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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN APRIL 2007

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for April 2007:

BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in April were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,429,000. This is 8.9 percent ($\pm 1.4\%$) below the revised March rate of 1,569,000 and is 28.1 percent ($\pm 1.5\%$) below the revised April 2006 estimate of 1,987,000.

Single-family authorizations in April were at a rate of 1,063,000; this is 6.0 percent ($\pm 1.3\%$) below the March figure of 1,131,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 306,000 in April.

HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in April were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,528,000. This is 2.5 percent ($\pm 9.3\%$)* above the revised March estimate of 1,491,000, but is 16.1 percent ($\pm 5.5\%$) below the revised April 2006 rate of 1,821,000.

Single-family housing starts in April were at a rate of 1,225,000; this is 1.6 percent ($\pm 9.5\%$)* above the March figure of 1,206,000. The April rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 267,000.

HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in April were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,523,000. This is 5.8 percent ($\pm 8.3\%$)* below the revised March estimate of 1,616,000 and is 26.0 percent ($\pm 5.9\%$) below the revised April 2006 rate of 2,058,000.

Single-family housing completions in April were at a rate of 1,261,000; this is 3.4 percent ($\pm 8.6\%$)* below the March figure of 1,306,000. The April rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 222,000.

New Residential Construction data for May 2007 will be released on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 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 3 months to establish an underlying trend for building permit authorizations, 4 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.

Unadjusted estimates of housing units authorized by building permits for January through December 2006 have been revised. Also, seasonally adjusted estimates of housing units authorized by building permits, started, under construction and completed for January 2005 through March 2007 have been revised.

* 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: ^f January	2,139	1,654	76	409	197	122	334	266	1,051	826	557	440
February	2,114	1,630	89	395	197	123	368	286	995	783	554	438
March	2,062	1,580	80	402	183	111	340	263	993	775	546	431
April	2,150	1,654	75	421	202	121	371	281	1,025	816	552	436
May	2,085	1,644	81	360	206	125	351	274	979	795	549	450
June	2,178	1,683	87	408	215	127	355	279	1,064	829	544	448
July	2,203	1,722	96	385	205	134	371	289	1,045	834	582	465
August	2,219	1,716	87	416	207	136	350	281	1,104	853	558	446
September	2,263	1,798	88	377	213	141	356	285	1,075	869	619	503
October	2,170	1,742	84	344	200	130	361	291	1,056	860	553	461
November	2,218	1,730	82	406	213	125	359	288	1,071	872	575	445
December	2,120	1,661	84	375	208	122	325	253	1,066	845	521	441
2006: ^f January	2,224	1,686	103	435	211	129	353	264	1,102	863	558	430
February	2,129	1,633	85	411	203	125	356	254	1,017	839	553	415
March	2,097	1,551	83	463	207	122	318	238	1,061	812	511	379
April	1,987	1,492	76	419	185	114	284	225	1,013	770	505	383
May	1,918	1,460	83	375	163	100	291	225	965	770	499	365
June	1,879	1,405	68	406	172	101	292	210	935	729	480	365
July	1,774	1,319	84	371	176	97	279	206	904	702	415	314
August	1,731	1,285	78	368	168	98	275	195	871	681	417	311
September	1,654	1,215	71	368	164	94	249	187	832	645	409	289
October	1,560	1,170	65	325	155	95	234	182	793	624	378	269
November	1,527	1,152	60	315	145	86	231	175	800	621	351	270
December	1,628	1,181	75	372	172	95	236	171	836	642	384	273
2007: January ^f	1,566	1,127	76	363	189	101	259	178	741	571	377	277
February ^f	1,541	1,099	72	370	140	80	211	149	773	589	417	281
March ^f	1,569	1,131	72	366	166	94	243	176	753	574	407	287
April^p	1,429	1,063	60	306	157	93	223	164	700	541	349	265
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	4	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
Percent Change:												
<i>April 2007 from March 2007</i>	-8.9%	-6.0%	-16.7%	-16.4%	-5.4%	-1.1%	-8.2%	-6.8%	-7.0%	-5.7%	-14.3%	-7.7%
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	± 1.4	± 1.3	± 2.0	± 5.1	± 5.3	± 6.7	± 5.7	± 6.5	± 1.7	± 1.9	± 1.1	± 1.2
<i>April 2007 from April 2006</i>	-28.1%	-28.8%	-21.1%	-27.0%	-15.1%	-18.4%	-21.5%	-27.1%	-30.9%	-29.7%	-30.9%	-30.8%
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	± 1.5	± 1.0	± 2.8	± 5.9	± 7.2	± 9.1	± 5.0	± 5.7	± 2.0	± 2.3	± 1.3	± 1.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized in Permit-Issuing Places - Con.

