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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN OCTOBER 2006

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

BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in October were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,535,000. This is 6.3 percent ($\pm 1.2\%$) below the revised September rate of 1,638,000 and is 28.0 percent ($\pm 1.2\%$) below the October 2005 estimate of 2,131,000.

Single-family authorizations in October were at a rate of 1,173,000; this is 3.8 percent ($\pm 1.3\%$) below the September figure of 1,219,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 294,000 in October.

HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in October were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,486,000. This is 14.6 percent ($\pm 7.6\%$) below the revised September estimate of 1,740,000 and is 27.4 percent ($\pm 5.3\%$) below the October 2005 rate of 2,046,000.

Single-family housing starts in October were at a rate of 1,177,000; this is 15.9 percent ($\pm 7.4\%$) below the September figure of 1,400,000. The October rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 266,000.

HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in October were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,953,000. This is 3.8 percent ($\pm 7.9\%$)* below the revised September estimate of 2,031,000 and is 0.7 percent ($\pm 7.5\%$)* below the October 2005 rate of 1,967,000.

Single-family housing completions in October were at a rate of 1,561,000; this is 8.3 percent ($\pm 7.6\%$) below the September figure of 1,702,000. The October rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 348,000.

New Residential Construction data for November 2006 will be released on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. EST.

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, 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 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: October	2,131	1,717	81	333	198	129	353	289	1,041	849	539	450
November	2,191	1,716	81	394	210	125	351	286	1,065	868	565	437
December	2,107	1,642	84	381	209	121	319	239	1,062	847	517	435
2006: January	2,195	1,664	103	428	210	130	384	274	1,071	842	530	418
February	2,147	1,624	87	436	205	126	358	259	1,019	832	565	407
March	2,085	1,555	83	447	208	126	335	251	1,039	808	503	370
April	1,973	1,497	72	404	186	115	293	237	993	764	501	381
May	1,946	1,488	84	374	163	103	312	242	969	770	502	373
June	1,869	1,404	67	398	175	102	308	224	918	718	468	360
July	1,763	1,325	85	353	163	99	295	219	890	696	415	311
August	1,727	1,284	74	369	169	98	277	203	883	677	398	306
September ^f	1,638	1,219	72	347	164	97	259	197	818	635	397	290
October^p	1,535	1,173	68	294	160	99	242	191	781	621	352	262
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
Percent Change:												
<i>October 2006 from September 2006</i>	<i>-6.3%</i>	<i>-3.8%</i>	<i>-5.6%</i>	<i>-15.3%</i>	<i>-2.4%</i>	<i>2.1%</i>	<i>-6.6%</i>	<i>-3.0%</i>	<i>-4.5%</i>	<i>-2.2%</i>	<i>-11.3%</i>	<i>-9.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.9</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 5.2</i>	<i>± 5.9</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>
<i>October 2006 from October 2005</i>	<i>-28.0%</i>	<i>-31.7%</i>	<i>-16.0%</i>	<i>-11.7%</i>	<i>-19.2%</i>	<i>-23.3%</i>	<i>-31.4%</i>	<i>-33.9%</i>	<i>-25.0%</i>	<i>-26.9%</i>	<i>-34.7%</i>	<i>-41.8%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 5.1</i>	<i>± 6.4</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 4.6</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 2.7</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	2,155.3	1,682.0	84.0	389.3	203.8	126.6	353.9	278.7	1,039.0	826.8	558.6	450.0
