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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN MARCH 2006

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for March 2006:

BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2,059,000. This is 5.5 percent ($\pm 0.9\%$) below the revised February rate of 2,179,000, but is 1.9 percent ($\pm 1.0\%$) above the March 2005 estimate of 2,021,000.

Single-family authorizations in March were at a rate of 1,542,000; this is 6.9 percent ($\pm 0.9\%$) below the February figure of 1,657,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 436,000 in March.

HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,960,000. This is 7.8 percent ($\pm 9.1\%$)* below the revised February estimate of 2,126,000, but is 6.9 percent ($\pm 8.5\%$)* above the March 2005 rate of 1,833,000.

Single-family housing starts in March were at a rate of 1,591,000; this is 12.0 percent ($\pm 11.2\%$) below the February figure of 1,807,000. The March rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 334,000.

HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2,218,000. This is 7.8 percent ($\pm 8.5\%$)* above the revised February estimate of 2,057,000 and is 23.4 percent ($\pm 10.1\%$) above the March 2005 rate of 1,797,000.

Single-family housing completions in March were at a rate of 1,871,000; this is 7.6 percent ($\pm 9.2\%$)* above the February figure of 1,739,000. The March rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 303,000.

New Residential Construction data for April 2006 will be released on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. EDT.

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 4 months to establish an underlying trend for building permit authorizations, 6 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 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

[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												
2005: March	2,021	1,552	85	384	184	107	349	269	961	756	527	420
April	2,148	1,640	78	430	200	117	379	289	1,011	795	558	439
May	2,062	1,628	85	349	191	120	354	282	968	781	549	445
June	2,132	1,653	87	392	213	124	361	286	1,032	810	526	433
July	2,171	1,690	99	382	200	130	379	297	1,010	809	582	454
August	2,138	1,676	86	376	186	130	353	287	1,064	830	535	429
September	2,219	1,767	88	364	208	139	362	296	1,036	843	613	489
October	2,103	1,707	82	314	189	125	369	303	1,009	833	536	446
November	2,163	1,724	81	358	205	122	380	300	1,022	868	556	434
December	2,075	1,645	81	349	207	117	339	257	1,019	841	510	430
2006: January	2,216	1,690	103	423	213	131	388	281	1,078	852	537	426
February ^r	2,179	1,657	90	432	204	128	376	267	1,028	847	571	415
March^p	2,059	1,542	81	436	211	128	334	252	1,028	800	486	362
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	3	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	1
Percent Change:												
<i>March 2006 from February 2006</i>	<i>-5.5%</i>	<i>-6.9%</i>	<i>-10.0%</i>	<i>0.9%</i>	<i>3.4%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-11.2%</i>	<i>-5.6%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-5.5%</i>	<i>-14.9%</i>	<i>-12.8%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 0.9</i>	<i>± 0.9</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 4.6</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>
<i>March 2006 from March 2005</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>-0.6%</i>	<i>-4.7%</i>	<i>13.5%</i>	<i>14.7%</i>	<i>19.6%</i>	<i>-4.3%</i>	<i>-6.3%</i>	<i>7.0%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>-7.8%</i>	<i>-13.8%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 4.6</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2004	2,070.1	1,613.4	90.4	366.2	197.0	131.8	370.5	295.5	960.8	756.1	541.9	430.0
2005 ²	2,147.6	1,681.2	84.0	382.5	199.8	124.9	362.8	288.2	1,027.7	820.1	557.3	448.0
RSE (%)	(Z)	(Z)	2	(Z)	1	1	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	1	1
2005: Year to Date ²	475.2	369.2	18.4	87.6	37.8	22.5	68.6	54.8	243.0	191.8	125.7	100.1
2006: Year to Date ²	492.1	371.4	19.5	101.2	41.8	25.4	68.8	50.8	258.6	203.9	122.9	91.2
RSE (%)	(Z)	(Z)	2	(Z)	2	2	2	2	1	(Z)	1	1
Year to Date Percent Change⁴	3.6%	0.6%	6.0%	15.6%	10.6%	13.0%	0.3%	-7.2%	6.4%	6.3%	-2.2%	-8.9%
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 0.9</i>	<i>± 3.7</i>	<i>± 1.9</i>	<i>± 3.5</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 0.9</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>± 1.9</i>
2005: March	185.6	147.6	7.8	30.2	15.1	9.1	30.4	24.5	90.8	73.5	49.3	40.4
April	192.2	151.7	6.9	33.7	17.8	10.7	35.6	28.5	89.1	72.1	49.7	40.3
May	189.9	153.7	7.6	28.6	18.3	12.1	34.9	28.6	88.2	71.5	48.5	41.4
June	207.9	164.1	8.9	34.9	22.2	12.9	35.5	29.3	96.0	78.0	54.2	43.9
July	182.9	143.7	7.5	31.7	18.0	11.9	33.3	26.5	84.1	67.0	47.5	38.3
August	201.2	159.3	8.4	33.5	18.0	12.5	35.2	28.3	98.1	78.2	49.9	40.4
September	191.3	150.0	7.9	33.3	18.4	12.5	33.5	27.0	86.1	69.2	53.3	41.3
October	172.6	137.5	7.1	28.0	16.0	10.8	34.1	26.9	79.7	65.0	42.8	34.8
November	159.8	123.4	6.6	29.7	16.6	9.4	30.0	22.3	73.3	61.4	39.9	30.4
December	147.6	110.9	6.0	30.7	14.9	7.8	21.0	15.2	73.9	58.1	37.7	29.7
2006: January	149.1	112.6	6.5	30.0	12.4	7.6	19.7	13.9	81.5	62.9	35.4	28.3
February ^r	152.0	114.6	5.8	31.5	11.9	7.0	21.3	14.9	78.5	63.8	40.4	28.9
March^p	187.9	143.5	7.2	37.2	17.6	10.7	28.1	22.1	97.2	77.0	45.0	33.7
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	3	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	1

