

**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>									
1998 - December	1,750	1,383	29	338	157	416	747	430	
1999 - January	1,820	1,393	57	370	150	335	901	434	
February	1,752	1,380	27	345	206	342	842	362	
March	1,746	1,394	33	319	147	381	821	397	
April	1,577	1,260	30	287	137	335	706	399	
May	1,668	1,389	26	253	158	361	734	415	
June	1,607	1,305	29	273	167	361	717	362	
July	1,680	1,332	39	309	169	318	757	436	
August	1,655	1,289	31	335	171	337	751	396	
September	1,637	1,295	38	304	133	372	745	387	
October (r)	1,642	1,339	25	278	137	374	766	365	
November (r)	1,598	1,299	24	275	145	357	682	414	
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>350</b>	
Average relative standard error (%)	3	3	9	9	7	6	4	4	
<b>1b. Not seasonally adjusted</b>									
1998	1,616.9	1,271.4	15.7	26.9	302.9	148.5	330.5	743.0	394.9
1999(p)	1,663.0	1,331.7	13.1	18.6	299.6	153.7	355.3	762.2	391.9
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	7	11	3	3	2	1	1
1998 - December	119.6	89.8	0.9	0.8	28.0	10.7	25.0	54.0	29.9
1999 - January	108.0	82.1	0.7	2.0	23.3	7.9	13.5	57.3	29.2
February	112.2	89.1	0.7	0.8	21.6	9.6	16.5	62.1	24.1
March	149.3	122.9	1.4	1.4	23.6	12.1	29.2	73.1	34.9
April	146.5	118.8	1.8	1.2	24.8	12.1	32.6	64.9	36.9
May	155.6	130.4	1.1	1.1	23.0	14.7	35.7	66.9	38.3
June	152.4	127.9	1.2	1.8	21.5	16.0	38.1	63.9	34.4
July	155.2	123.4	1.2	2.6	28.0	17.3	31.3	66.6	39.9
August	155.0	119.7	1.2	1.6	32.5	16.5	33.5	68.0	37.0
September	143.3	112.5	0.9	2.6	27.4	12.3	34.5	62.8	33.7
October (r)	145.4	115.8	1.4	1.1	27.0	12.3	37.5	64.9	30.7
November (r)	126.6	100.1	0.8	1.2	24.5	12.5	29.0	55.0	30.0
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>113.6</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>22.9</b>
Average relative standard error (%)	3	3	11	13	9	7	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).