RSE (%)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
2005: Year to Date ²	1,841.7	1,448.9	71.7	321.1	169.4	108.1	311.6	250.6	880.3	701.6	480.4	388.6
2006: Year to Date ²	1,607.3	1,220.2	67.5	319.6	150.7	92.3	252.6	193.7	804.4	633.3	399.6	300.9
RSE (%)	(Z)	1	2	(Z)	2	2	1	2	(Z)	(Z)	1	1
Year to Date Percent Change⁴	-12.7%	-15.8%	-5.9%	(Z)	-11.1%	-14.6%	-18.9%	-22.7%	-8.6%	-9.7%	-16.8%	-22.6%
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 0.7</i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 0.4</i>	<i>± 0.5</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 1.3</i>
2005: October	176.0	139.1	7.1	29.8	16.8	11.2	32.9	25.9	82.6	66.4	43.7	35.6
November	162.9	124.0	6.5	32.3	17.1	9.7	28.4	21.6	76.6	61.9	40.8	30.8
December	151.3	112.5	6.1	32.7	15.0	8.0	20.5	14.8	77.8	59.3	38.1	30.4
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	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	191.3	145.4	7.4	38.5	17.4	10.6	28.4	22.1	98.7	77.9	46.8	34.8
April	164.9	129.4	5.9	29.6	15.6	10.1	26.1	22.0	81.6	64.7	41.6	32.6
May	184.5	145.1	7.8	31.6	16.4	10.6	31.1	25.0	88.8	72.5	48.2	37.0
June	180.2	137.0	6.8	36.4	18.0	10.5	29.2	22.5	86.6	68.8	46.4	35.2
July	145.5	111.1	6.6	27.7	14.4	9.1	25.5	19.3	71.1	56.5	34.5	26.2
August	158.8	119.6	6.9	32.3	16.0	9.4	26.5	19.6	80.0	62.5	36.3	28.2
September ^f	133.6	97.5	6.1	30.1	13.8	8.2	22.6	17.0	63.8	49.1	33.4	23.2
October^p	130.4	97.9	6.3	26.2	14.0	9.0	23.1	17.8	64.6	50.2	28.6	20.9
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	3	2	2	3	3	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: 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	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	214.9	152.6	9.9	52.4	27.3	14.8	30.3	20.2	105.4	81.7	51.9	36.0
March	234.1	167.6	10.5	56.0	30.8	17.0	34.8	26.1	112.0	84.7	56.5	39.8
April	235.6	169.7	9.3	56.6	29.0	16.2	31.3	23.6	114.9	88.0	60.5	41.9
May	231.1	165.7	8.6	56.8	27.2	15.0	31.9	23.5	113.3	86.8	58.7	40.3
June	238.6	169.8	11.4	57.4	23.1	15.4	29.8	20.4	122.4	91.3	63.3	42.7
July	217.4	150.7	7.8	58.9	23.4	15.6	25.3	17.1	112.1	81.0	56.7	37.1
August ^f	229.7	157.4	7.9	64.4	23.6	14.9	27.4	17.5	123.0	87.7	55.6	37.2
September ^f	205.4	136.8	8.0	60.5	24.7	13.2	23.3	15.3	102.9	73.6	54.4	34.7
October^p	200.2	135.1	7.6	57.5	24.1	13.7	22.2	14.0	104.4	75.0	49.5	32.4
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	7	14	7	10	14	10	11	10	11	7	8
Percent Change:²												
<i>October 2006 from September 2006</i>	<i>-2.5%</i>	<i>-1.3%</i>	<i>-5.1%</i>	<i>-5.0%</i>	<i>-2.2%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>-4.9%</i>	<i>-8.2%</i>	<i>1.5%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>-9.1%</i>	<i>-6.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>	<i>± 16.2</i>	<i>± 4.3</i>	<i>± 5.4</i>	<i>± 9.7</i>	<i>± 8.5</i>	<i>± 13.9</i>	<i>± 4.6</i>	<i>± 5.2</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 6.9</i>
<i>October 2006 from October 2005</i>	<i>-9.1%</i>	<i>-15.7%</i>	<i>-11.7%</i>	<i>12.0%</i>	<i>-9.8%</i>	<i>-11.9%</i>	<i>-27.1%</i>	<i>-40.3%</i>	<i>-7.9%</i>	<i>-9.8%</i>	<i>-0.3%</i>	<i>-14.9%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 6.0</i>	<i>± 6.0</i>	<i>± 23.6</i>	<i>± 15.2</i>	<i>± 15.6</i>	<i>± 21.6</i>	<i>± 9.0</i>	<i>± 9.2</i>	<i>± 10.4</i>	<i>± 9.0</i>	<i>± 10.8</i>	<i>± 10.3</i>

