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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN SEPTEMBER 2005

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for September 2005:

BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2,189,000. This is 2.4 percent ($\pm 0.8\%$) above the revised August rate of 2,138,000 and is 7.4 percent ($\pm 1.1\%$) above the September 2004 estimate of 2,039,000.

Single-family authorizations in September were at a rate of 1,749,000; this is 4.4 percent ($\pm 0.9\%$) above the August figure of 1,676,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 352,000 in September.

HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2,108,000. This is 3.4 percent $(\pm 6.3\%)^*$ above the revised August estimate of 2,038,000 and is 10.3 percent $(\pm 7.2\%)$ above the September 2004 rate of 1,912,000.

Single-family housing starts in September 2005 were at a rate of 1,747,000; this is 2.6 percent $(\pm 6.6\%)^*$ above the August figure of 1,703,000. The September rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 303,000.

HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,979,000. This is 3.2 percent $(\pm 7.9\%)^*$ above the revised August estimate of 1,917,000 and is 10.9 percent $(\pm 8.8\%)$ above the September 2004 rate of 1,784,000.

Single-family housing completions in September 2005 were at a rate of 1,680,000; this is 4.2 percent $(\pm 6.6\%)^*$ above the August figure of 1,612,000. The September rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 265,000.

New Residential Construction data for October 2005 will be released on Thursday, November 17, 2005, at 8:30 A.M. EST. Our Internet site is: <u>http://www.census.gov/newresconst</u>

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, 6 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; 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]

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May 189.9 153.7 7.6 28.6 18.3 12.1 34.9 28.6 88.2 71.5 48.5 41.4 June 207.9 164.1 8.9 34.9 22.2 12.9 35.5 29.3 96.0 78.0 54.2 43.9 July 182.9 143.7 7.5 31.7 18.0 11.9 33.3 26.5 84.1 67.0 47.5 38.3 August ^r 201.2 159.3 8.4 33.5 18.0 12.5 35.2 28.3 98.1 78.2 49.9 40.4 September ^p 188.3 148.4 8.0 32.0 17.5 11.8 33.6 27.0 85.5 69.3 51.7 40.3		April	192.2	151.7	6.9	33.7	17.8	10.7	35.6	28.5	89.1	72.1	49.7	40.3
July 182.9 143.7 7.5 31.7 18.0 11.9 33.3 26.5 84.1 67.0 47.5 38.3 August ⁷ 201.2 159.3 8.4 33.5 18.0 12.5 35.2 28.3 98.1 78.2 49.9 40.4 September ^p 188.3 148.4 8.0 32.0 17.5 11.8 33.6 27.0 85.5 69.3 51.7 40.3														
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August ^r 201.2 159.3 8.4 33.5 18.0 12.5 35.2 28.3 98.1 78.2 49.9 40.4 September ^p 188.3 148.4 8.0 32.0 17.5 11.8 33.6 27.0 85.5 69.3 51.7 40.3		July	182.9	143.7	7.5	31.7	18.0	11.9	33.3	26.5	84.1	67.0	47.5	38.3
		August ^r	201.2	159.3	8.4	33.5	18.0	12.5	35.2	28.3	98.1	78.2		40.4
Average RSE $(96)^1$ 1 1 3 2 1 2 2 1 1 1 1		September ^p	188.3	148.4	8.0	32.0	17.5	11.8	33.6	27.0	85.5	69.3	51.7	40.3
	Avera	ze RSE (%) ¹	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1

⁶Preliminary. ⁷Revised. 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.