^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. Z Relative standard error is less than 0.5 percent.

¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

²Reflects revisions not distributed to months.

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

⁴Computed 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								
2005: March	221.2	154.0	9.1	58.1	24.0	11.2	30.0	24.1	118.0	82.8	49.2	35.8
April	229.5	164.9	8.6	56.0	25.9	13.4	35.7	29.1	112.5	79.7	55.4	42.7
May	219.6	157.6	8.9	53.1	26.8	14.7	31.1	25.8	112.0	79.0	49.7	38.2
June	232.6	170.3	9.7	52.6	29.3	15.5	31.1	25.0	113.8	83.5	58.4	46.3
July	222.0	161.4	9.4	51.2	28.5	15.6	30.2	24.3	107.5	79.6	55.8	42.0
August	231.2	165.0	9.8	56.4	27.8	16.4	30.5	23.9	120.8	87.4	52.1	37.3
September	231.2	166.9	7.9	56.5	27.1	17.0	27.6	22.0	122.9	88.3	53.6	39.7
October	220.3	160.3	8.7	51.4	26.7	15.5	30.5	23.5	113.5	83.1	49.6	38.1
November	217.6	158.7	8.4	50.4	27.3	15.3	27.9	21.5	112.9	85.5	49.5	36.4
December	223.3	161.9	10.1	51.3	27.9	13.5	28.9	21.5	109.8	85.8	56.7	41.1
2006: January ^f	215.7	156.9	9.9	48.8	27.4	13.3	28.6	20.8	104.6	82.1	55.2	40.7
February ^f	215.1	152.2	9.8	53.1	28.1	14.5	30.1	20.5	104.1	80.6	52.8	36.6
March^p	235.6	169.0	10.4	56.2	30.8	16.2	34.4	26.1	114.0	87.0	56.4	39.7
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	6	16	7	10	15	10	13	9	10	7	8
Percent Change:²												
March 2006 from February 2006	9.5%	11.1%	5.4%	5.7%	9.4%	12.1%	14.0%	27.5%	9.6%	8.0%	6.8%	8.3%
90% Confidence Interval³	± 3.9	± 5.3	± 10.7	± 7.3	± 6.5	± 8.5	± 9.1	± 12.1	± 7.1	± 8.4	± 5.1	± 5.7
March 2006 from March 2005	6.5%	9.8%	13.4%	-3.3%	28.5%	45.4%	14.4%	8.2%	-3.4%	5.0%	14.7%	10.8%
90% Confidence Interval³	± 12.1	± 13.1	± 30.4	± 16.5	± 25.9	± 39.1	± 15.3	± 19.5	± 19.9	± 21.6	± 15.4	± 15.1