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised. 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: October	2,046	1,726	(S)	287	170	144	336	302	1,029	848	511	432
November	2,131	1,795	(S)	298	197	132	385	319	995	863	554	481
December	2,002	1,633	(S)	338	167	129	295	250	1,104	871	436	383
2006: January	2,265	1,814	(S)	424	241	175	369	332	1,136	901	519	406
February	2,132	1,812	(S)	285	186	145	326	298	1,038	882	582	487
March	1,972	1,615	(S)	321	166	128	294	238	1,023	856	489	393
April	1,832	1,524	(S)	252	178	133	338	284	881	731	435	376
May	1,953	1,587	(S)	315	198	137	294	253	950	797	511	400
June	1,833	1,478	(S)	311	168	92	298	258	910	767	457	361
July	1,760	1,445	(S)	232	148	104	293	241	889	763	430	337
August ^f	1,659	1,365	(S)	253	160	120	255	205	846	724	398	316
September ^f	1,740	1,400	(S)	312	126	101	274	218	958	762	382	319
October^p	1,486	1,177	(S)	266	165	112	242	202	705	573	374	290
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	(X)	12	10	12	8	7	6	6	6	6
Percent Change:												
<i>October 2006 from September 2006</i>	<i>-14.6%</i>	<i>-15.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-14.7%</i>	<i>31.0%</i>	<i>10.9%</i>	<i>-11.7%</i>	<i>-7.3%</i>	<i>-26.4%</i>	<i>-24.8%</i>	<i>-2.1%</i>	<i>-9.1%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 7.6</i>	<i>± 7.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 24.2</i>	<i>± 28.6</i>	<i>± 30.1</i>	<i>± 13.5</i>	<i>± 14.0</i>	<i>± 12.3</i>	<i>± 11.1</i>	<i>± 12.1</i>	<i>± 15.7</i>
<i>October 2006 from October 2005</i>	<i>-27.4%</i>	<i>-31.8%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-7.3%</i>	<i>-2.9%</i>	<i>-22.2%</i>	<i>-28.0%</i>	<i>-33.1%</i>	<i>-31.5%</i>	<i>-32.4%</i>	<i>-26.8%</i>	<i>-32.9%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 5.3</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 22.7</i>	<i>± 27.7</i>	<i>± 27.2</i>	<i>± 9.2</i>	<i>± 8.3</i>	<i>± 9.1</i>	<i>± 9.1</i>	<i>± 7.3</i>	<i>± 7.7</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	1,771.5	1,474.8	35.6	261.1	161.6	117.6	306.6	263.9	848.3	712.0	455.1	381.4
2006: Year to Date	1,575.3	1,290.7	37.7	247.0	142.8	101.9	248.1	209.7	796.5	665.4	387.9	313.7
RSE (%)	1	1	13	4	3	5	2	2	2	2	1	2
Year to Date Percent Change³	-11.1%	-12.5%	5.9%	-5.4%	-11.7%	-13.4%	-19.1%	-20.5%	-6.1%	-6.5%	-14.8%	-17.7%
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>± 22.9</i>	<i>± 6.8</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 4.3</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 3.5</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>
2005: 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	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	145.1	123.6	2.4	19.1	10.1	7.4	17.1	15.2	77.7	67.2	40.2	33.9
March	165.9	137.7	2.8	25.4	12.9	9.9	22.4	18.0	89.7	76.5	41.0	33.4
April	160.5	134.8	4.6	21.0	16.0	12.2	30.0	25.5	77.8	65.3	36.7	31.8
May	190.2	158.0	4.5	27.7	18.8	13.4	30.9	27.3	89.6	76.2	50.8	41.1
June	170.2	139.9	3.8	26.4	16.1	9.6	30.1	26.7	81.9	69.7	42.1	33.9
July	160.9	133.1	7.3	20.4	13.7	9.8	27.4	22.8	80.2	69.1	39.6	31.5
August ^f	146.8	120.0	3.7	23.1	15.6	12.0	24.2	19.7	71.4	60.3	35.5	28.1
September ^f	151.5	119.7	2.6	29.1	11.3	9.0	25.5	20.3	82.7	64.4	31.9	26.0
October^p	131.3	102.8	4.0	24.5	15.0	10.1	22.5	18.8	60.7	48.6	33.0	25.3
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	26	12	10	12	8	7	6	6	6	6

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X Not applicable.

¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

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³ 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								
Seasonally adjusted												
2005: October	1,373	952	(S)	384	172	95	221	172	613	428	367	257
November	1,393	969	(S)	386	174	94	226	175	619	436	374	264
December	1,401	972	(S)	394	173	95	225	173	631	441	372	263
2006: January	1,418	986	(S)	399	176	99	226	174	645	451	371	262
February	1,424	991	(S)	402	178	102	224	173	647	453	375	263
March	1,420	983	(S)	408	176	101	223	172	643	446	378	264
April	1,397	960	(S)	405	173	100	222	170	630	432	372	258
May	1,405	959	(S)	413	174	100	223	169	635	436	373	254
June	1,385	936	(S)	415	174	95	219	165	627	429	365	247
July	1,364	914	(S)	411	170	92	214	158	618	423	362	241
August ^f	1,344	889	(S)	415	170	90	209	150	610	417	355	232
September ^f	1,322	866	(S)	416	164	87	204	145	609	411	345	223
October^p	1,292	841	(S)	412	164	86	198	139	592	401	338	215
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	2	(X)	3	5	8	4	5	2	3	3	5
Percent Change:												
<i>October 2006 from September 2006</i>	<i>-2.3%</i>	<i>-2.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-1.1%</i>	<i>-2.9%</i>	<i>-4.1%</i>	<i>-2.8%</i>	<i>-2.4%</i>	<i>-2.0%</i>	<i>-3.6%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 0.7</i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.1</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>
<i>October 2006 from October 2005</i>	<i>-5.9%</i>	<i>-11.7%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>7.3%</i>	<i>-4.7%</i>	<i>-9.5%</i>	<i>-10.4%</i>	<i>-19.2%</i>	<i>-3.4%</i>	<i>-6.3%</i>	<i>-7.9%</i>	<i>-16.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 5.5</i>	<i>± 8.3</i>	<i>± 9.2</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 4.4</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>	<i>± 5.3</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 4.6</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2005: 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	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	1,371.2	938.7	30.6	401.9	170.3	94.1	211.3	160.8	625.8	431.9	363.8	251.9
March	1,382.3	943.1	29.6	409.7	170.2	95.3	211.3	159.8	632.6	434.7	368.2	253.3
April	1,384.8	943.9	32.1	408.8	170.6	97.3	214.6	162.6	632.6	432.5	366.9	251.5
May	1,418.1	968.5	33.5	416.1	174.8	99.9	222.4	167.6	644.8	444.4	376.2	256.7
June	1,407.2	958.8	34.2	414.3	174.7	96.2	222.6	169.0	639.9	441.7	370.0	251.9
July	1,406.8	955.3	38.7	412.7	173.7	95.1	222.3	166.0	636.8	441.2	374.0	253.0
August ^f	1,383.7	934.3	39.7	409.7	173.3	94.6	217.2	159.2	625.7	434.9	367.5	245.7
September ^f	1,352.3	899.5	39.3	413.6	167.0	90.5	211.3	152.5	621.5	425.2	352.5	231.3
October^p	1,317.2	867.2	38.7	411.3	166.5	88.8	205.3	146.4	600.9	410.3	344.5	221.6
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	2	9	3	5	8	4	5	2	3	3	5

^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.