[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								
Not seasonally adjusted												
2005	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
2006 ^f	1,838.9	1,378.2	76.6	384.1	174.6	103.4	279.4	209.3	929.7	726.2	455.2	339.3
RSE (%)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
2006: First 4 months ³	667.9	508.3	26.0	133.6	57.7	35.6	95.0	73.2	346.9	271.4	168.3	128.2
2007: First 4 months ³	488.8	358.9	21.1	108.8	47.2	26.9	67.3	48.9	250.3	192.0	124.1	91.1
RSE (%)	1	1	2	(Z)	3	5	2	2	1	1	1	1
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ⁴	-26.8%	-29.4%	-18.8%	-18.6%	-18.2%	-24.4%	-29.1%	-33.2%	-27.9%	-29.2%	-26.3%	-28.9%
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	± 0.9	± 1.0	± 3.0	± 1.4	± 4.5	± 6.0	± 2.5	± 2.9	± 0.7	± 0.8	± 1.2	± 1.4
2005: January	139.7	106.9	4.5	28.3	11.4	6.8	16.4	12.7	75.0	58.6	36.9	28.7
February	149.4	114.8	5.9	28.6	11.5	6.9	21.4	16.5	76.3	60.2	40.2	31.3
March	190.5	150.6	7.3	32.6	15.1	9.6	29.7	23.9	94.8	75.3	50.9	41.8
April	193.2	152.7	6.7	33.9	18.0	11.0	35.0	27.7	90.7	73.8	49.6	40.1
May	193.1	156.0	7.4	29.7	19.9	12.7	34.3	27.7	89.3	72.9	49.5	42.7
June	211.9	166.2	8.7	37.1	22.1	13.0	34.8	28.4	99.2	79.2	55.8	45.6
July	185.5	145.9	7.6	31.9	18.3	12.1	32.7	26.0	86.5	68.7	48.0	39.1
August	208.0	161.9	8.4	37.7	20.1	13.0	35.3	27.5	101.3	79.7	51.3	41.7
September	193.7	151.3	7.8	34.6	18.6	12.7	32.3	25.8	88.9	70.7	53.9	42.2
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: ^f January	152.6	114.3	6.6	31.7	12.6	7.6	18.5	13.3	83.7	64.3	37.8	29.0
February	151.0	115.6	5.7	29.7	11.9	6.9	20.7	14.5	78.2	64.5	40.3	29.7
March	194.2	146.7	7.5	40.0	17.2	10.4	27.3	21.3	101.6	78.5	48.1	36.6
April	168.6	130.8	6.3	31.5	15.6	10.0	25.4	21.2	85.0	65.9	42.6	33.7
May	184.4	144.5	7.8	32.1	16.5	10.4	29.7	23.7	89.8	73.5	48.4	36.9
June	184.2	139.3	7.0	38.0	17.7	10.5	28.5	21.4	89.6	70.7	48.5	36.7
July	148.0	111.6	6.7	29.7	15.8	8.8	24.6	18.5	73.2	57.6	34.4	26.7
August	161.2	121.5	7.4	32.3	16.0	9.5	27.3	19.3	80.1	63.6	37.8	29.1
September	136.6	97.7	6.0	32.8	13.9	8.0	22.2	16.3	65.7	50.2	34.7	23.2
October	133.1	98.0	6.0	29.1	13.6	8.7	22.7	17.2	66.2	50.7	30.6	21.4
November	111.4	82.2	4.6	24.6	11.7	6.6	17.8	12.9	56.7	43.8	25.3	18.8
December	113.6	76.0	5.0	32.6	12.1	6.0	14.7	9.6	59.9	42.8	26.9	17.6
2007: January	112.3	79.6	5.0	27.8	12.1	6.0	14.4	9.3	58.1	44.3	27.6	19.8
February	109.9	78.4	4.7	26.8	8.2	4.5	12.3	8.4	59.1	45.4	30.3	20.1
March ^f	139.2	103.2	6.3	29.7	13.1	7.7	19.9	15.2	69.7	53.8	36.5	26.5
April^p	125.6	96.5	5.1	24.0	13.8	8.6	20.7	15.9	60.9	48.0	30.2	24.0
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	4	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1

