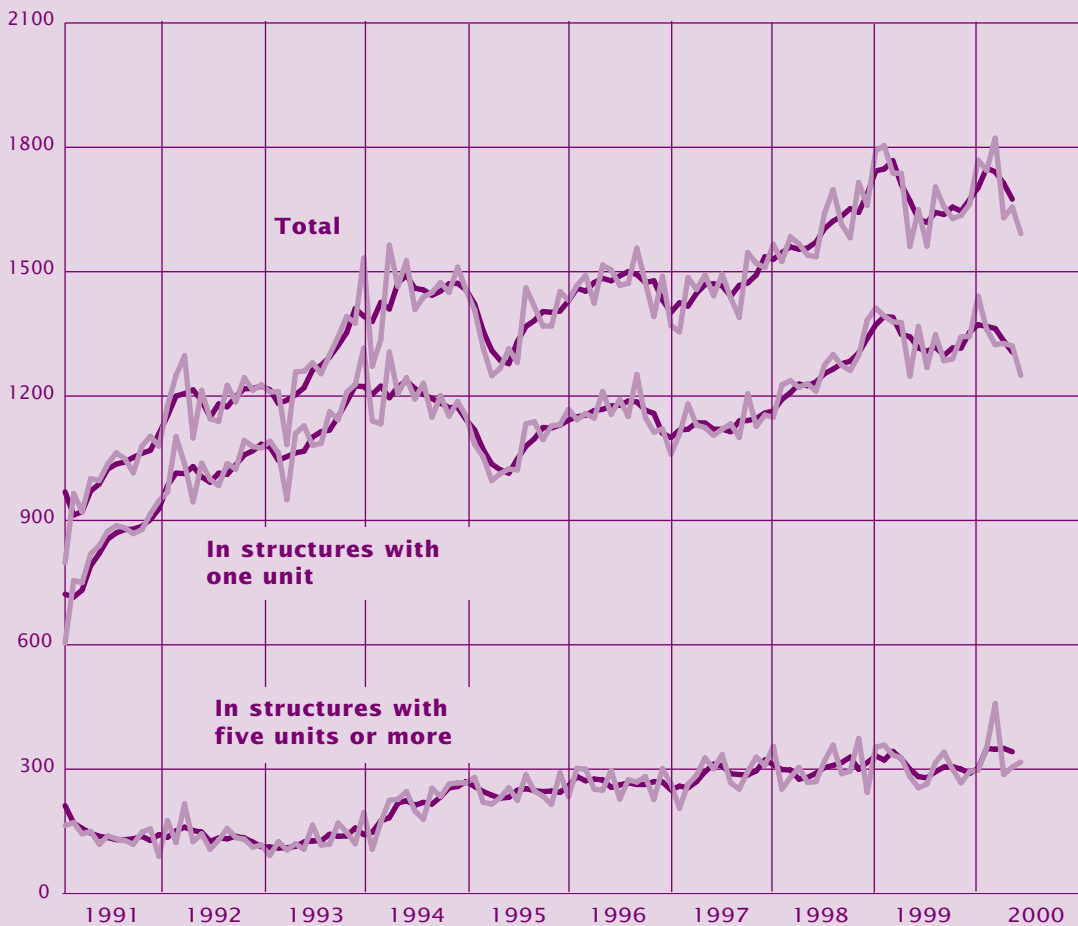


Housing Starts

New Privately Owned Housing Units Started

Seasonally adjusted annual rate in thousands

— Seasonally adjusted annual rate
— 4-month moving average

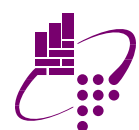


Note: Total includes units started in structures with two to four units.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Housing Starts.

Questions regarding these data may be directed to Residential Construction Branch, Manufacturing and Construction Division, telephone: 301-457-1321.

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HOUSING STARTS AND BUILDING PERMITS

Privately owned housing starts in May 2000 were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,592,000; this is 4 (± 6) percent below the revised April rate of 1,656,000 and 3 (± 7) percent below the May 1999 figure of 1,649,000.

Single-family housing starts in May 2000 were at a rate of 1,250,000; this is 5 (± 6) percent below the April figure of 1,321,000. The May rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 317,000. The May rate for units in buildings with two to four units was 25,000.

During the first 5 months of this year, 671,300 housing units were started. This is virtually unchanged (± 3 percent) from the 671,600 units started in the same period in 1999.

New privately owned housing construction was authorized in May in the 19,000 permit-issuing places at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,492,000 units; this is 4 (± 1) percent below the revised April rate of 1,559,000, and 9 (± 1) percent below the May 1999 figure of 1,639,000.

Single-family authorizations in May 2000 were at a rate of 1,140,000; this is 2 (± 1 percent) below the April figure of 1,164,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 292,000 in May; this is 13 percent below the April figure of 337,000. The May rate of permit-authorized units in buildings with two to four units was 60,000.

During the first 5 months of this year, 649,400 housing units were authorized compared with the 671,900 units for the same period in 1999. This is a decrease of 3 (± 1) percent.

In interpreting changes in housing starts and building permits, note that month-to-month changes in seasonally adjusted statistics often show movements

which may be irregular. It may take 5 months to establish an underlying trend for total starts and 3 months for building permit authorizations.

The statistics in this report 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 average relative standard errors of preliminary data are shown in the tables. Whenever a statement such as "2 (± 3) percent above" appears in the text, this indicates the range (-1 to +5 percent) in which the actual percent change is likely to have occurred. All ranges given are 90-percent confidence intervals and account for only sampling variability. If a range contains zero, it is uncertain whether there was an increase or decrease; that is, the change is not statistically significant. For any comparison cited without a confidence interval, the change is statistically significant. The appendix to this report includes explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability. On average, the preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates of total housing starts and building permits are revised about ± 1 percent.

HISTORICAL DATA

Historical data on housing starts and residential permit authorizations are available from Residential Construction Branch, Manufacturing and Construction Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-6900. Telephone 301-457-1321.