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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: October	1,967	1,615	(S)	325	153	109	344	293	958	797	512	416
November	1,909	1,630	(S)	254	158	143	338	291	911	764	502	432
December	1,953	1,668	(S)	243	178	137	327	293	936	797	512	441
2006: January	2,044	1,652	(S)	345	184	122	354	307	995	798	511	425
February	2,038	1,728	(S)	239	206	128	319	294	971	846	542	460
March	2,203	1,869	(S)	286	189	137	364	311	1,112	951	538	470
April	2,043	1,716	(S)	295	231	141	338	292	978	845	496	438
May	1,905	1,618	(S)	253	173	132	306	284	926	771	500	431
June	2,043	1,748	(S)	267	168	141	349	310	985	844	541	453
July	1,946	1,672	(S)	251	178	135	321	307	1,009	852	438	378
August ^f	1,888	1,630	(S)	233	171	137	325	293	920	784	472	416
September ^f	2,031	1,702	(S)	294	208	143	323	274	970	841	530	444
October^p	1,953	1,561	(S)	348	173	132	323	276	983	737	474	416
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	(X)	12	12	13	8	8	6	6	7	7
Percent Change:												
<i>October 2006 from September 2006</i>	<i>-3.8%</i>	<i>-8.3%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>18.4%</i>	<i>-16.8%</i>	<i>-7.7%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>1.3%</i>	<i>-12.4%</i>	<i>-10.6%</i>	<i>-6.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 7.9</i>	<i>± 7.6</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 29.8</i>	<i>± 20.3</i>	<i>± 24.1</i>	<i>± 18.9</i>	<i>± 19.0</i>	<i>± 12.0</i>	<i>± 10.4</i>	<i>± 12.2</i>	<i>± 14.4</i>
<i>October 2006 from October 2005</i>	<i>-0.7%</i>	<i>-3.3%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>7.1%</i>	<i>13.1%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>-6.1%</i>	<i>-5.8%</i>	<i>2.6%</i>	<i>-7.5%</i>	<i>-7.4%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 7.5</i>	<i>± 7.7</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 28.5</i>	<i>± 28.9</i>	<i>± 36.7</i>	<i>± 18.3</i>	<i>± 17.7</i>	<i>± 12.6</i>	<i>± 12.2</i>	<i>± 11.5</i>	<i>± 15.3</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	1,581.1	1,331.0	32.0	218.1	138.5	104.1	290.9	252.6	737.5	617.3	414.3	357.0
2006: Year to Date	1,640.7	1,375.7	31.3	233.7	151.9	108.7	269.5	238.6	806.5	674.7	412.8	353.7
RSE (%)	1	1	12	4	7	6	2	2	2	2	2	2
Year to Date Percent Change³	3.8%	3.4%	-2.4%	7.2%	9.7%	4.4%	-7.3%	-5.5%	9.4%	9.3%	-0.4%	-0.9%
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 22.9</i>	<i>± 8.4</i>	<i>± 11.8</i>	<i>± 10.5</i>	<i>± 4.8</i>	<i>± 4.4</i>	<i>± 4.7</i>	<i>± 5.0</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>
2005: 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	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	141.7	120.8	4.8	16.1	14.0	8.7	21.3	19.5	68.5	60.1	38.0	32.5
March	169.2	144.9	3.5	20.8	12.7	9.0	26.1	22.3	87.6	75.9	42.8	37.8
April	160.3	134.0	2.6	23.8	17.2	10.0	26.6	22.9	77.9	67.1	38.6	34.0
May	158.8	133.7	3.0	22.2	13.7	10.1	25.5	23.5	78.0	64.4	41.7	35.6
June	179.6	151.7	2.7	25.2	15.5	13.0	29.3	25.6	86.5	73.2	48.2	39.9
July	163.6	138.7	2.1	22.9	14.8	10.9	27.2	25.9	85.1	70.8	36.6	31.1
August ^f	170.4	142.4	2.8	25.2	16.1	12.3	30.4	26.9	82.1	67.4	41.9	35.8
September ^f	180.4	152.7	2.9	24.8	18.7	13.2	30.0	25.9	84.8	73.9	46.9	39.7
October^p	174.2	141.7	3.7	28.8	15.9	12.5	29.7	25.9	86.2	65.8	42.3	37.5
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	30	12	12	13	8	8	6	6	7	7

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³ Computed using unrounded data.