^pPreliminary. ^fRevised. RSE Relative Standard Error.¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.²Computed using unrounded data.³See 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												
2005: March	1,833	1,550	(S)	249	210	136	311	295	830	710	482	409
April	2,027	1,640	(S)	340	189	125	326	273	1,021	849	491	393
May	2,041	1,724	(S)	280	185	137	387	331	926	794	543	462
June	2,065	1,716	(S)	312	194	148	341	300	1,033	837	497	431
July	2,062	1,732	(S)	294	196	137	369	320	986	826	511	449
August	2,081	1,719	(S)	319	203	134	376	304	935	800	567	481
September	2,160	1,791	(S)	310	195	145	378	322	1,014	859	573	465
October	2,051	1,732	(S)	286	170	144	334	300	1,027	847	520	441
November	2,136	1,803	(S)	295	196	132	395	329	991	860	554	482
December	1,989	1,613	(S)	344	167	128	296	250	1,090	853	436	382
2006: January ^f	2,307	1,849	(S)	431	241	174	368	331	1,173	934	525	410
February ^f	2,126	1,807	(S)	283	190	146	317	286	1,044	896	575	479
March^p	1,960	1,591	(S)	334	189	142	291	230	994	833	486	386
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	(X)	12	12	14	8	8	5	5	6	7
Percent Change:												
<i>March 2006 from February 2006</i>	<i>-7.8%</i>	<i>-12.0%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>-0.5%</i>	<i>-2.7%</i>	<i>-8.2%</i>	<i>-19.6%</i>	<i>-4.8%</i>	<i>-7.0%</i>	<i>-15.5%</i>	<i>-19.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 9.1</i>	<i>± 11.2</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 37.4</i>	<i>± 33.2</i>	<i>± 34.8</i>	<i>± 20.9</i>	<i>± 22.0</i>	<i>± 14.8</i>	<i>± 17.2</i>	<i>± 9.1</i>	<i>± 10.0</i>
<i>March 2006 from March 2005</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>2.6%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>34.1%</i>	<i>-10.0%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>-6.4%</i>	<i>-22.0%</i>	<i>19.8%</i>	<i>17.3%</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>-5.6%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 8.5</i>	<i>± 9.2</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 33.0</i>	<i>± 16.1</i>	<i>± 18.1</i>	<i>± 13.4</i>	<i>± 11.6</i>	<i>± 16.3</i>	<i>± 16.1</i>	<i>± 11.0</i>	<i>± 11.5</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2004	1,955.8	1,610.5	42.3	303.0	175.4	127.7	355.7	306.4	908.5	743.4	516.2	433.1
2005	2,068.3	1,715.8	41.1	311.4	189.7	137.5	357.4	305.7	996.1	831.2	525.1	441.4
RSE (%)	1	1	10	4	3	5	2	1	1	2	2	2
2005: Year to Date	448.2	368.9	9.5	69.8	36.4	24.7	64.5	54.1	227.7	192.4	119.7	97.8
2006: Year to Date	460.0	377.1	7.2	75.8	38.2	26.9	57.1	47.6	247.4	207.9	117.3	94.7
RSE (%)	2	2	13	7	7	11	5	5	4	3	3	3
<i>Year to Date Percent Change³</i>	<i>2.6%</i>	<i>2.2%</i>	<i>-25.0%</i>	<i>8.5%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>-11.5%</i>	<i>-11.9%</i>	<i>8.6%</i>	<i>8.1%</i>	<i>-2.0%</i>	<i>-3.2%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 5.2</i>	<i>± 5.5</i>	<i>± 24.2</i>	<i>± 14.9</i>	<i>± 13.6</i>	<i>± 18.0</i>	<i>± 8.9</i>	<i>± 8.2</i>	<i>± 9.3</i>	<i>± 8.9</i>	<i>± 6.7</i>	<i>± 5.9</i>
2005: March	156.2	133.4	2.8	20.0	16.5	10.5	24.8	23.5	72.7	63.1	42.2	36.3
April	184.6	151.5	4.0	29.1	16.9	11.4	29.6	25.1	95.5	80.7	42.7	34.3
May	197.9	170.4	3.2	24.4	17.6	13.5	40.2	35.4	85.6	74.1	54.5	47.5
June	192.8	162.8	3.2	26.9	19.5	15.5	35.0	31.4	93.1	76.2	45.3	39.6
July	187.6	158.0	3.2	26.3	18.3	13.0	34.5	30.1	88.3	74.0	46.5	41.0
August	192.0	158.6	3.9	29.5	19.8	13.4	36.7	30.1	83.7	71.2	51.8	43.9
September	187.9	154.0	5.4	28.5	17.7	13.1	35.8	30.6	84.7	70.5	49.7	39.7
October	180.4	150.7	3.0	26.6	15.4	13.1	30.3	27.1	89.8	73.0	44.9	37.6
November	160.7	133.1	3.2	24.4	15.9	10.6	32.2	26.8	72.1	61.2	40.5	34.5
December	136.0	107.9	2.4	25.8	12.3	9.4	18.5	15.1	75.7	58.0	29.5	25.5
2006: January ^f	153.0	121.0	1.9	30.1	13.3	8.6	18.0	15.4	84.7	68.0	37.0	29.0
February ^f	143.8	122.6	2.4	18.8	10.3	7.3	17.0	15.0	77.0	67.2	39.5	33.1
March^p	163.1	133.5	2.8	26.8	14.7	10.9	22.1	17.2	85.6	72.7	40.7	32.6
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	23	12	12	14	8	8	5	5	6	7

^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.