^pPreliminary. ^fRevised. 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.

²See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

³Reflects revisions not distributed to months.

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: January	202.1	131.5	9.1	61.5	27.9	12.3	26.5	19.5	102.5	68.6	45.2	31.2
February	197.7	131.2	9.1	57.4	27.0	12.0	25.8	20.2	100.9	67.1	44.0	31.9
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	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	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	205.1	136.9	8.2	60.1	23.7	13.4	23.5	15.3	102.7	72.9	55.2	35.2
October	201.5	136.9	7.1	57.5	24.8	15.0	22.3	14.2	104.5	74.3	50.0	33.4
November	194.3	129.9	7.5	56.9	23.9	13.4	22.4	13.3	98.9	71.3	49.1	31.8
December	189.9	126.2	6.5	57.3	23.0	12.2	20.8	12.7	99.9	72.4	46.2	28.8
2007: January	199.8	131.4	7.9	60.5	23.0	12.2	24.6	13.6	103.0	71.9	49.3	33.7
February ^f	201.6	130.3	7.1	64.3	22.3	12.0	27.0	14.7	102.5	71.0	49.8	32.5
March ^f	214.1	138.3	8.5	67.3	24.2	12.8	29.7	16.5	105.1	73.2	55.1	35.8
April^p	200.9	129.8	7.8	63.3	22.9	13.0	31.2	17.1	97.0	65.7	49.8	34.0
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	6	14	7	7	10	9	11	9	10	7	9
Percent Change:²												
<i>April 2007 from March 2007</i>	-6.1%	-6.1%	-8.0%	-6.0%	-5.3%	1.4%	4.9%	4.0%	-7.7%	-10.2%	-9.5%	-5.2%
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	± 2.6	± 3.4	± 14.2	± 4.4	± 6.0	± 9.8	± 6.9	± 8.5	± 4.3	± 5.1	± 5.3	± 6.4
<i>April 2007 from April 2006</i>	-14.7%	-23.5%	-16.3%	11.8%	-20.9%	-19.9%	-0.4%	-27.2%	-15.6%	-25.3%	-17.5%	-18.9%
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	± 5.4	± 7.0	± 33.4	± 16.1	± 16.4	± 18.1	± 14.5	± 15.3	± 8.5	± 11.1	± 7.0	± 8.2

