

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				
1a. Seasonally adjusted annual rate									
1998 (r)									
January	1,527	1,227	49	251	158	330	663	376	
February	1,644	1,283	68	293	209	367	721	347	
March	1,583	1,234	44	305	140	320	728	395	
April	1,542	1,235	43	264	127	345	688	382	
May	1,541	1,221	50	270	151	299	708	383	
June	1,626	1,274	45	307	139	315	756	416	
July	1,719	1,306	41	372	154	314	818	433	
August	1,615	1,264	50	301	142	316	770	387	
September	1,576	1,251	27	298	135	316	717	408	
October	1,698	1,298	40	360	155	350	835	358	
November	1,654	1,375	30	249	153	324	759	418	
December	1,738	1,378	28	332	157	423	728	430	
1999 - January (p)	1,804	1,394	59	351	152	316	890	446	
Average relative standard error (%)	3	2	13	9	7	7	4	3	
1b. Not seasonally adjusted									
1997	1,474.0	1,133.7	18.1	26.4	295.8	136.8	303.6	670.3	363.3
1998 (r)	1,615.7	1,270.8	15.7	26.8	302.4	148.5	330.9	741.5	394.8
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	7	11	3	3	2	1	1
1998 - January	91.2	72.3	0.8	1.5	16.5	8.0	14.4	42.9	25.9
February	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	156.0	120.5	1.5	2.3	31.7	15.3	31.2	70.6	38.8
August	147.5	115.1	1.4	3.2	27.8	12.9	31.3	67.7	35.5
September	141.5	112.4	1.0	1.3	26.9	13.1	29.8	62.3	36.3
October	155.5	113.5	1.2	3.0	37.7	16.0	36.4	71.9	31.3
November (r)	124.2	101.3	0.9	1.9	20.1	12.0	25.1	58.8	28.3
December (r)	118.4	89.3	1.0	0.8	27.4	10.8	25.4	52.5	29.7
1999 - January (p)	107.1	82.3	0.9	1.9	21.9	8.2	12.8	56.6	29.5
Average relative standard error (%)	3	2	15	20	9	7	7	4	3

(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).