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## NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN AUGUST 2004

The U.S. Commerce Department's Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for August 2004:

### BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,952,000. This is 5.5 percent ( $\pm 0.8\%$ ) below the revised July rate of 2,066,000 and is 0.6 percent ( $\pm 1.0\%$ ) below the August 2003 estimate of 1,964,000.

Single-family authorizations in August were at a rate of 1,538,000; this is 3.0 percent ( $\pm 0.7\%$ ) below the July figure of 1,586,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 326,000 in August.

### HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2,000,000. This is 0.6 percent ( $\pm 6.1\%$ ) above the revised July estimate of 1,988,000 and is 9.0 percent ( $\pm 7.1\%$ ) above the August 2003 rate of 1,835,000.

Single-family housing starts in August 2004 were at a rate of 1,667,000; this is 0.4 percent ( $\pm 6.7\%$ ) above the July figure of 1,660,000. The August estimate for units in buildings with five units or more was 265,000.

### HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,899,000. This is 1.6 percent ( $\pm 8.9\%$ ) above the revised July estimate of 1,869,000 and is 20.3 percent ( $\pm 9.9\%$ ) above the August 2003 rate of 1,579,000.

Single-family housing completions in August 2004 were at a rate of 1,534,000; this is 0.4 percent ( $\pm 8.8\%$ ) above the July figure of 1,528,000. The August rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 347,000.

### 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 4 months to establish an underlying trend for building permit authorizations, 5 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 ( $\pm 3.2\%$ ) 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 contains zero, it is uncertain whether there was an increase or decrease; that is, the change is not statistically significant. The same applies 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 below.

*New Residential Construction data for September will be released on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, at 8:30 A.M. EDT.*

*Our Internet site is: <http://www.census.gov/newresconst>*

**Table 1. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized in Permit-Issuing Places**

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

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Seasonally adjusted annual rate												
2003: August	1,964	1,518	83	363	201	127	391	298	884	708	488	385
September	1,943	1,526	90	327	180	130	394	308	874	698	495	390
October	2,015	1,558	82	375	199	131	383	310	908	721	525	396
November	1,920	1,504	94	322	192	131	387	292	849	689	492	392
December	1,979	1,546	77	356	204	126	369	286	914	721	492	413
2004: January	1,913	1,488	96	329	184	120	351	277	880	690	498	401
February	1,913	1,516	78	319	183	124	343	285	884	701	503	406
March	1,975	1,551	93	331	206	140	350	285	916	723	503	403
April	2,006	1,544	99	363	198	139	369	282	905	711	534	412
May	2,097	1,610	96	391	196	127	355	283	994	748	552	452
June	1,945	1,546	83	316	197	130	339	278	902	730	507	408
July <sup>f</sup>	2,066	1,586	113	367	189	119	358	283	964	747	555	437
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>1,538</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>428</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>August 2004 from July 2004</i>	<i>-5.5%</i>	<i>-3.0%</i>	<i>-22.1%</i>	<i>-11.2%</i>	<i>-8.5%</i>	<i>-0.8%</i>	<i>-2.8%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>-6.7%</i>	<i>-5.6%</i>	<i>-4.1%</i>	<i>-2.1%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 0.7</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>
<i>August 2004 from August 2003</i>	<i>-0.6%</i>	<i>1.3%</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>-10.2%</i>	<i>-13.9%</i>	<i>-7.1%</i>	<i>-11.0%</i>	<i>-3.7%</i>	<i>1.7%</i>	<i>-0.4%</i>	<i>9.0%</i>	<i>11.2%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 5.5</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>± 1.8</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 1.9</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2002	1,747.7	1,332.6	73.7	341.4	173.7	126.6	352.4	263.4	790.7	606.5	430.9	336.2
2003	1,889.2	1,460.9	82.5	345.8	182.4	124.4	371.0	287.3	849.3	670.1	486.5	379.0
RSE (%)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
2003: Year to Date <sup>2</sup>	1,244.7	974.1	54.4	216.3	114.3	78.1	237.2	187.3	567.0	452.4	326.2	256.2
2004: Year to Date <sup>2</sup>	1,369.2	1,084.0	63.5	221.7	129.4	86.8	237.1	194.5	640.1	509.1	362.6	293.6
RSE (%)	(Z)	(Z)	2	(Z)	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>(Z)</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 0.7</i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 0.7</i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>
2003: August	169.9	131.0	7.2	31.7	18.2	11.4	35.0	26.6	75.7	60.5	41.0	32.5
September	169.1	130.5	8.4	30.2	15.7	11.7	37.1	28.2	73.9	57.7	42.4	32.9
October	182.8	138.1	7.7	37.0	18.8	12.5	37.9	29.8	79.4	61.1	46.7	34.7
November	130.5	99.2	6.9	24.4	14.1	9.3	27.9	20.1	56.3	44.7	32.2	25.1
December	147.9	109.6	5.9	32.4	15.1	8.8	25.5	18.0	69.0	52.3	38.3	30.5
2004: January	127.6	98.8	6.0	22.8	10.6	6.8	17.7	13.9	65.2	51.0	34.2	27.1
February	131.2	103.5	5.0	22.7	9.9	6.8	18.8	15.6	67.6	53.3	34.9	27.9
March	183.6	147.4	8.6	27.6	17.7	11.9	31.3	25.7	87.3	70.8	47.2	39.0
April	186.7	148.4	9.2	29.1	18.5	13.4	35.9	29.0	83.7	66.9	48.7	39.0
May	184.8	145.0	8.3	31.5	18.0	12.0	33.0	27.2	84.9	65.1	48.9	40.8
June	191.0	153.5	8.8	28.7	20.7	13.2	34.3	28.9	84.0	70.0	52.1	41.3
July <sup>f</sup>	181.7	141.8	9.1	30.7	17.6	11.3	32.4	26.6	83.3	65.1	48.3	38.8
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>175.3</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>37.7</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary. <sup>2</sup>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>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