A list of tables and special supplements is shown below:

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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— | | | | Inside MSAs ¹ | Outside MSAs ¹ | North-east | Midwest | South | West |
|---|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|-------|-------|
| | | 1 unit | 2 units | 3 and 4 units | 5 units or more | | | | | | |
| ANNUAL DATA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | 1,192.7 | 894.8 | 16.1 | 21.4 | 260.4 | 946.9 | 245.7 | 131.3 | 253.2 | 479.3 | 328.9 |
| 1991 | 1,013.9 | 840.4 | 15.5 | 20.1 | 137.9 | 789.2 | 224.7 | 112.9 | 233.0 | 414.1 | 254.0 |
| 1992 | 1,199.7 | 1,029.9 | 12.4 | 18.3 | 139.0 | 931.5 | 268.2 | 126.7 | 287.8 | 496.9 | 288.3 |
| 1993 | 1,287.6 | 1,125.7 | 11.1 | 18.3 | 132.6 | 1,031.9 | 255.8 | 126.5 | 297.7 | 561.8 | 301.7 |
| 1994 | 1,457.0 | 1,198.4 | 14.8 | 20.2 | 223.5 | 1,183.1 | 273.9 | 138.2 | 328.9 | 639.1 | 350.8 |
| 1995 | 1,354.1 | 1,076.2 | 14.3 | 19.4 | 244.1 | 1,106.4 | 247.6 | 117.7 | 290.1 | 615.0 | 331.3 |
| 1996 | 1,476.8 | 1,160.9 | 16.4 | 28.8 | 270.8 | 1,211.4 | 265.5 | 132.1 | 321.5 | 661.9 | 361.4 |
| 1997 | 1,474.0 | 1,133.7 | 18.1 | 26.4 | 295.8 | 1,221.3 | 252.7 | 136.8 | 303.6 | 670.3 | 363.3 |
| 1998 | 1,616.9 | 1,271.4 | 15.7 | 26.9 | 302.9 | 1,349.9 | 267.0 | 148.5 | 330.5 | 743.0 | 394.9 |
| 1999 | 1,666.5 | 1,334.9 | 13.4 | 18.5 | 299.7 | 1,404.5 | 261.9 | 153.7 | 356.4 | 760.3 | 396.1 |
| MONTHLY DATA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999: January | 108.0 | 82.1 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 23.3 | 95.6 | 12.4 | 7.9 | 13.5 | 57.3 | 29.2 |
| February | 112.2 | 89.1 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 21.6 | 97.4 | 14.8 | 9.6 | 16.5 | 62.1 | 24.1 |
| March | 149.3 | 122.9 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 23.6 | 124.9 | 24.5 | 12.1 | 29.2 | 73.1 | 34.9 |
| April | 146.5 | 118.8 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 24.8 | 122.0 | 24.5 | 12.1 | 32.6 | 64.9 | 36.9 |
| May | 155.6 | 130.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 23.0 | 131.3 | 24.3 | 14.7 | 35.7 | 66.9 | 38.3 |
| June | 152.4 | 127.9 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 21.5 | 124.9 | 27.5 | 16.0 | 38.1 | 63.9 | 34.4 |
| July | 155.2 | 123.4 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 28.0 | 130.2 | 25.0 | 17.3 | 31.3 | 66.6 | 39.9 |
| August | 155.0 | 119.7 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 32.5 | 131.3 | 23.7 | 16.5 | 33.5 | 68.0 | 37.0 |
| September | 143.3 | 112.5 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 27.4 | 119.1 | 24.2 | 12.3 | 34.5 | 62.8 | 33.7 |
| October | 145.4 | 115.8 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 27.0 | 123.8 | 21.6 | 12.3 | 37.5 | 64.9 | 30.7 |
| November | 127.9 | 102.1 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 23.7 | 105.1 | 22.7 | 12.5 | 30.0 | 54.5 | 30.9 |
| December | 115.7 | 90.2 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 23.4 | 99.1 | 16.6 | 10.6 | 23.8 | 55.1 | 26.1 |
| 2000: January | 105.2 | 80.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 23.0 | 91.2 | 14.1 | 8.1 | 15.9 | 55.4 | 25.8 |
| February | 122.1 | 90.2 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 29.4 | 106.8 | 15.3 | 9.9 | 22.9 | 58.1 | 31.2 |
| March ^f | 137.2 | 115.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 20.7 | 115.9 | 21.3 | 11.9 | 25.4 | 68.4 | 31.5 |
| April ^f | 152.0 | 122.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 26.8 | 124.0 | 28.0 | 12.4 | 35.8 | 65.6 | 38.1 |
| May ^p | 154.8 | 124.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 28.4 | 128.6 | 26.2 | 14.5 | 34.9 | 68.9 | 36.4 |
| Year to date: 1999 | 671.6 | 543.3 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 116.2 | 571.1 | 100.6 | 56.3 | 127.6 | 324.4 | 163.4 |
| 2000 | 671.3 | 532.6 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 128.3 | 566.5 | 104.8 | 56.9 | 134.8 | 316.5 | 163.1 |
| Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999: January | 1,804 | 1,393 | 53 | | 358 | (NA) | (NA) | 146 | 328 | 871 | 459 |
| February | 1,738 | 1,379 | 25 | | 334 | (NA) | (NA) | 194 | 358 | 843 | 343 |
| March | 1,737 | 1,377 | 33 | | 327 | (NA) | (NA) | 159 | 378 | 810 | 390 |
| April | 1,561 | 1,248 | 31 | | 282 | (NA) | (NA) | 135 | 337 | 684 | 405 |
| May | 1,649 | 1,368 | 26 | | 255 | (NA) | (NA) | 152 | 352 | 734 | 411 |
| June | 1,562 | 1,269 | 29 | | 264 | (NA) | (NA) | 158 | 355 | 697 | 352 |
| July | 1,704 | 1,348 | 40 | | 316 | (NA) | (NA) | 171 | 320 | 768 | 445 |
| August | 1,657 | 1,285 | 31 | | 341 | (NA) | (NA) | 171 | 337 | 762 | 387 |
| September | 1,628 | 1,290 | 38 | | 300 | (NA) | (NA) | 135 | 365 | 740 | 388 |
| October | 1,636 | 1,343 | 26 | | 267 | (NA) | (NA) | 129 | 371 | 764 | 372 |
| November | 1,663 | 1,344 | 25 | | 294 | (NA) | (NA) | 150 | 389 | 709 | 415 |
| December | 1,769 | 1,441 | 30 | | 298 | (NA) | (NA) | 159 | 407 | 807 | 396 |
| 2000: January | 1,744 | 1,361 | 32 | | 351 | (NA) | (NA) | 153 | 381 | 821 | 389 |
| February | 1,822 | 1,324 | 40 | | 458 | (NA) | (NA) | 189 | 471 | 748 | 414 |
| March ^f | 1,630 | 1,327 | 16 | | 287 | (NA) | (NA) | 155 | 330 | 772 | 373 |
| April ^f | 1,656 | 1,321 | 30 | | 305 | (NA) | (NA) | 143 | 372 | 708 | 433 |
| May ^p | 1,592 | 1,250 | 25 | | 317 | (NA) | (NA) | 151 | 339 | 728 | 374 |
| AVERAGE RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS² | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual. (percent) .. | 1 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Monthly (percent) .. | 3 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Year to date (percent) .. | 1 | 1 | 9 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

NA Not available. ^pPreliminary. ^fRevised.

¹Metropolitan statistical areas.

²Average Relative Standard Errors (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 through June or July through December).