³ See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence interval

⁴ Computed 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]

		United	States		North	neast	Mid	west	Sou	ath	We	est
Period		In st	ructures wi	th								
T CHOU	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2004: September	203.7	138.8	6.8	58.1	25.5	12.0	26.4	17.8	104.0	73.2	47.8	35.8
October	192.8	130.2	7.1	55.5	23.6	10.3	24.8	17.5	101.1	70.7	43.3	31.8
November	202.7	134.8	8.3	59.6	25.7	10.5	27.5	19.0	103.8	72.4	45.7	33.0
December	215.5	138.1	10.6	66.8	28.8	10.1	26.4	17.6	109.3	77.0	51.1	33.5
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 ^r	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 ^r	233.5	167.5	9.4	56.6	28.0	16.3	30.3	23.9	121.2	87.9	54.1	39.4
September ^p	235.3	171.7	7.7	56.0	27.1	17.2	28.5	22.5	123.9	90.6	55.8	41.5
Average RSE (%) ¹	3	4	13	7	8	11	8	9	5	6	7	8
Percent Change: ²												
September 2005 from August 2005	0.8%	2.5%	-18.1%	-1.1%	-3.0%	5.3%	-6.0%	-6.2%	2.3%	3.1%	3.2%	5.3%
90% Confidence Interval ³	± 2.8	± 3.4	± 16.6	± 5.5	± 8.0	± 12.5	± 10.9	± 11.8	± 3.7	± 5.0	±6.1	±6.8
September 2005 from September 2004	15.5%	23.7%	13.3%	-3.8%	6.3%	43.2%	8.0%	26.4%	19.1%	23.7%	16.7%	15.7%
90% Confidence Interval ³	± 9.5	± 12.2	± 32.5	±14.9	± 22.8	± 37.2	±19.2	±28.4	±13.6	±16.3	±21.9	± 25.0

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised. RSE Relative Standard Error.

¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period. ² Computed using unrounded data.

³ See 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]