³Computed 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								
Seasonally adjusted												
2005: March	1,314	913	(S)	364	158	88	228	177	581	401	347	247
April	1,323	912	(S)	373	165	88	223	172	591	410	344	242
May	1,324	915	(S)	372	165	89	220	170	589	410	350	246
June	1,330	914	(S)	377	166	87	217	168	595	413	352	246
July	1,342	922	(S)	382	170	88	218	169	600	416	354	249
August	1,358	932	(S)	389	170	89	219	169	607	421	362	253
September	1,376	942	(S)	395	173	92	223	171	610	424	370	255
October	1,372	952	(S)	383	172	95	221	172	613	428	366	257
November	1,391	969	(S)	384	174	94	226	175	618	436	373	264
December	1,402	973	(S)	394	173	95	225	173	632	442	372	263
2006: January ^f	1,419	987	(S)	399	176	99	226	174	645	451	372	263
February ^f	1,427	994	(S)	402	177	101	225	173	650	455	375	265
March^p	1,415	978	(S)	408	176	101	224	171	640	444	375	262
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	2	(X)	3	4	7	4	4	3	3	2	3
Percent Change:												
<i>March 2006 from February 2006</i>	<i>-0.8%</i>	<i>-1.6%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>1.5%</i>	<i>-0.6%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-0.4%</i>	<i>-1.2%</i>	<i>-1.5%</i>	<i>-2.4%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-1.1%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 1.8</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>
<i>March 2006 from March 2005</i>	<i>7.7%</i>	<i>7.1%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>12.1%</i>	<i>11.4%</i>	<i>14.8%</i>	<i>-1.8%</i>	<i>-3.4%</i>	<i>10.2%</i>	<i>10.7%</i>	<i>8.1%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 5.4</i>	<i>± 9.5</i>	<i>± 10.9</i>	<i>± 5.4</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 6.9</i>	<i>± 5.4</i>	<i>± 6.2</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2005: March	1,278.2	874.0	37.3	366.9	154.2	83.4	214.9	163.8	571.0	389.4	338.1	237.3
April	1,311.9	896.2	38.4	377.3	162.2	84.5	215.6	163.6	593.1	410.2	341.0	237.9
May	1,334.2	922.3	36.9	375.0	164.9	88.1	218.8	168.2	597.4	417.3	353.1	248.8
June	1,355.3	939.2	38.5	377.6	168.0	88.7	222.3	172.9	607.0	425.4	358.0	252.2
July	1,383.5	961.7	37.9	383.8	174.0	91.6	225.9	177.2	618.8	434.2	364.7	258.7
August	1,398.2	978.4	36.2	383.6	174.0	94.3	227.8	178.4	623.3	439.8	373.1	265.9
September	1,413.2	983.8	38.3	391.1	176.8	96.7	232.7	181.5	623.9	439.3	379.8	266.2
October	1,405.5	985.0	37.0	383.5	175.6	98.6	230.8	181.7	623.6	438.7	375.5	266.0
November	1,402.6	977.5	37.9	387.3	177.0	96.5	232.6	181.7	617.4	433.8	375.5	265.5
December	1,355.9	929.1	35.0	391.8	171.9	93.9	221.4	169.6	604.2	415.4	358.4	250.2
2006: January ^f	1,369.3	936.7	33.2	399.4	171.9	94.6	217.3	165.5	620.9	426.7	359.2	249.9
February ^f	1,373.6	940.4	30.6	402.6	169.3	93.3	213.5	161.3	628.1	433.1	362.7	252.7
March^p	1,372.4	934.6	29.5	408.2	170.6	95.1	210.4	157.5	628.5	432.2	362.8	249.8
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	2	9	3	4	7	4	4	3	3	2	3