Table 2. 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— | | | | Inside MSAs ¹ | Outside MSAs ¹ | Total | In structures with— | | Total | In structures with— | | Total | In structures with— | | Total | In structures with— | |
| | | 1 unit | 2 units | 3 and 4 units | 5 units or more | | | | 1 unit | 2 units or more | | 1 unit | 2 units or more | | 1 unit | 2 units or more | | 1 unit | 2 units or more |
| ANNUAL DATA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | 1,332.5 | 997.3 | 32.2 | 31.5 | 271.5 | 1,116.8 | 215.8 | 124.2 | 104.5 | 19.7 | 296.6 | 220.5 | 76.1 | 583.2 | 430.3 | 152.9 | 328.5 | 241.9 | 86.5 |
| 1996 | 1,425.6 | 1,069.5 | 33.6 | 32.2 | 290.3 | 1,200.0 | 225.6 | 136.9 | 108.8 | 28.1 | 317.8 | 236.6 | 81.3 | 623.4 | 468.5 | 155.0 | 347.4 | 255.6 | 91.8 |
| 1997 | 1,441.1 | 1,062.4 | 34.9 | 33.6 | 310.3 | 1,220.2 | 220.9 | 141.9 | 111.2 | 30.7 | 299.8 | 220.0 | 79.8 | 635.9 | 464.2 | 171.7 | 363.5 | 267.1 | 96.5 |
| 1998 | 1,612.3 | 1,187.6 | 33.2 | 36.0 | 355.5 | 1,377.9 | 234.4 | 159.4 | 124.1 | 35.3 | 327.2 | 247.8 | 79.4 | 724.5 | 521.9 | 202.6 | 401.2 | 293.8 | 107.4 |
| 1999 | 1,663.5 | 1,246.7 | 32.5 | 33.3 | 351.1 | 1,427.4 | 236.1 | 164.9 | 127.1 | 37.8 | 345.4 | 262.1 | 83.3 | 748.9 | 550.4 | 198.6 | 404.3 | 307.1 | 97.3 |
| MONTHLY DATA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998: January | 96.2 | 70.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 22.1 | 84.6 | 11.6 | 9.7 | 7.0 | 2.7 | 14.7 | 10.9 | 3.8 | 46.3 | 34.4 | 12.0 | 25.4 | 17.8 | 7.6 |
| February | 107.4 | 78.1 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 24.4 | 93.5 | 13.9 | 8.9 | 7.2 | 1.8 | 19.7 | 14.3 | 5.4 | 51.2 | 37.5 | 13.7 | 27.5 | 19.1 | 8.4 |
| March | 140.9 | 105.1 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 29.9 | 121.0 | 20.0 | 12.1 | 10.2 | 1.9 | 26.8 | 20.4 | 6.4 | 68.4 | 47.7 | 20.7 | 33.6 | 26.8 | 6.9 |
| April | 146.3 | 113.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 27.3 | 123.3 | 23.0 | 13.2 | 11.4 | 1.7 | 31.0 | 25.2 | 5.8 | 63.6 | 48.0 | 15.6 | 38.5 | 29.0 | 9.5 |
| May | 138.2 | 107.3 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 25.5 | 116.4 | 21.8 | 13.3 | 11.2 | 2.1 | 30.7 | 24.4 | 6.3 | 62.5 | 45.9 | 16.5 | 31.8 | 25.8 | 5.9 |
| June | 153.4 | 115.8 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 30.1 | 129.7 | 23.7 | 16.0 | 12.8 | 3.2 | 31.6 | 25.2 | 6.4 | 65.0 | 48.6 | 16.4 | 40.8 | 29.2 | 11.6 |
| July | 149.3 | 111.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 31.7 | 126.1 | 23.2 | 15.4 | 11.9 | 3.5 | 29.7 | 23.4 | 6.3 | 66.1 | 47.7 | 18.5 | 38.0 | 28.2 | 9.8 |
| August | 144.7 | 104.4 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 34.1 | 122.8 | 21.9 | 14.3 | 11.1 | 3.2 | 28.9 | 21.8 | 7.1 | 67.1 | 46.5 | 20.6 | 34.4 | 25.1 | 9.4 |
| September | 141.7 | 102.5 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 32.9 | 120.8 | 20.9 | 14.7 | 11.0 | 3.7 | 30.3 | 22.1 | 8.1 | 62.2 | 44.0 | 18.2 | 34.7 | 25.4 | 9.2 |
| October | 149.8 | 103.8 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 39.3 | 126.8 | 23.1 | 15.7 | 11.1 | 4.6 | 32.4 | 23.6 | 8.8 | 65.8 | 44.0 | 21.9 | 35.9 | 25.1 | 10.7 |
| November | 119.9 | 86.6 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 28.6 | 104.1 | 15.8 | 13.4 | 9.8 | 3.6 | 24.9 | 18.9 | 6.0 | 51.2 | 37.2 | 14.1 | 30.3 | 20.7 | 9.5 |
| December | 124.5 | 89.0 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 29.8 | 108.8 | 15.7 | 12.7 | 9.5 | 3.2 | 26.5 | 17.6 | 8.9 | 55.1 | 40.6 | 14.5 | 30.2 | 21.3 | 8.8 |
| 1999: January | 105.7 | 74.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 27.1 | 94.8 | 10.9 | 9.2 | 6.8 | 2.4 | 13.6 | 10.3 | 3.3 | 55.3 | 37.7 | 17.6 | 27.7 | 19.4 | 8.2 |
| February | 114.7 | 86.6 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 23.7 | 100.9 | 13.8 | 9.7 | 7.7 | 2.0 | 18.9 | 14.8 | 4.1 | 58.7 | 43.3 | 15.4 | 27.4 | 20.8 | 6.7 |
| March | 154.6 | 118.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 29.8 | 132.6 | 22.0 | 14.4 | 10.7 | 3.7 | 32.0 | 24.2 | 7.7 | 70.4 | 54.2 | 16.2 | 37.9 | 29.8 | 8.0 |
| April | 151.8 | 119.9 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 25.9 | 128.2 | 23.5 | 15.5 | 12.7 | 2.8 | 34.3 | 27.4 | 6.9 | 66.2 | 51.2 | 15.0 | 35.8 | 28.6 | 7.2 |
| May | 145.1 | 115.9 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 24.3 | 122.7 | 22.4 | 14.7 | 12.6 | 2.1 | 33.4 | 25.5 | 7.9 | 60.5 | 49.2 | 11.3 | 36.5 | 28.7 | 7.8 |
| June | 169.3 | 128.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 34.9 | 143.9 | 25.5 | 18.7 | 13.2 | 5.4 | 34.5 | 27.2 | 7.2 | 71.4 | 52.9 | 18.5 | 44.8 | 34.5 | 10.2 |
| July | 149.1 | 114.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 29.2 | 127.7 | 21.4 | 15.1 | 12.3 | 2.8 | 30.4 | 24.6 | 5.8 | 66.3 | 49.1 | 17.3 | 37.2 | 28.6 | 8.6 |
| August | 151.9 | 112.6 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 33.3 | 129.2 | 22.7 | 15.5 | 12.1 | 3.4 | 33.4 | 25.2 | 8.2 | 68.5 | 49.3 | 19.3 | 34.4 | 26.1 | 8.3 |
| September | 137.3 | 103.1 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 28.3 | 115.9 | 21.4 | 13.4 | 10.4 | 3.0 | 32.2 | 24.0 | 8.2 | 58.3 | 43.9 | 14.4 | 33.4 | 24.8 | 8.6 |
| October | 137.6 | 97.6 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 34.2 | 117.4 | 20.2 | 12.8 | 10.0 | 2.8 | 31.3 | 23.2 | 8.1 | 62.3 | 41.6 | 20.7 | 31.2 | 22.8 | 8.4 |
| November | 125.6 | 90.3 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 29.6 | 107.1 | 18.6 | 13.6 | 9.6 | 4.0 | 29.4 | 20.0 | 9.4 | 55.0 | 40.0 | 15.0 | 27.6 | 20.6 | 7.0 |
| December | 120.9 | 84.8 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 30.9 | 107.1 | 13.9 | 12.3 | 8.9 | 3.4 | 22.1 | 15.6 | 6.5 | 55.9 | 38.0 | 18.0 | 30.6 | 22.3 | 8.3 |