<sup>2</sup>Reflects revisions not distributed to months.

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

<sup>4</sup>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]

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
2003: August	179.0	114.7	6.1	58.2	20.0	11.8	25.7	18.3	96.1	60.0	37.2	24.6
September	176.1	113.6	5.1	57.4	19.4	12.2	23.3	16.5	94.9	59.7	38.6	25.2
October	186.9	123.2	5.5	58.3	22.2	14.1	26.1	18.7	95.2	59.1	43.4	31.4
November	160.0	103.3	4.7	52.1	19.3	12.6	21.5	15.0	84.5	53.0	34.8	22.7
December	166.6	105.2	4.8	56.6	18.8	10.6	22.0	14.3	87.5	54.2	38.4	26.1
2004: January	167.2	108.3	4.9	53.9	19.7	11.5	22.3	15.9	88.5	56.9	36.6	24.0
February	173.6	116.6	5.0	52.0	20.4	11.6	23.8	18.0	91.3	61.6	38.1	25.3
March	181.0	126.8	6.3	47.9	23.2	12.5	25.6	20.7	93.4	65.2	38.7	28.3
April	183.5	131.1	7.3	45.1	22.0	13.2	24.9	20.7	91.1	64.0	45.5	33.2
May	183.4	125.8	7.0	50.5	23.0	12.9	24.3	19.3	95.4	64.7	40.7	29.0
June <sup>r</sup>	203.3	142.8	10.4	50.2	26.5	13.1	25.6	21.3	100.1	70.5	51.1	37.9
July <sup>r</sup>	203.8	139.0	9.5	55.4	26.2	13.2	25.9	19.6	103.4	70.7	48.4	35.4
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>196.1</b>	<b>132.3</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>34.2</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	4	16	8	14	12	9	10	4	4	7	8
<b>Percent Change:<sup>2</sup></b>												
<i>August 2004 from July 2004</i>	<i>-3.8%</i>	<i>-4.8%</i>	<i>-30.1%</i>	<i>3.2%</i>	<i>-9.3%</i>	<i>-12.4%</i>	<i>-12.0%</i>	<i>-9.4%</i>	<i>-0.4%</i>	<i>-2.9%</i>	<i>-3.9%</i>	<i>-3.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>	<i>± 16.2</i>	<i>± 6.0</i>	<i>± 7.3</i>	<i>± 10.7</i>	<i>± 11.0</i>	<i>± 13.2</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 6.6</i>	<i>± 8.1</i>
<i>August 2004 from August 2003</i>	<i>9.5%</i>	<i>15.4%</i>	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>-1.8%</i>	<i>18.7%</i>	<i>-1.5%</i>	<i>-11.3%</i>	<i>-2.7%</i>	<i>7.2%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>	<i>25.1%</i>	<i>39.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>± 7.2</i>	<i>± 8.5</i>	<i>± 30.6</i>	<i>± 12.9</i>	<i>± 27.1</i>	<i>± 23.5</i>	<i>± 15.7</i>	<i>± 17.1</i>	<i>± 9.0</i>	<i>± 11.1</i>	<i>± 17.6</i>	<i>± 22.8</i>

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>r</sup>Revised. RSE Relative Standard Error.<sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.<sup>2</sup>Computed using unrounded data.<sup>3</sup>See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals

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.

