard error (Avg. RSE): Annual -- Avg. RSE for the last 2 years; Year to Date -- Avg. RSE for the current period and the same period last year; Monthly -- Avg. RSE for the latest 6 month period (January-June or July-December).