| 2000: January | 104.8 | 76.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 24.6 | 92.4 | 12.4 | 10.5 | 6.6 | 3.8 | 16.4 | 12.4 | 3.9 | 50.4 | 38.1 | 12.3 | 27.6 | 19.5 | 8.1 |
| February | 115.1 | 85.9 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 24.5 | 100.4 | 14.7 | 9.1 | 6.7 | 2.5 | 20.4 | 14.9 | 5.5 | 56.5 | 43.9 | 12.6 | 29.1 | 20.5 | 8.6 |
| March | 147.0 | 116.3 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 24.8 | 126.2 | 20.7 | 14.1 | 10.8 | 3.3 | 32.2 | 24.3 | 7.9 | 64.8 | 53.4 | 11.3 | 36.0 | 27.7 | 8.2 |
| April ¹ | 135.1 | 104.1 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 26.0 | 115.1 | 20.0 | 14.2 | 10.2 | 4.0 | 31.6 | 24.6 | 6.9 | 56.3 | 43.3 | 13.0 | 33.1 | 26.0 | 7.1 |
| May ^P | 143.4 | 114.8 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 23.0 | 120.5 | 22.9 | 15.1 | 12.0 | 3.1 | 32.3 | 25.0 | 7.3 | 61.6 | 49.3 | 12.3 | 34.4 | 28.6 | 5.8 |
| Year to date: 1999 | 671.9 | 515.6 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 130.7 | 579.3 | 92.6 | 63.4 | 50.5 | 12.9 | 132.1 | 102.2 | 29.9 | 311.1 | 235.6 | 75.5 | 165.2 | 127.2 | 38.0 |
| 2000 ² | 649.4 | 499.1 | 12.1 | 12.6 | 125.5 | 558.2 | 91.2 | 64.0 | 46.9 | 17.0 | 133.0 | 101.5 | 31.6 | 291.2 | 228.3 | 62.9 | 161.2 | 122.5 | 38.7 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. 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— | | | | Inside MSAs ¹ | Outside MSAs ¹ | Total | In structures with— | | Total | In structures with— | | Total | In structures with— | | Total | In structures with— | |
| | | 1 unit | 2 units | 3 and 4 units | 5 units or more | | | | 1 unit | 2 units or more | | 1 unit | 2 units or more | | 1 unit | 2 units or more | | 1 unit | 2 units or more |
| MONTHLY DATA—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998: January | 1,555 | 1,158 | 71 | 326 | (NA) | (NA) | 173 | 132 | 41 | 336 | 261 | 75 | 655 | 485 | 170 | 391 | 280 | 111 | |
| February | 1,647 | 1,191 | 77 | 379 | (NA) | (NA) | 170 | 142 | 28 | 373 | 268 | 105 | 703 | 498 | 205 | 401 | 283 | 118 | |
| March | 1,605 | 1,162 | 71 | 372 | (NA) | (NA) | 149 | 126 | 23 | 316 | 234 | 82 | 747 | 511 | 236 | 393 | 291 | 102 | |
| April | 1,547 | 1,157 | 57 | 333 | (NA) | (NA) | 140 | 118 | 22 | 304 | 239 | 65 | 690 | 502 | 188 | 413 | 298 | 115 | |
| May | 1,554 | 1,165 | 66 | 323 | (NA) | (NA) | 142 | 113 | 29 | 321 | 244 | 77 | 723 | 522 | 201 | 368 | 286 | 82 | |
| June | 1,551 | 1,148 | 73 | 330 | (NA) | (NA) | 155 | 122 | 33 | 314 | 234 | 80 | 687 | 505 | 182 | 395 | 287 | 108 | |
| July | 1,610 | 1,181 | 76 | 353 | (NA) | (NA) | 158 | 118 | 40 | 313 | 237 | 76 | 735 | 527 | 208 | 404 | 299 | 105 | |
| August | 1,654 | 1,196 | 72 | 386 | (NA) | (NA) | 157 | 124 | 33 | 309 | 237 | 72 | 790 | 544 | 246 | 398 | 291 | 107 | |
| September | 1,577 | 1,187 | 68 | 322 | (NA) | (NA) | 162 | 123 | 39 | 319 | 241 | 78 | 708 | 529 | 179 | 388 | 294 | 94 | |
| October | 1,719 | 1,217 | 70 | 432 | (NA) | (NA) | 174 | 123 | 51 | 338 | 255 | 83 | 789 | 536 | 253 | 418 | 303 | 115 | |
| November | 1,672 | 1,248 | 59 | 365 | (NA) | (NA) | 174 | 130 | 44 | 330 | 267 | 63 | 717 | 541 | 176 | 451 | 310 | 141 | |
| December | 1,742 | 1,317 | 75 | 350 | (NA) | (NA) | 179 | 137 | 42 | 408 | 302 | 106 | 750 | 573 | 177 | 405 | 305 | 100 | |
| 1999: January | 1,745 | 1,269 | 79 | 397 | (NA) | (NA) | 167 | 132 | 35 | 323 | 259 | 64 | 806 | 561 | 245 | 449 | 317 | 132 | |
| February | 1,748 | 1,308 | 69 | 371 | (NA) | (NA) | 184 | 152 | 32 | 354 | 277 | 77 | 809 | 572 | 237 | 401 | 307 | 94 | |
| March | 1,681 | 1,255 | 65 | 361 | (NA) | (NA) | 170 | 129 | 41 | 354 | 266 | 88 | 748 | 554 | 194 | 409 | 306 | 103 | |
| April | 1,595 | 1,223 | 65 | 307 | (NA) | (NA) | 165 | 128 | 37 | 344 | 258 | 86 | 695 | 536 | 159 | 391 | 301 | 90 | |
| May | 1,639 | 1,253 | 60 | 326 | (NA) | (NA) | 161 | 131 | 30 | 344 | 253 | 91 | 716 | 555 | 161 | 418 | 314 | 104 | |
| June | 1,696 | 1,266 | 63 | 367 | (NA) | (NA) | 174 | 125 | 49 | 340 | 256 | 84 | 755 | 553 | 202 | 427 | 332 | 95 | |
| July | 1,673 | 1,263 | 64 | 346 | (NA) | (NA) | 161 | 127 | 34 | 335 | 256 | 79 | 769 | 561 | 208 | 408 | 319 | 89 | |
| August | 1,658 | 1,233 | 66 | 359 | (NA) | (NA) | 162 | 127 | 35 | 344 | 262 | 82 | 760 | 552 | 208 | 392 | 292 | 100 | |
| September | 1,553 | 1,200 | 65 | 288 | (NA) | (NA) | 153 | 118 | 35 | 343 | 263 | 80 | 681 | 530 | 151 | 376 | 289 | 87 | |
| October | 1,636 | 1,204 | 62 | 370 | (NA) | (NA) | 145 | 115 | 30 | 342 | 264 | 78 | 765 | 538 | 227 | 384 | 287 | 97 | |
| November | 1,678 | 1,238 | 68 | 372 | (NA) | (NA) | 171 | 123 | 48 | 372 | 269 | 103 | 742 | 551 | 191 | 393 | 295 | 98 | |
| December | 1,683 | 1,266 | 68 | 349 | (NA) | (NA) | 174 | 128 | 46 | 347 | 274 | 73 | 751 | 540 | 211 | 411 | 324 | 87 | |
| 2000: January | 1,762 | 1,317 | 65 | 380 | (NA) | (NA) | 195 | 133 | 62 | 378 | 308 | 70 | 751 | 563 | 188 | 438 | 313 | 125 | |
| February | 1,661 | 1,223 | 67 | 371 | (NA) | (NA) | 162 | 124 | 38 | 360 | 264 | 96 | 732 | 549 | 183 | 407 | 286 | 121 | |
| March | 1,597 | 1,238 | 68 | 291 | (NA) | (NA) | 164 | 127 | 37 | 364 | 272 | 92 | 679 | 549 | 130 | 390 | 290 | 100 | |
| April ^P | 1,559 | 1,164 | 58 | 337 | (NA) | (NA) | 162 | 114 | 48 | 342 | 252 | 90 | 664 | 505 | 159 | 391 | 293 | 98 | |
| May ^P | 1,492 | 1,140 | 60 | 292 | (NA) | (NA) | 154 | 116 | 38 | 309 | 229 | 80 | 668 | 511 | 157 | 361 | 284 | 77 | |
| AVERAGE RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS³ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual (percent) . . | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | |
| Monthly (percent) . . | 1 | (Z) | 3 | 7 | 1 | (Z) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Year to date . . . (percent) . . | (Z) | (Z) | 2 | 3 | (Z) | (Z) | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |

NA Not available. ^PPreliminary. ^RRevised. X Not applicable. Z Less than 0.5 percent.

¹Metropolitan statistical areas.

²Reflects revisions not distributed to months.

³Average Relative Standard Errors (Avg. RSE): Annual—RSE for the latest year; 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 through June or July through December).

Table 3. **New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized, but Not Started, in Permit-Issuing Places at End of Period**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| Authorized, but not started at end of period | United States | | | | Northeast | | | | Midwest | | | | South | | | | West | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|
| | In structures with— | | | | In structures with— | | | | In structures with— | | | | In structures with— | | | | In structures with— | | | |
| | Total | 1 unit | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more | Total | 1 unit | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more | Total | 1 unit | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more | Total | 1 unit | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more | Total | 1 unit | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more |
| END OF YEAR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16,000-Place Series | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1980 | 173.6 | 70.1 | 15.3 | 88.2 | 26.0 | 12.3 | 1.2 | 12.6 | 17.5 | 6.8 | 2.9 | 7.8 | 88.5 | 32.9 | 6.5 | 49.1 | 41.6 | 18.1 | 4.8 | 18.7 |
| 1981 | 145.5 | 60.1 | 10.7 | 74.7 | 23.3 | 11.5 | 0.9 | 10.8 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 77.5 | 29.8 | 4.9 | 42.8 | 34.7 | 13.8 | 3.1 | 17.9 |
| 1982 | 167.8 | 66.9 | 11.6 | 89.3 | 19.4 | 9.4 | 1.0 | 9.0 | 10.4 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 100.3 | 38.5 | 5.9 | 55.9 | 37.7 | 14.5 | 2.9 | 20.2 |
| 1983 | 178.0 | 68.9 | 13.0 | 96.1 | 21.9 | 12.6 | 1.1 | 8.2 | 12.2 | 5.2 | 1.8 | 5.1 | 104.2 | 33.6 | 6.8 | 63.8 | 39.8 | 17.4 | 3.3 | 19.0 |
| 1984 | 192.5 | 66.2 | 10.2 | 116.1 | 23.2 | 10.8 | 1.2 | 11.2 | 14.0 | 5.1 | 1.5 | 7.5 | 109.4 | 34.5 | 4.8 | 70.1 | 45.8 | 15.7 | 2.7 | 27.4 |
| 17,000-Place Series | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1985 | 223.3 | 80.6 | 13.7 | 129.0 | 36.9 | 19.2 | 2.1 | 15.7 | 20.4 | 5.8 | 2.2 | 12.4 | 120.6 | 43.3 | 5.7 | 71.6 | 45.4 | 12.3 | 3.8 | 29.3 |
| 1986 | 205.2 | 92.8 | 12.3 | 100.2 | 34.4 | 21.2 | 2.4 | 10.8 | 21.1 | 6.4 | 2.3 | 12.4 | 91.3 | 43.5 | 3.8 | 43.9 | 58.4 | 21.7 | 3.7 | 33.0 |
| 1987 | 155.0 | 79.3 | 11.1 | 64.6 | 36.8 | 23.3 | 2.1 | 11.4 | 11.9 | 6.5 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 68.6 | 33.8 | 3.5 | 31.4 | 37.7 | 15.7 | 3.3 | 18.6 |
| 1988 | 156.4 | 76.4 | 9.9 | 70.1 | 32.9 | 20.0 | 1.9 | 11.0 | 15.5 | 5.9 | 2.3 | 7.3 | 64.0 | 30.4 | 2.9 | 30.7 | 44.0 | 20.1 | 2.7 | 21.1 |
| 1989 | 173.9 | 93.1 | 8.4 | 72.5 | 34.1 | 25.1 | 1.6 | 7.4 | 18.0 | 7.5 | 1.8 | 8.7 | 73.5 | 34.3 | 2.1 | 37.1 | 48.3 | 26.2 | 2.8 | 19.2 |
| 1990 | 131.6 | 75.0 | 8.5 | 48.1 | 25.8 | 20.0 | 1.3 | 4.5 | 14.2 | 5.7 | 2.2 | 6.3 | 55.1 | 27.3 | 2.1 | 25.7 | 36.5 | 22.0 | 2.9 | 11.6 |
| 1991 | 126.3 | 71.1 | 4.7 | 50.6 | 24.4 | 17.3 | 0.7 | 6.4 | 16.9 | 6.4 | 1.4 | 9.1 | 51.3 | 26.0 | 1.3 | 24.0 | 33.8 | 21.4 | 1.4 | 11.1 |
| 1992 | 108.7 | 71.9 | 5.1 | 31.7 | 18.6 | 13.5 | 0.7 | 4.5 | 13.4 | 8.8 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 49.8 | 33.3 | 1.3 | 15.2 | 26.9 | 16.3 | 1.5 | 9.1 |
| 1993 | 118.9 | 72.5 | 3.7 | 42.8 | 22.3 | 15.4 | 0.5 | 6.4 | 14.3 | 8.6 | 1.2 | 4.5 | 58.5 | 35.2 | 1.0 | 22.3 | 23.8 | 13.2 | 1.0 | 9.6 |
| 1994 | 115.6 | 66.0 | 3.6 | 46.1 | 17.1 | 12.2 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 13.1 | 8.3 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 58.1 | 31.2 | 1.1 | 25.8 | 27.3 | 14.2 | 1.0 | 12.1 |
