

**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				
<b>2a. Seasonally adjusted annual rate (19,000 permit-issuing places)</b>									
1997 - 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	1,517	1,145	55	317	133	305	664	415	
May	1,543	1,152	66	325	133	318	715	377	
June	1,517	1,128	74	315	151	307	675	384	
July (r)	1,581	1,173	74	334	154	310	724	393	
<b>August (p)</b>	<b>1,616</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>389</b>	
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	4	2	2	1	1	1	
<b>2b. Not seasonally adjusted (19,000 permit-issuing places)</b>									
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 8 months	964.5	722.9	23.1	21.4	197.1	95.8	200.0	429.9	238.9
1998 First 8 months	1,065.2	799.0	21.4	24.5	220.4	100.3	210.2	488.7	266.1
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	4	7	2	3	2	1	1
1997 - 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	144.7	112.9	2.7	2.7	26.4	12.9	30.8	62.4	38.7
May	137.5	105.9	2.5	3.1	26.0	12.7	30.7	62.2	31.8
June	151.8	115.2	3.1	4.4	29.0	16.1	31.4	64.3	40.0
July (r)	146.8	109.9	3.1	3.5	30.3	14.9	29.6	65.3	37.0
<b>August (p)</b>	<b>141.8</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>33.9</b>
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	4	6	2	2	1	1	1
<b>2c. Not started at end of period - not seasonally adjusted (19,000 permit-issuing places)</b>									
1997 - August	120.0	67.9	3.6	48.5	15.9	15.0	65.5	23.6	
1998 - June (r)	135.3	78.7	4.7	51.9	12.5	22.0	72.3	28.4	
July (r)	134.2	79.4	5.7	49.1	12.4	22.3	71.9	27.6	
<b>August (p)</b>	<b>130.0</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>25.3</b>	
Average relative standard error (%)	3	3	14	7	11	9	5	5	

See footnotes below Table 1.