

Table 2. Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits

(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				
2a. Seasonally adjusted annual rate (19,000 permit-issuing places)									
1997 - May	1,422	1,046	65	311	129	293	624	376	
June	1,398	1,051	68	279	141	299	619	339	
July	1,441	1,052	77	312	138	285	657	361	
August	1,445	1,059	64	322	141	304	630	370	
September	1,475	1,084	67	324	136	299	646	394	
October	1,502	1,106	74	322	134	295	682	391	
November	1,475	1,102	58	315	144	299	651	381	
December	1,467	1,094	82	291	153	321	612	381	
1998 - January	1,553	1,142	70	341	174	336	667	376	
February	1,635	1,176	74	385	169	356	721	389	
March	1,569	1,136	71	362	146	311	733	379	
April (r)	1,517	1,145	55	317	133	305	664	415	
May (p)	1,545	1,149	66	330	134	321	721	369	
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	4	2	2	2	1	1	
2b. Not seasonally adjusted (19,000 permit-issuing places)									
1996	1,425.6	1,069.5	33.6	32.2	290.3	136.9	317.8	623.4	347.4
1997	1,441.1	1,062.4	34.9	33.6	310.3	141.9	299.8	635.9	363.5
Average relative standard error (%)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
1997 First 5 months	571.1	430.4	14.1	11.8	114.9	55.3	114.6	260.7	140.5
1998 First 5 months	623.7	470.1	12.3	13.6	127.7	56.1	121.4	291.7	154.5
Average relative standard error (%)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
1997 - May	131.6	101.3	3.0	2.8	24.6	12.8	29.4	55.8	33.5
June	133.6	100.9	3.2	3.4	26.2	14.0	29.2	57.1	33.3
July	133.7	99.8	3.3	3.3	27.2	13.5	27.8	58.7	33.7
August	126.0	91.8	2.5	2.9	28.7	12.9	28.3	53.4	31.4
September	134.4	95.6	3.0	3.2	32.7	12.4	28.8	57.4	35.7
October	135.5	97.5	3.7	3.9	30.4	12.5	29.5	58.0	35.5
November	100.4	72.5	2.3	2.2	23.3	10.6	21.3	44.0	24.5
December	106.4	73.9	2.8	2.9	26.8	10.7	20.3	46.5	28.9
1998 - January	93.5	68.3	2.0	2.0	21.1	9.6	14.6	45.5	23.8
February	105.6	76.6	2.2	2.6	24.3	8.7	18.5	51.7	26.7
March	138.0	103.8	2.8	3.4	28.0	11.7	25.7	67.5	33.1
April (r)	144.7	112.9	2.7	2.7	26.4	12.9	30.8	62.4	38.7
May (p)	137.8	105.6	2.5	3.2	26.5	12.8	31.1	62.9	31.1
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	5	7	2	2	2	1	1
2c. Not started at end of period - not seasonally adjusted (19,000 permit-issuing places)									
1997 - May	124.7	72.7	3.6	48.5	15.1	19.9	68.4	21.4	
1998 - March (r)	128.9	73.7	4.9	50.3	11.9	18.9	71.0	27.1	
April (r)	136.2	79.9	3.8	52.5	11.7	19.6	72.7	32.2	
May (p)	134.9	77.5	5.0	52.4	11.0	21.3	73.4	29.2	
Average relative standard error (%)	3	3	10	6	9	9	4	5	

See footnotes below Table 1.