| 19,000-Place Series | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | 142.2 | 80.1 | 4.5 | 57.6 | 18.3 | 13.5 | 0.5 | 4.3 | 18.7 | 12.8 | 1.4 | 4.5 | 71.6 | 36.7 | 1.3 | 33.6 | 33.5 | 17.1 | 1.2 | 15.2 |
| 1996 | 126.4 | 67.5 | 4.8 | 54.2 | 16.0 | 9.0 | 0.6 | 6.4 | 16.6 | 10.6 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 68.1 | 32.3 | 1.3 | 34.4 | 25.8 | 15.5 | 1.2 | 9.2 |
| 1997 | 111.1 | 63.6 | 3.7 | 43.8 | 11.3 | 7.1 | 0.4 | 3.8 | 14.1 | 9.2 | 1.3 | 3.6 | 58.7 | 32.0 | 1.2 | 25.5 | 26.9 | 15.2 | 0.8 | 10.8 |
| 1998 | 137.1 | 79.5 | 3.1 | 54.5 | 16.0 | 10.2 | 0.5 | 5.3 | 18.2 | 11.8 | 1.1 | 5.3 | 75.9 | 41.4 | 0.8 | 33.7 | 27.1 | 16.2 | 0.7 | 10.2 |
| 1999 | 138.9 | 79.3 | 3.9 | 55.7 | 15.7 | 9.0 | 0.6 | 6.1 | 16.5 | 11.4 | 1.2 | 3.9 | 79.3 | 40.5 | 1.2 | 37.5 | 27.4 | 18.4 | 1.0 | 8.1 |
| END OF MONTH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 135.3 | 76.1 | 2.8 | 56.4 | 16.6 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 5.2 | 18.1 | 11.0 | 0.8 | 6.2 | 75.3 | 38.4 | 0.8 | 36.0 | 25.3 | 15.7 | 0.6 | 9.0 |
| February | 137.2 | 78.5 | 3.3 | 55.4 | 16.2 | 11.5 | 0.6 | 4.2 | 20.5 | 12.2 | 0.9 | 7.3 | 73.3 | 37.7 | 1.0 | 34.6 | 27.2 | 17.2 | 0.7 | 9.3 |
| March | 141.5 | 84.0 | 3.2 | 54.4 | 17.5 | 11.2 | 0.5 | 5.8 | 22.6 | 15.3 | 1.0 | 6.4 | 72.4 | 38.7 | 1.0 | 32.7 | 29.0 | 18.8 | 0.7 | 9.6 |
| April | 148.3 | 94.8 | 2.8 | 50.7 | 19.7 | 13.4 | 0.4 | 5.8 | 25.5 | 20.0 | 0.8 | 4.7 | 75.5 | 43.6 | 0.9 | 31.0 | 27.6 | 17.9 | 0.6 | 9.2 |
| May | 139.5 | 86.9 | 3.4 | 49.1 | 18.9 | 12.7 | 0.5 | 5.7 | 24.4 | 17.5 | 1.1 | 5.8 | 71.0 | 40.7 | 1.1 | 29.3 | 25.1 | 16.0 | 0.7 | 8.4 |
| June | 157.0 | 96.2 | 3.6 | 57.2 | 20.5 | 12.4 | 0.5 | 7.6 | 21.1 | 15.6 | 1.2 | 4.2 | 81.3 | 46.2 | 1.1 | 33.9 | 34.2 | 22.0 | 0.7 | 11.5 |
| July | 154.5 | 94.7 | 4.1 | 55.7 | 17.5 | 12.3 | 0.6 | 4.6 | 22.5 | 16.6 | 1.3 | 4.6 | 83.8 | 45.4 | 1.3 | 37.0 | 30.7 | 20.4 | 0.8 | 9.5 |
| August | 150.1 | 92.1 | 5.0 | 53.1 | 15.7 | 11.2 | 0.8 | 3.8 | 22.3 | 16.6 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 84.8 | 45.5 | 1.8 | 37.5 | 27.3 | 18.8 | 1.0 | 7.6 |
| September | 145.6 | 93.2 | 3.6 | 48.8 | 15.9 | 11.1 | 0.6 | 4.1 | 21.2 | 15.9 | 1.1 | 4.2 | 80.6 | 47.9 | 1.2 | 31.6 | 27.9 | 18.3 | 0.8 | 8.9 |
| October | 133.5 | 80.4 | 3.3 | 49.8 | 14.6 | 10.3 | 0.5 | 3.9 | 16.0 | 12.5 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 75.9 | 40.7 | 1.1 | 34.1 | 27.0 | 16.9 | 0.7 | 9.4 |
| November | 133.0 | 78.3 | 2.9 | 51.8 | 14.6 | 9.1 | 0.5 | 5.0 | 18.5 | 12.2 | 0.9 | 5.4 | 76.5 | 41.3 | 0.9 | 34.4 | 23.4 | 15.7 | 0.6 | 7.1 |
| December | 138.9 | 79.3 | 3.9 | 55.7 | 15.7 | 9.0 | 0.6 | 6.1 | 16.5 | 11.4 | 1.2 | 3.9 | 79.3 | 40.5 | 1.2 | 37.5 | 27.4 | 18.4 | 1.0 | 8.1 |
| 2000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 137.3 | 79.3 | 3.0 | 55.0 | 17.3 | 9.4 | 0.5 | 7.5 | 16.3 | 11.1 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 75.8 | 41.2 | 0.9 | 33.7 | 27.9 | 17.7 | 0.8 | 9.5 |
| February | 132.4 | 80.2 | 3.1 | 49.0 | 15.9 | 9.8 | 0.5 | 5.6 | 14.1 | 11.2 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 76.3 | 42.8 | 1.0 | 32.4 | 26.1 | 16.3 | 0.7 | 9.0 |
| March ¹ | 150.9 | 93.6 | 3.3 | 54.0 | 17.3 | 11.3 | 0.5 | 5.5 | 22.3 | 16.3 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 80.1 | 48.4 | 1.1 | 30.7 | 31.2 | 17.7 | 0.7 | 12.8 |
| April ¹ | 142.4 | 87.4 | 3.9 | 51.1 | 18.8 | 11.7 | 0.7 | 6.4 | 22.0 | 15.6 | 1.2 | 5.2 | 75.0 | 45.0 | 1.1 | 28.9 | 26.6 | 15.2 | 0.9 | 10.6 |
| May ^P | 137.4 | 90.0 | 4.7 | 42.8 | 18.8 | 11.4 | 0.8 | 6.5 | 19.7 | 15.5 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 73.8 | 45.8 | 1.4 | 26.6 | 25.1 | 17.2 | 1.0 | 6.8 |
| AVERAGE RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End of period . . . (percent) . . | 3 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 13 | 20 | 19 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 25 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 9 |

^PPreliminary. ¹Revised.

