

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									
1998 - August	1,615	1,264	50	301	142	316	770	387	
September	1,576	1,251	27	298	135	316	717	408	
October	1,698	1,298	40	360	155	350	835	358	
November	1,654	1,375	30	249	153	324	759	418	
December	1,750	1,383	29	338	157	416	747	430	
1999 - January	1,820	1,393	57	370	150	335	901	434	
February	1,752	1,380	27	345	206	342	842	362	
March	1,746	1,394	33	319	147	381	821	397	
April	1,577	1,260	30	287	137	335	706	399	
May	1,668	1,389	26	253	158	361	734	415	
June (r)	1,607	1,305	29	273	167	361	717	362	
July (r)	1,670	1,321	38	311	169	316	750	435	
August (p)	1,676	1,304	29	343	172	343	758	403	
Average relative standard error (%)	3	3	9	9	7	6	4	4	
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	1,616.9	1,271.4	15.7	26.9	302.9	148.5	330.5	743.0	394.9
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	7	11	3	3	2	1	1
1998 First 8 months	1,076.1	854.3	11.7	19.9	190.2	96.7	214.2	496.0	269.2
1999 First 8 months	1,134.2	914.0	9.3	12.0	198.8	105.7	231.3	522.0	275.2
Average relative standard error (%)	1	1	8	12	4	4	3	2	1
1998 - 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	155.5	113.5	1.2	3.0	37.7	16.0	36.4	71.9	31.3
November	124.2	101.3	0.9	1.9	20.1	12.0	25.1	58.8	28.3
December	119.6	89.8	0.9	0.8	28.0	10.7	25.0	54.0	29.9
1999 - January	108.0	82.1	0.7	2.0	23.3	7.9	13.5	57.3	29.2
February	112.2	89.1	0.7	0.8	21.6	9.6	16.5	62.1	24.1
March	149.3	122.9	1.4	1.4	23.6	12.1	29.2	73.1	34.9
April	146.5	118.8	1.8	1.2	24.8	12.1	32.6	64.9	36.9
May	155.6	130.4	1.1	1.1	23.0	14.7	35.7	66.9	38.3
June (r)	152.4	127.9	1.2	1.8	21.5	16.0	38.1	63.9	34.4
July (r)	154.6	122.5	1.2	2.5	28.3	17.2	31.3	66.2	39.9
August (p)	155.6	120.4	1.2	1.2	32.9	16.2	34.3	67.6	37.5
Average relative standard error (%)	3	3	11	13	9	7	6	4	4

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

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