			United	States		North	heast	Mid	west	So	uth	W	est
	Period		In st	ructures wi									
		Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 uni
						Seas	sonally adju	isted annual	rate				
2004:	September	1,912	1,555	(S)	326	158	116	348	302	908	735	498	402
			,										
	October	2,062	1,666	(S)	355	175	126	389	319	947	759	551	462
	November	1,807	1,484	(S)	284	161	121	318	262	851	698		403
	December	2,050	1,713	(S)	289	195	140	379	332	955	785	521	456
2005:	January	2,188	1,769	(S)	371	164	131	332	276	1,138	927	554	435
	February	2,228	1,808	(S)	368	207	155	433	352	1,018	849	570	452
	March	1,833	1,550	(S)	249	210	136	311	295	830	710	482	409
	April	2,027	1,640	(S)	340	189	125	326	273	1,021	849	491	393
	May	2,027	1,724	(S)	280	185	125	320	331	926	794		462
	June	2,065	1,716	(S)	312	194	148	341	300	1,033	837	497	431
	July ^r	2,062	1,732	(S)	294	196	137	369	320	986	826	511	449
	August ^r	2,038	1,703	(S)	295	198	135	361	305	918	789	561	474
	September ^p	2,108	1,747	(S)	303	198	136	368	324	981	838	561	449
Avera	ge RSE (%) ¹	3	3	(X)	11	10	12	6	5	5	5	6	e
												_	
Perce	ent Change:											Total Total Total 498 551 477 521 570 482 491 543 497 511 562 2.7% ± 13.8 472.3 516.2 2 397.9 408.2 6 ± 3.9 408.2 6 ± 3.9 408.2 6 ± 3.9 408.2 6 ± 3.9 422.3 35.8 3	
	September 2005 from August 2005	3.4%	2.6%	(S)	2.7%	0.0%	0.7%	1.9%	6.2%	6.9%	6.2%	0.0%	-5.3%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	± 6.3	± 6.6	(X)	±24.9	± 28.7	±35.6	±11.5	± 10.8	± 9.2	±9.0	±12.2	±12.1
	September 2005 from September 2004	10.3%	12.3%	(S)	-7.1%	25.3%	17.2%	5.7%	7.3%	8.0%	14.0%	12.7%	11.7%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	± 7.2	± 8.0	(X)	± 18.5	± 28.0	± 33.2	±13.9	± 13.7	± 12.0	±12.6	498 551 477 521 554 570 482 491 543 497 511 561 561 6 0.0% ± 12.2 12.7% ± 13.8 472.3 516.2 2 397.9 408.2 6 2.6% ± 3.9 42.3 46.7 35.8 35.8 37.9 39.5 42.2 42.7 54.5 31.0 48.6	± 16.4
			Not seasonally adjusted										
2003		1,847.7	1,499.0	33.5	315.2	162.6	115.9	374.1	309.0	838.7	686.3	472.3	387.8
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
RSE (%)	1	1	9	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2
2004:	Year to Date	1,496.3	1,240.8	31.6	223.9	131.8	96.2	269.8	235.3	696.8	575.0	397.9	334.2
2005:	Year to Date	1,581.6	1,318.6	32.2	230.8	145.8	103.8	273.8	237.0	753.8	636.3	408.2	341.6
RSE (%)	3	3	25	8	10	14	6	5	4	5	6	6
												_	
	Year to Date Percent Change ³	5.7%	6.3%	1.8%	3.1%	10.6%	7.9%	1.5%	0.7%	8.2%	10.7%	2.6%	2.2%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	± 2.1	±2.6	±27.8	± 8.3	± 7.4	±11.8	±4.3	± 4.3	± 3.2	± 4.1	±3.9	±4.9
	•												
2004:	September	164.0	132.0	2.8	29.2	14.3	10.5	32.6	28.5	74.8	59.3	42.3	33.7
	October	181.3	143.4	3.9	34.0	16.1	11.4	35.7	29.1	82.8	64.8	46.7	38.1
	November	138.1	111.0	3.3	23.8	13.2	9.8	25.8	21.1	63.2	50.4		29.6
	December	140.2	115.4	3.6	21.3	14.4	10.3	24.4	20.9	65.6	53.2	35.8	31.0
2005													
2005:	January February	142.9 149.1	114.3 121.1	3.3 3.5	25.3 24.5	8.7 11.1	6.5 7.7	15.9 23.8	12.1 18.4	80.2 74.7	65.9 63.4		29.8 31.6
	March	149.1	121.1	2.8	24.5	11.1	10.5	25.8 24.8	23.5	74.7	63.1		36.3
	April	184.6	151.5	4.0	29.1	16.9	11.4	29.6	25.1	95.5	80.7		34.3
	May June	197.9 192.8	170.4 162.8	3.2 3.2	24.4 26.9	17.6 19.5	13.5 15.5	40.2 35.0	35.4 31.4	85.6 93.1	74.1 76.2		47.5 39.6
		172.8	102.8	3.2	20.9	19.3	15.5	55.0	51.4	95.1	70.2	45.5	39.0
	July ^r	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 ^r	187.4	157.0	3.6	26.8	19.3	13.5	35.3	30.2	81.9	70.2	51.0	43.1
	Sentember ^p	183.0	150.0	5.3	27.6	17.9	12.2	34.8	30.8	81.8	68.7	10 C	38.3
	September ^p												
		3	3	23	11	10	12	6	5	5			6

Preliminary. revised. 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. ³ Computed using unrounded data.

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

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]