¹Average Relative Standard Errors: Average for the latest 6-month period (January through June or July through December).

Note: These backlog 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 from the backlog.

Table 4. New Privately Owned Housing Units Started by Location and Type of Structure

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| Period | United States | | | Inside MSAs ¹ | | | Outside MSAs ¹ | | | Northeast | | | Midwest | | | South | | | West | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | Total ² | In structures with— | | Total ² | In structures with— | | Total ² | In structures with— | | Total ² | In structures with— | | Total ² | In structures with— | | Total ² | In structures with— | | Total ² | In structures with— | | |
| | | 1 unit | 5 units or more | | 1 unit | 5 units or more | | 1 unit | 5 units or more | | 1 unit | 5 units or more | | 1 unit | 5 units or more | | 1 unit | 5 units or more | | 1 unit | 5 units or more | 1 unit |
| ANNUAL DATA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1980 | 1,292 | 852 | 331 | 914 | 563 | 271 | 379 | 289 | 59 | 125 | 87 | 30 | 218 | 142 | 56 | 643 | 428 | 165 | 306 | 196 | 80 | |
| 1981 | 1,084 | 705 | 288 | 760 | 458 | 236 | 324 | 247 | 52 | 117 | 84 | 25 | 165 | 110 | 40 | 562 | 363 | 153 | 240 | 148 | 69 | |
| 1982 | 1,062 | 663 | 320 | 785 | 452 | 274 | 277 | 211 | 46 | 117 | 79 | 31 | 149 | 99 | 38 | 591 | 357 | 189 | 205 | 127 | 61 | |
| 1983 | 1,703 | 1,068 | 522 | 1,351 | 795 | 464 | 352 | 272 | 58 | 168 | 123 | 35 | 218 | 153 | 48 | 935 | 557 | 317 | 382 | 234 | 121 | |
| 1984 | 1,750 | 1,084 | 544 | 1,415 | 830 | 491 | 335 | 254 | 53 | 204 | 158 | 35 | 243 | 167 | 60 | 866 | 528 | 274 | 436 | 230 | 175 | |
| 1985 | 1,742 | 1,072 | 576 | 1,494 | 882 | 535 | 248 | 190 | 41 | 252 | 182 | 55 | 240 | 148 | 77 | 782 | 504 | 240 | 468 | 239 | 204 | |
| 1986 | 1,805 | 1,179 | 542 | 1,546 | 970 | 508 | 259 | 209 | 34 | 294 | 228 | 50 | 296 | 188 | 91 | 733 | 504 | 201 | 483 | 261 | 200 | |
| 1987 | 1,620 | 1,146 | 409 | 1,372 | 934 | 385 | 248 | 212 | 24 | 269 | 204 | 50 | 298 | 203 | 81 | 634 | 485 | 129 | 420 | 255 | 148 | |
| 1988 | 1,488 | 1,081 | 348 | 1,243 | 874 | 323 | 245 | 207 | 25 | 235 | 181 | 42 | 274 | 194 | 66 | 575 | 443 | 115 | 404 | 264 | 125 | |
| 1989 | 1,376 | 1,003 | 318 | 1,128 | 798 | 289 | 248 | 205 | 29 | 178 | 132 | 37 | 266 | 190 | 62 | 536 | 409 | 109 | 396 | 272 | 108 | |
| 1990 | 1,193 | 895 | 260 | 947 | 685 | 233 | 246 | 210 | 27 | 131 | 104 | 21 | 253 | 193 | 50 | 479 | 371 | 99 | 329 | 226 | 91 | |
| 1991 | 1,014 | 840 | 138 | 789 | 648 | 117 | 225 | 193 | 21 | 113 | 99 | 8 | 233 | 191 | 31 | 414 | 353 | 51 | 254 | 197 | 47 | |
| 1992 | 1,200 | 1,030 | 139 | 932 | 793 | 117 | 268 | 237 | 22 | 127 | 112 | 11 | 288 | 236 | 42 | 497 | 438 | 50 | 288 | 244 | 36 | |
| 1993 | 1,288 | 1,126 | 133 | 1,032 | 897 | 114 | 256 | 229 | 19 | 126 | 116 | 8 | 298 | 251 | 37 | 562 | 498 | 55 | 302 | 261 | 33 | |
| 1994 | 1,457 | 1,198 | 224 | 1,183 | 958 | 200 | 274 | 241 | 23 | 138 | 123 | 12 | 329 | 268 | 50 | 639 | 522 | 107 | 351 | 286 | 54 | |
| 1995 | 1,354 | 1,076 | 244 | 1,106 | 861 | 221 | 248 | 215 | 23 | 118 | 102 | 12 | 290 | 234 | 46 | 615 | 485 | 119 | 331 | 256 | 67 | |
| 1996 | 1,477 | 1,161 | 271 | 1,211 | 936 | 242 | 265 | 225 | 29 | 132 | 112 | 15 | 321 | 254 | 51 | 662 | 524 | 125 | 361 | 271 | 79 | |
| 1997 | 1,474 | 1,134 | 296 | 1,221 | 923 | 267 | 253 | 211 | 29 | 137 | 111 | 21 | 304 | 238 | 48 | 670 | 507 | 151 | 363 | 278 | 76 | |
| 1998 | 1,617 | 1,271 | 303 | 1,350 | 1,036 | 280 | 267 | 235 | 23 | 148 | 122 | 21 | 330 | 273 | 45 | 743 | 574 | 155 | 395 | 303 | 83 | |
| 1999 | 1,666 | 1,335 | 300 | 1,405 | 1,100 | 280 | 262 | 235 | 20 | 154 | 129 | 20 | 356 | 297 | 49 | 760 | 595 | 154 | 396 | 314 | 76 | |
| QUARTERLY DATA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996: | 1st quarter | 303 | 240 | 57 | 253 | 198 | 52 | 49 | 42 | 6 | 21 | 18 | 2 | 53 | 43 | 8 | 145 | 117 | 27 | 84 | 62 | 20 |
| | 2nd quarter | 428 | 344 | 69 | 348 | 275 | 62 | 80 | 69 | 7 | 39 | 33 | 4 | 96 | 78 | 13 | 188 | 154 | 30 | 105 | 79 | 22 |
| | 3rd quarter | 410 | 324 | 75 | 332 | 257 | 66 | 78 | 67 | 9 | 38 | 33 | 4 | 99 | 78 | 17 | 176 | 139 | 34 | 97 | 74 | 20 |
| | 4th quarter | 335 | 252 | 69 | 278 | 206 | 62 | 58 | 47 | 8 | 34 | 27 | 5 | 74 | 55 | 14 | 152 | 115 | 34 | 76 | 55 | 17 |
| 1997: | 1st quarter | 297 | 238 | 51 | 255 | 202 | 47 | 42 | 36 | 4 | 26 | 20 | 5 | 49 | 40 | 6 | 143 | 115 | 26 | 80 | 63 | 15 |
| | 2nd quarter | 419 | 325 | 83 | 342 | 260 | 74 | 77 | 65 | 9 | 36 | 31 | 5 | 92 | 74 | 14 | 190 | 143 | 43 | 101 | 77 | 21 |
| | 3rd quarter | 400 | 315 | 75 | 328 | 252 | 68 | 72 | 62 | 7 | 40 | 33 | 6 | 88 | 72 | 12 | 177 | 134 | 39 | 96 | 75 | 18 |
| | 4th quarter | 357 | 257 | 86 | 296 | 209 | 78 | 62 | 48 | 8 | 35 | 28 | 6 | 75 | 52 | 16 | 161 | 115 | 43 | 87 | 62 | 22 |
| 1998: | 1st quarter | 325 | 258 | 57 | 279 | 219 | 52 | 46 | 39 | 5 | 28 | 22 | 5 | 55 | 45 | 7 | 157 | 125 | 29 | 84 | 66 | 16 |
| | 2nd quarter | 448 | 360 | 74 | 366 | 287 | 68 | 82 | 73 | 6 | 40 | 34 | 4 | 97 | 83 | 9 | 200 | 158 | 38 | 111 | 85 | 23 |
| | 3rd quarter | 445 | 348 | 86 | 369 | 281 | 80 | 76 | 67 | 7 | 41 | 35 | 5 | 92 | 76 | 13 | 201 | 153 | 44 | 111 | 84 | 24 |
| | 4th quarter | 399 | 305 | 86 | 336 | 250 | 79 | 63 | 55 | 6 | 39 | 31 | 7 | 86 | 68 | 15 | 185 | 138 | 44 | 89 | 68 | 20 |
| 1999: | 1st quarter | 370 | 294 | 68 | 318 | 248 | 64 | 52 | 46 | 4 | 30 | 24 | 5 | 59 | 52 | 5 | 193 | 149 | 41 | 88 | 69 | 17 |
| | 2nd quarter | 455 | 377 | 69 | 378 | 307 | 64 | 76 | 70 | 5 | 43 | 38 | 4 | 106 | 90 | 14 | 196 | 159 | 34 | 110 | 91 | 17 |
| | 3rd quarter | 453 | 356 | 88 | 381 | 291 | 82 | 73 | 64 | 6 | 46 | 36 | 8 | 99 | 81 | 14 | 197 | 152 | 42 | 111 | 86 | 23 |
| | 4th quarter | 389 | 308 | 74 | 328 | 254 | 69 | 61 | 55 | 5 | 35 | 31 | 4 | 91 | 74 | 15 | 175 | 136 | 36 | 88 | 67 | 19 |
| 2000: | 1st quarter ^f | 365 | 286 | 73 | 314 | 242 | 68 | 51 | 44 | 5 | 30 | 22 | 7 | 64 | 52 | 11 | 182 | 142 | 38 | 89 | 70 | 17 |
| AVERAGE RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS³ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual | (percent) | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 36 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Quarterly | (percent) | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 6 |