^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: ^f January	2,144	1,739	(S)	358	163	131	334	280	1,090	886	557	442
February	2,207	1,792	(S)	363	200	149	446	366	996	829	565	448
March	1,864	1,583	(S)	247	210	136	311	295	855	736	488	416
April	2,061	1,658	(S)	354	192	125	330	275	1,037	858	502	400
May	2,025	1,714	(S)	275	183	136	384	329	928	798	530	451
June	2,068	1,719	(S)	312	194	148	339	298	1,037	841	498	432
July	2,054	1,724	(S)	294	196	137	364	315	986	826	508	446
August	2,095	1,728	(S)	324	202	132	383	310	927	790	583	496
September	2,151	1,789	(S)	305	196	147	375	320	1,008	856	572	466
October	2,065	1,740	(S)	292	171	145	339	304	1,036	852	519	439
November	2,147	1,808	(S)	300	198	133	390	323	1,003	869	556	483
December	1,994	1,628	(S)	335	167	129	292	247	1,104	873	431	379
2006: ^f January	2,292	1,837	(S)	428	241	174	372	335	1,156	919	523	409
February	2,125	1,808	(S)	282	185	144	331	304	1,034	879	575	481
March	1,965	1,610	(S)	319	166	128	290	234	1,022	856	487	392
April	1,821	1,510	(S)	255	180	134	338	284	877	725	426	367
May	1,944	1,582	(S)	312	197	136	290	250	944	793	513	403
June	1,819	1,469	(S)	306	167	92	292	253	906	765	454	359
July	1,746	1,434	(S)	230	147	103	292	240	880	756	427	335
August	1,646	1,355	(S)	251	158	118	250	201	842	721	396	315
September	1,721	1,391	(S)	301	137	100	267	214	937	760	380	317
October	1,470	1,181	(S)	251	147	106	232	194	713	590	378	291
November	1,565	1,273	(S)	272	153	113	227	192	828	678	357	290
December	1,629	1,241	(S)	339	174	107	226	180	808	640	421	314
2007: January ^f	1,403	1,123	(S)	257	188	126	190	177	699	588	326	232
February ^f	1,487	1,188	(S)	269	134	90	163	144	798	649	392	305
March ^f	1,491	1,206	(S)	251	131	92	226	195	764	631	370	288
April^p	1,528	1,225	(S)	267	172	108	194	168	763	638	399	311
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	(X)	12	13	16	10	9	5	5	8	7
Percent Change:												
<i>April 2007 from March 2007</i>	<i>2.5%</i>	<i>1.6%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>6.4%</i>	<i>31.3%</i>	<i>17.4%</i>	<i>-14.2%</i>	<i>-13.8%</i>	<i>-0.1%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>7.8%</i>	<i>8.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 9.3</i>	<i>± 9.5</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 25.7</i>	<i>± 41.8</i>	<i>± 44.5</i>	<i>± 19.3</i>	<i>± 16.1</i>	<i>± 13.1</i>	<i>± 13.6</i>	<i>± 22.3</i>	<i>± 22.2</i>
<i>April 2007 from April 2006</i>	<i>-16.1%</i>	<i>-18.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>-4.4%</i>	<i>-19.4%</i>	<i>-42.6%</i>	<i>-40.8%</i>	<i>-13.0%</i>	<i>-12.0%</i>	<i>-6.3%</i>	<i>-15.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 5.5</i>	<i>± 5.9</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 17.6</i>	<i>± 13.2</i>	<i>± 14.0</i>	<i>± 9.9</i>	<i>± 8.9</i>	<i>± 7.6</i>	<i>± 8.6</i>	<i>± 14.1</i>	<i>± 12.5</i>

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started - Con.

