

**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				
<b>1a. Seasonally adjusted annual rate</b>									
<b>1997 - September</b>	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	
<b>1998 - January</b>	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	1,546	1,237	44	265	128	346	690	382	
May	1,538	1,224	51	263	152	299	705	382	
June	1,620	1,269	45	306	136	311	758	415	
July (r)	1,704	1,300	42	362	152	318	802	432	
August (r)	1,616	1,253	53	310	140	308	776	392	
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>414</b>	
Average relative standard error (%)	3	2	16	11	13	6	4	4	
<b>1b. Not seasonally adjusted</b>									
<b>1996</b>	1,476.8	1,160.9	16.4	28.8	270.8	132.1	321.5	661.9	361.4
<b>1997</b>	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
<b>1997 First 9 months</b>	1,116.5	876.9	12.8	17.5	209.4	102.1	228.7	509.4	276.3
<b>1998 First 9 months</b>	1,218.9	965.9	12.9	21.4	218.7	109.8	244.2	558.6	306.4
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	7	12	3	4	2	1	1
<b>1997 - September</b>	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
January	91.2	72.3	0.8	1.5	16.5	8.0	14.4	42.9	25.9
<b>1998 - February</b>	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	144.9	117.3	1.8	2.2	23.7	11.9	33.2	65.4	34.4
May	143.3	114.4	1.9	2.6	24.3	14.1	29.7	64.5	34.9
June	159.6	128.7	1.7	3.0	26.1	14.0	33.7	70.4	41.5
July (r)	156.0	120.5	1.5	2.3	31.7	15.3	31.2	70.6	38.8
August (r)	147.5	114.2	1.6	3.0	28.7	13.0	30.8	68.1	35.6
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>112.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>37.2</b>
Average relative standard error (%)	3	2	12	27	11	13	6	4	4

(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).