^fRevised.

¹Metropolitan statistical areas.

²Includes units started in structures with two to four units.

³Average Relative Standard Errors (Avg. RSE): Annual—Avg. RSE for the last 2 years; Quarterly—Avg. RSE for the latest 2-quarter period (quarter 1-quarter 2 or quarter 3-quarter 4).

Table 5. Seasonal Indexes Used to Adjust Housing Units Started

| Period | United States implicit index ¹ | In structures with— | | | | | | All units | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------|---------|-------|-------|--------------|-----------------|------------|---------|-------|-------|
| | | 1 unit | | | | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more | North-east | Midwest | South | West |
| | | North-east | Midwest | South | West | | | | | | |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 80.4 | 62.6 | 64.1 | 93.8 | 84.7 | 76.6 | 77.1 | 62.4 | 57.3 | 92.1 | 89.4 |
| March [†] | 101.0 | 96.3 | 92.1 | 110.2 | 107.4 | 102.2 | 86.3 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 105.9 | 101.1 |
| April [†] | 110.1 | 99.4 | 114.6 | 113.2 | 108.8 | 113.0 | 105.4 | 104.2 | 114.7 | 110.3 | 104.9 |
| May [†] | 116.7 | 123.2 | 126.9 | 116.2 | 116.4 | 101.1 | 107.7 | 115.0 | 123.2 | 113.4 | 116.7 |

[†]Preliminary. [†]Revised.

¹The implicit seasonal index is the ratio of the unadjusted number of housing units started in the United States to the seasonally adjusted national total of housing units started. It provides an indication of the overall seasonality for the particular month.

Note: These seasonal indexes include trading-day adjustment factors.

Table 6. Seasonal Indexes Used to Adjust Housing Units Authorized in Permit-Issuing Places

| Period | United States implicit index ¹ | In structures with— | | | | | | All units | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------|---------|-------|-------|--------------|-----------------|------------|---------|-------|-------|
| | | 1 unit | | | | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more | North-east | Midwest | South | West |
| | | North-east | Midwest | South | West | | | | | | |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 83.2 | 64.7 | 67.7 | 95.9 | 85.8 | 82.1 | 79.4 | 67.9 | 68.2 | 92.8 | 86.1 |
| March | 110.4 | 101.9 | 107.4 | 116.8 | 114.9 | 103.9 | 102.4 | 102.6 | 106.0 | 114.4 | 110.7 |
| April [†] | 103.9 | 107.5 | 117.3 | 102.8 | 106.5 | 101.7 | 92.5 | 105.2 | 111.0 | 102.0 | 101.9 |
| May [†] | 115.3 | 123.5 | 130.9 | 115.8 | 120.7 | 110.6 | 94.6 | 116.8 | 124.5 | 109.9 | 113.5 |

[†]Preliminary. [†]Revised.

¹The implicit seasonal index is the ratio of the unadjusted number of housing units authorized by building permits in the United States to the seasonally adjusted national total of housing units authorized. It provides an indication of the overall seasonality for the particular month.

Note: These seasonal indexes include trading-day adjustment factors.