**Table 3. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started**

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

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Seasonally adjusted annual rate												
2003: August	1,835	1,494	(S)	309	154	112	399	323	855	718	427	341
September	1,922	1,537	(S)	340	186	112	427	344	862	705	447	376
October	1,983	1,644	(S)	310	152	110	386	327	914	753	531	454
November	2,054	1,670	(S)	347	188	121	424	319	894	747	548	483
December	2,067	1,657	(S)	381	172	136	400	315	970	780	525	426
2004: January	1,934	1,565	(S)	339	149	110	331	289	940	735	514	431
February	1,895	1,521	(S)	344	176	116	348	314	890	696	481	395
March	2,000	1,624	(S)	343	173	136	373	317	929	749	525	422
April	1,963	1,615	(S)	312	178	138	382	325	957	777	446	375
May	1,979	1,654	(S)	269	180	130	357	312	870	718	572	494
June <sup>f</sup>	1,817	1,520	(S)	272	165	133	315	263	864	730	473	394
July <sup>f</sup>	1,988	1,660	(S)	264	184	119	353	316	898	762	553	463
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>447</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	3	(X)	10	8	8	6	6	4	4	5	6
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>August 2004 from July 2004</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>0.4%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>0.4%</i>	<i>6.5%</i>	<i>12.6%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>1.0%</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>-4.7%</i>	<i>-3.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 6.7</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 21.2</i>	<i>± 17.3</i>	<i>± 15.6</i>	<i>± 15.0</i>	<i>± 16.9</i>	<i>± 8.9</i>	<i>± 9.8</i>	<i>± 11.1</i>	<i>± 12.4</i>
<i>August 2004 from August 2003</i>	<i>9.0%</i>	<i>11.6%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-14.2%</i>	<i>27.3%</i>	<i>19.6%</i>	<i>-7.3%</i>	<i>-1.5%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>7.0%</i>	<i>23.4%</i>	<i>31.1%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 7.1</i>	<i>± 7.5</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 16.0</i>	<i>± 13.8</i>	<i>± 16.7</i>	<i>± 16.7</i>	<i>± 17.7</i>	<i>± 10.2</i>	<i>± 10.3</i>	<i>± 14.7</i>	<i>± 16.2</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2002	1,704.9	1,358.6	38.5	307.9	158.4	117.8	349.6	276.7	781.5	628.2	415.5	335.8
2003	1,847.7	1,499.0	33.5	315.2	162.6	115.9	374.1	309.0	838.7	686.3	472.3	387.8
RSE (%)	1	1	9	2	2	3	2	3	1	2	2	2
2003: Year to Date	1,205.0	985.3	21.4	198.4	103.6	75.8	236.9	200.0	552.0	455.2	312.4	254.3
2004: Year to Date	1,330.8	1,106.5	28.9	195.3	117.2	85.5	237.6	206.5	622.1	515.5	353.8	299.0
RSE (%)	3	3	24	8	7	9	6	6	4	4	5	6
<b>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>35.5%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>17.6%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 1.9</i>	<i>± 1.9</i>	<i>± 32.7</i>	<i>± 6.9</i>	<i>± 5.1</i>	<i>± 3.8</i>	<i>± 3.2</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 3.7</i>
2003: August	163.8	132.2	2.9	28.7	15.0	11.1	36.8	29.7	75.0	62.3	37.1	29.1
September	171.3	137.0	4.0	30.2	16.9	10.3	40.7	33.3	74.0	60.1	39.7	33.3
October	173.5	141.6	2.7	29.1	14.0	10.0	36.3	30.7	78.7	63.5	44.6	37.3
November	153.7	121.0	3.2	29.5	15.6	10.0	33.8	24.9	65.1	52.5	39.2	33.6
December	144.2	114.1	2.2	28.0	12.5	9.8	26.4	20.1	68.9	54.9	36.5	29.2
2004: January	124.5	99.5	2.0	23.0	8.1	5.5	16.0	13.1	65.4	51.4	35.1	29.5
February	126.4	102.1	1.9	22.4	9.7	5.8	18.1	15.9	65.2	52.5	33.5	27.9
March	173.8	143.5	2.6	27.7	13.3	10.4	30.1	25.6	83.9	69.4	46.5	38.2
April	179.5	149.9	3.1	26.5	16.0	12.6	35.6	30.8	86.8	71.4	41.1	35.1
May	187.6	159.1	4.9	23.6	17.1	12.7	35.7	31.8	80.0	66.7	54.7	47.9
June <sup>f</sup>	172.3	146.7	2.2	23.4	16.5	13.7	32.9	28.4	80.2	68.6	42.8	36.0
July <sup>f</sup>	182.5	152.4	5.8	24.2	17.3	11.4	33.5	30.1	79.8	67.3	51.8	43.6
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>184.0</b>	<b>153.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>41.0</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	3	22	10	8	8	6	6	4	4	5	6

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>r</sup>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.

