

Table 1. New Privately Owned Housing Units Started

(Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

Period	Total	In structures with --				Northeast	Midwest	South	West
		1 unit	2 units	3 and 4 units	5 units or more				
1a. Seasonally adjusted annual rate									
1997 - December	1,540	1,130	62	348	131	337	677	395	
1998 - January	1,545	1,225	49	271	159	342	665	379	
February	1,616	1,263	63	290	200	367	710	339	
March	1,585	1,239	45	301	146	319	725	395	
April	1,546	1,237	44	265	128	346	690	382	
May	1,538	1,224	51	263	152	299	705	382	
June	1,620	1,269	45	306	136	311	758	415	
July	1,704	1,300	42	362	152	318	802	432	
August	1,621	1,261	55	305	141	314	776	390	
September	1,569	1,250	27	292	137	317	710	405	
October (r)	1,693	1,291	40	362	162	347	826	358	
November (r)	1,662	1,367	33	262	152	332	763	415	
December (p)	1,720	1,357	40	323	158	414	720	428	
Average relative standard error (%)	3	2	13	9	7	7	4	3	
1b. Not seasonally adjusted									
1997	1,474.0	1,133.7	18.1	26.4	295.8	136.8	303.6	670.3	363.3
1998 (p)	1,615.6	1,269.6	15.8	27.8	302.4	148.6	331.4	740.9	394.7
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	7	11	3	3	2	1	1
1997 December	106.0	73.9	1.8	2.3	28.1	8.8	19.6	50.6	27.0
1998 - January	91.2	72.3	0.8	1.5	16.5	8.0	14.4	42.9	25.9
February	101.1	78.9	0.8	3.2	18.1	9.4	17.3	51.2	23.2
March	132.6	107.2	1.6	1.9	21.9	11.0	23.3	63.2	35.0
April	144.9	117.3	1.8	2.2	23.7	11.9	33.2	65.4	34.4
May	143.3	114.4	1.9	2.6	24.3	14.1	29.7	64.5	34.9
June	159.6	128.7	1.7	3.0	26.1	14.0	33.7	70.4	41.5
July	156.0	120.5	1.5	2.3	31.7	15.3	31.2	70.6	38.8
August	147.5	115.1	1.4	3.2	27.8	12.9	31.3	67.7	35.5
September	141.5	112.4	1.0	1.3	26.9	13.1	29.8	62.3	36.3
October (r)	155.5	113.5	1.2	3.0	37.7	16.0	36.4	71.9	31.3
November (r)	124.3	100.9	0.9	2.0	20.6	12.2	25.4	58.6	28.1
December (p)	118.2	88.6	1.0	1.7	26.9	10.6	25.6	52.1	29.8
Average relative standard error (%)	3	2	15	20	9	7	7	4	3

(p) Preliminary. (r) Revised. (X) Not applicable. (Z) Less than 50 units or less than 0.5 percent.

Average relative standard error (Avg. RSE): Annual -- Avg. RSE for the last 2 years; Year to Date -- Avg. RSE for the current period and the same period last year; Monthly -- Avg. RSE for the latest 6 month period (January-June or July-December).