[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								
Not seasonally adjusted												
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
2006	1,800.9	1,465.4	42.7	292.8	167.2	118.0	279.5	235.3	910.3	756.5	443.8	355.6
RSE (%)	1	1	12	4	3	6	2	2	2	2	1	2
2006: First 4 months	624.6	517.1	11.7	95.7	52.2	38.0	87.5	74.2	329.9	277.0	154.9	128.0
2007: First 4 months	460.8	373.6	9.2	78.0	43.4	27.8	52.3	45.6	249.0	210.5	116.0	89.8
RSE (%)	1	2	15	5	4	7	4	4	2	2	4	4
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ³	-26.2%	-27.8%	-21.6%	-18.5%	-16.8%	-26.8%	-40.2%	-38.6%	-24.5%	-24.0%	-25.1%	-29.9%
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	± 2.5	± 2.3	± 22.5	± 9.6	± 9.5	± 9.0	± 5.3	± 4.7	± 3.9	± 3.3	± 5.6	± 5.1
2005: January	142.9	114.3	3.3	25.3	8.7	6.5	15.9	12.1	80.2	65.9	37.9	29.8
February	149.1	121.1	3.5	24.5	11.1	7.7	23.8	18.4	74.7	63.4	39.5	31.6
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	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	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	150.1	119.2	2.7	28.2	12.3	8.9	25.1	20.2	80.9	64.3	31.8	25.9
October	130.6	104.0	3.5	23.1	13.3	9.5	22.0	18.5	61.7	50.4	33.7	25.7
November	115.2	91.7	1.6	21.9	12.2	9.0	18.1	15.3	58.8	46.7	26.1	20.7
December	112.4	82.3	3.8	26.3	12.9	7.8	14.3	10.7	55.9	42.8	29.3	21.0
2007: January	95.0	75.4	1.6	18.0	10.5	6.2	9.2	8.3	52.8	45.1	22.4	15.8
February ^f	103.1	82.9	2.0	18.2	7.6	4.6	8.5	7.2	59.8	49.7	27.3	21.4
March ^f	123.4	101.2	2.6	19.6	10.2	7.1	17.1	14.7	65.3	54.9	30.9	24.5
April^p	139.3	114.2	3.0	22.1	15.2	9.9	17.6	15.5	71.2	60.8	35.4	28.1
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	23	12	13	16	10	9	5	5	8	7

^pPreliminary. ^fRevised. 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: ^f January	1,302	904	(S)	360	152	85	227	177	577	396	346	246
February	1,322	918	(S)	367	153	87	230	178	588	404	351	249
March	1,311	908	(S)	366	159	88	227	176	580	399	345	245
April	1,324	912	(S)	374	164	87	224	172	591	410	345	243
May	1,322	913	(S)	372	164	88	219	169	590	411	349	245
June	1,329	913	(S)	377	166	87	216	167	596	414	351	245
July	1,338	920	(S)	380	170	88	216	168	599	416	353	248
August	1,356	933	(S)	387	170	90	219	169	606	421	361	253
September	1,377	945	(S)	393	173	92	223	172	610	424	371	257
October	1,376	955	(S)	384	173	96	222	173	613	428	368	258
November	1,395	971	(S)	386	174	94	227	176	619	436	375	265
December	1,405	976	(S)	394	173	95	226	174	633	443	373	264
2006: ^f January	1,421	987	(S)	401	176	99	227	175	645	450	373	263
February	1,426	993	(S)	402	178	102	225	174	648	454	375	263
March	1,421	982	(S)	409	175	100	223	172	644	446	379	264
April	1,399	961	(S)	406	173	100	222	170	631	433	373	258
May	1,405	958	(S)	414	174	99	222	168	636	437	373	254
June	1,385	936	(S)	415	174	95	218	164	628	430	365	247
July	1,361	913	(S)	410	170	92	213	157	617	423	361	241
August	1,341	889	(S)	412	169	90	208	150	609	417	355	232
September	1,319	866	(S)	413	165	87	203	145	606	410	345	224
October	1,286	837	(S)	409	164	86	198	139	587	398	337	214
November	1,263	820	(S)	407	163	86	193	134	573	389	334	211
December	1,245	803	(S)	407	163	84	187	131	558	374	337	214
2007: January ^f	1,216	779	(S)	404	165	84	184	129	538	358	329	208
February ^f	1,208	772	(S)	403	165	82	180	127	532	354	331	209
March ^f	1,194	760	(S)	401	166	82	178	126	523	347	327	205
April^p	1,188	753	(S)	403	168	82	174	123	518	343	328	205
Average RSE (%) ¹	2	3	(X)	3	3	10	6	7	3	3	4	5
Percent Change:												
<i>April 2007 from March 2007</i>	<i>-0.5%</i>	<i>-0.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>1.2%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-2.2%</i>	<i>-2.4%</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	<i>-1.2%</i>	<i>0.3%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 1.9</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>
<i>April 2007 from April 2006</i>	<i>-15.1%</i>	<i>-21.6%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-0.7%</i>	<i>-2.9%</i>	<i>-18.0%</i>	<i>-21.6%</i>	<i>-27.6%</i>	<i>-17.9%</i>	<i>-20.8%</i>	<i>-12.1%</i>	<i>-20.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 1.9</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 4.6</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 7.0</i>	<i>± 4.8</i>	<i>± 6.3</i>	<i>± 2.9</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 4.3</i>	<i>± 4.9</i>

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Under Construction at End of Period - Con.