<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.

<sup>3</sup>Computed using unrounded data.

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

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

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>												
2003: August	1,101	757	(S)	320	124	76	219	165	469	323	289	193
September	1,116	766	(S)	325	127	75	224	169	479	331	286	191
October	1,134	781	(S)	329	126	74	228	173	490	337	290	197
November	1,154	793	(S)	336	126	72	235	176	494	338	299	207
December	1,181	811	(S)	346	129	74	240	179	503	344	309	214
2004: January	1,197	822	(S)	349	130	73	237	178	518	353	312	218
February	1,207	825	(S)	357	132	73	235	176	525	355	315	221
March	1,226	840	(S)	360	133	74	238	179	533	361	322	226
April	1,225	838	(S)	360	136	76	239	180	539	364	311	218
May	1,230	850	(S)	351	140	79	235	177	535	364	320	230
June <sup>f</sup>	1,224	850	(S)	346	139	81	231	175	537	368	317	226
July <sup>f</sup>	1,231	857	(S)	343	142	81	229	176	539	370	321	230
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>234</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	2	2	(X)	3	4	6	4	4	2	2	3	4
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>August 2004 from July 2004</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>1.3%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>2.5%</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>1.6%</i>	<i>1.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 0.9</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>
<i>August 2004 from August 2003</i>	<i>12.6%</i>	<i>14.7%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>17.7%</i>	<i>9.2%</i>	<i>2.7%</i>	<i>6.7%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>16.1%</i>	<i>12.8%</i>	<i>21.2%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 5.3</i>	<i>± 6.5</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 4.4</i>	<i>± 5.5</i>
<b>Not seasonally adjusted</b>												
2003: August	1,136.0	795.9	24.1	315.9	126.8	79.6	230.2	176.8	481.6	337.3	297.3	202.2
September	1,152.4	805.2	24.3	322.9	129.7	78.3	236.3	181.3	490.8	343.9	295.7	201.7
October	1,163.3	808.1	24.6	330.7	129.1	76.8	237.8	182.3	499.1	345.6	297.3	203.4
November	1,166.5	799.2	25.4	341.8	129.3	74.1	241.5	181.3	495.8	337.7	299.9	206.2
December	1,141.4	772.9	24.4	344.2	128.1	73.3	234.7	173.5	482.6	324.3	296.1	201.8
2004: January	1,145.7	773.6	25.4	346.6	126.6	70.1	224.7	165.6	495.9	332.5	298.6	205.5
February	1,149.9	772.3	25.0	352.5	126.1	67.8	218.6	160.1	504.6	336.7	300.6	207.8
March	1,186.6	800.7	25.9	360.0	128.2	69.5	223.4	164.5	523.6	351.0	311.4	215.7
April	1,210.9	822.4	26.7	361.7	133.9	73.8	229.6	170.5	538.5	363.0	308.9	215.1
May	1,239.1	857.4	28.7	353.0	139.9	78.3	234.0	176.0	542.7	371.0	322.5	232.1
June <sup>f</sup>	1,247.0	873.5	28.3	345.2	140.4	82.8	237.4	181.4	547.5	378.6	321.7	230.6
July <sup>f</sup>	1,274.1	898.4	31.0	344.6	145.8	84.4	239.5	186.0	556.1	386.4	332.6	241.7
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>1,282.5</b>	<b>914.8</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>333.5</b>	<b>148.7</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>236.8</b>	<b>188.4</b>	<b>558.7</b>	<b>392.2</b>	<b>338.4</b>	<b>247.5</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	2	2	9	3	4	6	4	4	2	2	3	4

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>f</sup>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.