^pPreliminary. ^fRevised. 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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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												
2005: March	1,797	1,534	(S)	234	151	111	333	299	811	692	502	432
April	1,944	1,638	(S)	277	166	140	353	316	915	745	510	437
May	2,097	1,744	(S)	305	169	128	437	370	963	786	528	460
June	1,963	1,682	(S)	249	204	178	370	320	920	761	469	423
July	1,889	1,652	(S)	199	145	125	338	298	886	768	520	461
August	1,933	1,630	(S)	255	206	131	356	308	857	737	514	454
September	1,953	1,665	(S)	255	167	120	333	287	941	808	512	450
October	1,948	1,594	(S)	326	149	105	344	293	942	780	513	416
November	1,890	1,611	(S)	254	162	147	336	289	900	753	492	422
December	1,966	1,680	(S)	244	178	137	329	295	947	808	512	440
2006: January ^f	2,062	1,670	(S)	345	185	123	356	309	1,010	813	511	425
February ^f	2,057	1,739	(S)	245	211	129	320	294	979	853	547	463
March^p	2,218	1,871	(S)	303	182	135	369	307	1,116	949	551	480
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	(X)	12	13	16	9	9	6	6	7	7
Percent Change:												
<i>March 2006 from February 2006</i>	<i>7.8%</i>	<i>7.6%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>23.7%</i>	<i>-13.7%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>15.3%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>11.3%</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 8.5</i>	<i>± 9.2</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 26.0</i>	<i>± 26.9</i>	<i>± 44.0</i>	<i>± 20.2</i>	<i>± 16.9</i>	<i>± 12.1</i>	<i>± 13.2</i>	<i>± 18.7</i>	<i>± 20.6</i>
<i>March 2006 from March 2005</i>	<i>23.4%</i>	<i>22.0%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>29.5%</i>	<i>20.5%</i>	<i>21.6%</i>	<i>10.8%</i>	<i>2.7%</i>	<i>37.6%</i>	<i>37.1%</i>	<i>9.8%</i>	<i>11.1%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 10.1</i>	<i>± 10.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 32.5</i>	<i>± 43.8</i>	<i>± 48.3</i>	<i>± 24.6</i>	<i>± 21.2</i>	<i>± 15.4</i>	<i>± 16.6</i>	<i>± 15.1</i>	<i>± 17.1</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2004	1,841.9	1,531.5	23.5	286.9	155.9	118.9	362.4	303.6	840.4	699.8	483.3	409.2
2005	1,931.4	1,635.9	37.5	258.0	170.7	131.7	351.9	307.2	903.7	760.5	505.1	436.5
RSE (%)	1	1	10	3	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
2005: Year to Date	398.6	338.2	8.8	51.7	34.1	25.5	70.4	62.5	184.9	157.1	109.1	93.1
2006: Year to Date	453.8	380.1	11.4	62.4	40.2	27.0	70.7	61.2	225.4	191.1	117.6	100.9
RSE (%)	3	3	12	6	11	12	6	6	4	4	3	4
Year to Date Percent Change³	13.9%	12.4%	29.7%	20.8%	17.8%	5.9%	0.3%	-2.1%	21.9%	21.6%	7.8%	8.3%
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 5.9</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 48.6</i>	<i>± 18.3</i>	<i>± 23.6</i>	<i>± 22.2</i>	<i>± 12.1</i>	<i>± 11.9</i>	<i>± 10.1</i>	<i>± 10.6</i>	<i>± 7.8</i>	<i>± 8.5</i>
2005: March	135.7	116.7	2.1	17.0	10.4	7.5	23.3	20.9	62.5	53.9	39.5	34.4
April	150.7	126.7	2.2	21.8	12.3	10.3	27.3	24.4	71.0	57.7	40.1	34.4
May	176.3	145.3	4.2	26.8	14.1	10.5	36.5	30.6	81.7	66.2	44.1	38.0
June	171.0	144.5	3.0	23.4	16.9	14.4	31.0	26.3	81.9	66.9	41.2	36.9
July	158.5	136.3	3.5	18.6	12.3	10.3	28.8	25.1	74.1	63.1	43.3	37.8
August	178.3	145.0	5.2	28.1	19.9	11.6	33.8	28.5	78.7	65.5	46.0	39.4
September	172.0	147.8	2.8	21.4	15.1	11.1	31.3	27.4	80.7	69.5	45.0	39.7
October	175.7	147.1	2.2	26.3	13.9	10.3	31.9	27.8	84.5	71.4	45.4	37.6
November	162.8	142.2	1.9	18.8	14.4	13.3	30.5	27.0	76.0	65.1	41.9	36.8
December	187.5	162.8	3.6	21.1	17.8	14.2	30.6	27.6	90.2	78.1	48.9	42.8
2006: January ^f	142.4	115.1	3.2	24.0	13.3	8.9	23.5	20.2	69.8	56.1	35.8	29.8
February ^f	141.7	120.3	4.9	16.4	14.4	8.9	21.1	19.4	68.1	59.7	38.0	32.3
March^p	169.8	144.6	3.2	21.9	12.5	9.1	26.0	21.5	87.4	75.3	43.8	38.7
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	28	12	13	16	9	9	6	6	7	7

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