[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								
Not seasonally adjusted												
2005: January	1,252.9	856.0	38.0	358.9	147.8	81.3	216.5	166.3	555.6	375.1	333.0	233.2
February	1,270.3	866.4	37.0	366.9	146.5	80.4	214.8	163.3	568.3	384.4	340.6	238.3
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	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	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	1,354.3	902.1	39.6	412.6	168.3	90.6	211.5	153.4	621.2	425.5	353.3	232.5
October	1,313.1	864.4	39.5	409.2	166.9	88.5	205.3	146.7	596.7	407.9	344.2	221.3
November	1,271.8	827.0	36.3	408.5	165.1	87.8	198.3	139.2	571.9	387.2	336.4	212.8
December	1,204.9	764.7	34.9	405.3	162.3	83.7	183.7	127.6	534.3	351.2	324.6	202.2
2007: January	1,172.5	737.3	33.2	402.0	161.5	80.4	175.3	120.8	518.9	339.5	316.9	196.6
February ^f	1,162.6	728.3	32.9	401.4	159.0	76.5	168.7	115.8	514.6	337.1	320.4	198.9
March ^f	1,161.6	728.5	32.7	400.4	161.1	77.1	168.2	116.6	513.1	337.3	319.2	197.6
April^p	1,177.1	740.4	32.2	404.5	166.2	80.0	168.5	117.4	518.1	342.4	324.2	200.5
Average RSE (%) ¹	2	3	8	3	3	10	6	7	3	3	4	5

^pPreliminary. ^fRevised. 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.

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: ^f January	1,892	1,589	(S)	258	158	132	328	306	859	699	547	452
February	1,908	1,608	(S)	248	189	130	385	327	878	759	456	392
March	1,787	1,524	(S)	234	154	114	330	296	807	688	496	426
April	1,927	1,626	(S)	273	160	135	352	316	902	734	513	441
May	2,103	1,750	(S)	305	170	129	438	371	966	789	529	461
June	1,965	1,679	(S)	253	199	172	366	316	935	773	465	418
July	1,886	1,639	(S)	208	144	123	339	298	882	759	521	459
August	1,952	1,649	(S)	255	203	128	356	308	881	761	512	452
September	1,922	1,631	(S)	258	167	119	334	288	920	786	501	438
October	1,962	1,618	(S)	317	157	114	341	291	957	800	507	413
November	1,907	1,633	(S)	249	158	144	334	288	905	760	510	441
December	1,941	1,662	(S)	238	177	137	326	293	925	789	513	443
2006: ^f January	2,048	1,659	(S)	343	186	124	355	308	991	796	516	431
February	2,049	1,740	(S)	238	206	128	323	298	973	849	547	465
March	2,229	1,894	(S)	287	191	139	373	320	1,129	967	536	468
April	2,058	1,726	(S)	299	230	139	342	296	990	854	496	437
May	1,901	1,614	(S)	253	170	129	307	285	924	769	500	431
June	2,047	1,746	(S)	272	167	140	349	309	989	845	542	452
July	1,944	1,665	(S)	255	178	134	320	305	1,009	850	437	376
August	1,881	1,623	(S)	233	171	137	323	291	919	783	468	412
September	2,019	1,681	(S)	304	197	134	327	269	981	850	514	428
October	1,919	1,561	(S)	316	156	121	312	269	999	773	452	398
November	1,885	1,521	(S)	299	168	110	290	258	992	793	435	360
December	1,887	1,501	(S)	332	155	113	311	245	973	799	448	344
2007: January ^f	1,830	1,498	(S)	300	170	141	265	232	963	801	432	324
February ^f	1,628	1,302	(S)	288	142	106	233	190	889	723	364	283
March ^f	1,616	1,306	(S)	271	123	85	247	202	836	689	410	330
April^p	1,523	1,261	(S)	222	121	82	210	188	821	682	371	309
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	(X)	11	12	14	10	10	6	6	7	7
Percent Change:												
<i>April 2007 from March 2007</i>	<i>-5.8%</i>	<i>-3.4%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-18.1%</i>	<i>-1.6%</i>	<i>-3.5%</i>	<i>-15.0%</i>	<i>-6.9%</i>	<i>-1.8%</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	<i>-9.5%</i>	<i>-6.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 8.3</i>	<i>± 8.6</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 24.0</i>	<i>± 32.2</i>	<i>± 31.4</i>	<i>± 20.8</i>	<i>± 22.3</i>	<i>± 11.1</i>	<i>± 11.9</i>	<i>± 15.7</i>	<i>± 12.1</i>
<i>April 2007 from April 2006</i>	<i>-26.0%</i>	<i>-26.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-25.8%</i>	<i>-47.4%</i>	<i>-41.0%</i>	<i>-38.6%</i>	<i>-36.5%</i>	<i>-17.1%</i>	<i>-20.1%</i>	<i>-25.2%</i>	<i>-29.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 5.9</i>	<i>± 5.9</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 21.8</i>	<i>± 19.5</i>	<i>± 14.2</i>	<i>± 10.6</i>	<i>± 10.8</i>	<i>± 8.6</i>	<i>± 10.2</i>	<i>± 10.2</i>	<i>± 8.8</i>