<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**

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

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Seasonally adjusted annual rate												
2003: August	1,579	1,332	(S)	227	151	124	327	266	697	601	404	341
September	1,697	1,399	(S)	255	143	114	351	294	727	599	476	392
October	1,731	1,483	(S)	227	157	125	319	283	775	670	480	405
November	1,709	1,459	(S)	227	162	137	316	267	805	695	426	360
December	1,736	1,459	(S)	244	151	110	334	298	828	698	423	353
2004: January	1,714	1,437	(S)	264	129	123	380	318	726	607	479	389
February	1,729	1,458	(S)	240	139	113	377	334	762	648	451	363
March	1,782	1,488	(S)	274	143	117	340	293	837	691	462	387
April	1,944	1,654	(S)	268	140	114	369	321	894	759	541	460
May	1,928	1,523	(S)	383	145	105	380	325	919	713	484	380
June <sup>f</sup>	1,865	1,524	(S)	317	177	107	356	284	837	697	495	436
July <sup>f</sup>	1,869	1,528	(S)	308	151	117	371	299	860	707	487	405
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>(S)</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>403</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	4	4	(X)	12	12	11	9	9	5	5	7	7
<b>Percent Change:</b>												
<i>August 2004 from July 2004</i>	<i>1.6%</i>	<i>0.4%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>12.7%</i>	<i>1.3%</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>	<i>15.1%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>-0.9%</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	<i>-4.1%</i>	<i>-0.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 8.9</i>	<i>± 8.8</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 31.3</i>	<i>± 27.5</i>	<i>± 22.0</i>	<i>± 24.4</i>	<i>± 17.1</i>	<i>± 13.3</i>	<i>± 14.5</i>	<i>± 13.9</i>	<i>± 17.1</i>
<i>August 2004 from August 2003</i>	<i>20.3%</i>	<i>15.2%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>52.9%</i>	<i>1.3%</i>	<i>-7.3%</i>	<i>30.6%</i>	<i>18.8%</i>	<i>22.2%</i>	<i>16.5%</i>	<i>15.6%</i>	<i>18.2%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 9.9</i>	<i>± 9.3</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 37.3</i>	<i>± 16.1</i>	<i>± 16.1</i>	<i>± 23.6</i>	<i>± 18.1</i>	<i>± 15.6</i>	<i>± 15.4</i>	<i>± 17.3</i>	<i>± 18.5</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2002	1,648.4	1,325.1	35.0	288.2	147.9	113.3	329.8	272.0	757.8	614.8	412.8	325.0
2003	1,678.7	1,386.3	31.5	260.8	154.6	113.6	332.2	274.2	755.6	635.5	436.2	363.1
RSE (%)	1	1	10	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2
2003: Year to Date	1,055.8	853.6	21.4	180.8	98.6	68.4	208.0	164.8	474.9	394.6	274.3	225.9
2004: Year to Date	1,181.0	962.1	15.3	203.7	95.1	71.9	235.6	191.2	540.7	442.3	309.6	256.7
RSE (%)	4	4	23	13	11	7	10	7	7	7	7	8
<b>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>-28.6%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
<i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 17.6</i>	<i>± 11.0</i>	<i>± 10.0</i>	<i>± 8.0</i>	<i>± 5.3</i>	<i>± 4.7</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 4.6</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>
2003: August	143.2	117.1	2.1	24.0	14.0	11.2	30.2	23.7	62.4	52.3	36.6	29.9
September	152.5	126.6	3.7	22.1	13.8	11.2	33.6	28.7	63.2	52.1	41.9	34.6
October	155.4	135.2	1.7	18.5	13.5	10.9	30.1	27.2	69.0	60.5	42.8	36.6
November	148.5	129.4	1.8	17.3	14.5	12.6	29.4	25.7	67.7	59.3	36.9	31.9
December	166.4	141.4	3.0	22.0	14.2	10.5	31.1	27.9	80.8	69.0	40.4	34.1
2004: January	118.6	99.4	0.9	18.2	9.5	9.1	25.1	20.8	51.0	42.8	32.9	26.7
February	119.5	101.2	2.1	16.2	9.6	7.9	24.2	21.3	54.1	46.4	31.6	25.6
March	137.0	115.1	1.5	20.4	10.1	8.1	24.3	20.8	66.1	55.2	36.5	30.9
April	152.0	129.0	1.7	21.3	10.6	8.5	28.5	24.7	70.0	59.3	42.9	36.5
May	159.5	125.1	1.9	32.5	12.0	8.7	31.1	26.5	76.4	58.9	39.9	31.1
June <sup>f</sup>	162.1	130.4	2.2	29.5	15.4	8.9	30.1	23.4	73.2	60.2	43.4	37.9
July <sup>f</sup>	158.0	126.7	3.0	28.4	13.0	9.9	32.0	25.4	72.6	58.6	40.4	32.8
<b>August<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>135.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>35.2</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	4	4	23	12	12	11	9	9	5	5	7	7

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>f</sup>Revised. RSE Relative standard error. S Does not meet publication standards because tests for identifiable and stable seasonality do not meet reliability standards.

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