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Table 5. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Completed - Con.

[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								
Not seasonally adjusted												
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
2006	1,979.4	1,654.5	40.8	284.2	179.1	128.3	325.1	285.5	986.7	825.8	488.6	414.9
RSE (%)	1	1	13	4	5	5	2	2	1	2	2	2
2006: First 4 months	613.6	514.8	14.1	84.7	57.2	36.6	97.5	85.0	303.7	259.2	155.2	134.0
2007: First 4 months	481.7	393.1	10.8	77.8	39.2	28.8	66.5	56.3	259.5	215.3	116.5	92.8
RSE (%)	2	2	13	5	7	10	5	5	3	3	5	5
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ³	-21.5%	-23.6%	-23.6%	-8.1%	-31.6%	-21.3%	-31.8%	-33.7%	-14.6%	-16.9%	-24.9%	-30.8%
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	± 3.4	± 3.5	± 16.9	± 10.0	± 12.6	± 11.9	± 6.5	± 6.4	± 5.6	± 6.1	± 6.6	± 6.0
2005: January	130.9	109.8	3.2	18.0	10.9	9.1	21.7	20.2	60.5	49.4	37.8	31.2
February	132.0	111.7	3.5	16.7	12.8	8.8	25.4	21.5	61.9	53.8	31.9	27.5
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	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	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	180.9	152.6	2.9	25.4	18.0	12.7	30.5	25.7	86.2	75.3	46.1	39.0
October	172.5	142.4	3.5	26.5	14.4	11.4	29.4	25.7	87.9	69.0	40.8	36.3
November	158.9	131.4	4.9	22.6	14.0	9.6	26.4	24.0	82.6	67.6	35.8	30.1
December	181.1	146.7	4.8	29.5	15.3	11.6	29.0	23.1	94.5	79.0	42.3	33.0
2007: January	127.3	103.9	2.2	21.1	11.9	9.8	17.7	15.3	67.7	56.4	30.0	22.4
February ^r	112.5	90.5	2.6	19.4	9.7	7.2	15.3	12.4	62.3	51.1	25.2	19.7
March ^r	123.3	100.7	2.8	19.8	8.6	5.9	17.4	14.0	64.8	54.1	32.4	26.6
April^p	118.7	98.0	3.2	17.5	8.9	5.8	16.2	14.5	64.6	53.6	28.9	24.0
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	28	11	12	14	10	10	6	6	7	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.

² See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

³ Computed using unrounded data.