			United States			Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
			In st	ructures wi	th								
	Period			2 to 4	5 units								
		Total	1 unit	units	or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
							Seasonall	y adjusted					
2004:	September	1,243	866	(S)	341	143	82	222	174	543	372	335	238
	October	1,262	880	(S)	346	141	81	225	176	553	379	343	244
	November	1,269	886	(S)	346	143	83	226	177	555	379	345	247
	December	1,282	893	(S)	351	148	85	227	178	561	383	346	247
2005:	January	1,307	909	(S)	360	152	85	228	178	580	399	347	247
	February	1,327	923	(S)	367	152	87	220	170	589	405	354	252
	March	1,314	913	(S)	364	158	88	228	177	581	401	347	247
	4 1												
	April May	1,323 1,324	912 915	(S) (S)	373 372	165 165	88 89	223 220	172 170	591 589	410 410	344 350	242 246
	June	1,324	913 914	(S) (S)	372	165	89	220	168	595	410	350	240
	July ^r	1,342	922	(S)	382	170	88	218	169	600	416	354	249
	August ^r	1,359	935	(S)	388	170	89	219	170	607	422	363	254
	September ^p	1,367	941	(S)	388	172	91	220	171	607	423	368	256
Avera	$ge RSE (\%)^{1}$	2	2	(X)	3	5	8	3	4	3	3	3	3
Perce	ent Change:												
	September 2005 from August 2005	0.6%	0.6%	<i>(S)</i>	0.0%	1.2%	2.2%	0.5%	0.6%	0.0%	0.2%	1.4%	0.8%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	± 0.7	± 0.8	(X)	± 1.5	± 1.9	± 3.0	± 2.6	± 2.3	± 1.5	± 1.6	± 1.3	± 1.5
	September 2005 from September 2004	10.0%	8.7%	<i>(S)</i>	13.8%	20.3%	11.0%	-0.9%	-1.7%	11.8%	13.7%	9.9%	7.6%
	90% Confidence Interval ²	± 4.1	±4.8	(X)	± 8.1	± 12.2	±16.6	± 8.4	± 8.9	±6.7	±6.9	± 6.7	± 8.5
]	Not season	ally adjusted	1				
2004:	September	1,281.3	909.0	35.2	337.0	147.3	86.8	233.2	185.8	554.4	385.6	346.3	250.9
	October	1,293.8	910.4	36.1	347.4	145.4	84.8	235.6	186.4	562.8	388.4	350.1	250.7
	November	1,279.7	893.5	37.4	348.8	145.2	84.8	232.3	183.1	554.7	376.9	347.5	248.6
	December	1,237.1	850.3	38.1	348.7	146.8	83.7	222.4	174.0	536.4	359.0	331.6	233.6
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 ^r	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 ^r	1,399.7	982.7	35.8	381.1	173.9	94.3	228.0	179.7	623.0	441.0	374.7	267.7
	September ^p	1,406.3	984.9	37.6	383.9	175.6	95.6	230.5	181.9	620.6	438.7	379.6	268.7
	$ge RSE (\%)^{l}$	2	2	8	3	5	8	3	4	3	3	3	3

^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

Table 5. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Completed

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

		ļ,	United			North	neast	Mid	west	So	uth	We	est
	Period		In st	ructures wi									
		Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 un
						Seas	onally adju	sted annual	rate				
2004.	September	1,784	1,522	(S)	242	162	118	335	300	828	703	459	40
2001.	September	1,704	1,522	(3)	242	102	110	555	500	020	705	457	-40
	October	1,841	1,539	(S)	272	187	136	353	299	816	685	485	4
	November	1,725	1,436	(S)	267	151	103	310	253	825	715	439	30
	December	1,911	1,649	(S)	234	144	133	360	315	845	701	562	50
2005:	January	1,883	1,576	(S)	261	154	128	331	308	862	700	536	4
	February	1,922	1,622	(S)	248	187	128	385	327	893	774	457	3
	March	1,797	1,534	(S)	234	151	111	333	299	811	692	502	4
	A	1.044	1.620		055		1.10	252	21.6	015		510	
	April May	1,944 2,097	1,638 1,744	(S)	277	166 169	140 128	353 437	316 370	915 963			4
	June	1,963	1,744			204	128	370	320	903	761		4
		,		(-)									
	July ^r	1,889	1,652	(S)	199	145	125	338	298	886	768	520	46
	August ^r	1,917	1,612	(S)	258	197	124	359	309	858	735	503	44
	September ^p	1,979	1,680	(S)	265	167	117	350	298	964	829	498	43
	-	4				14			7				
Avera	ge RSE (%) ¹	4	4	(A)	12	14	13	8	/	6	0	/	
Perce	ent Change:												
	September 2005 from August 2005	3.2%	4.2%	(S)	2.7%	-15.2%	-5.6%	-2.5%	-3.6%	12.4%	12.8%	Total 459 485 439 562 536 457 502 510 528 469 520 503 498 7 ± 10.2 8.5% ± 13.8 436.2 483.3 3 348.0 366.3 5 5.2% ± 4.7 40.0 43.4 37.7 54.2 37.8 31.9 39.5 40.1 41.2 43.3 45.0 43.5	-1.8
	90% Confidence Interval ²	± 7.9	± 6.6	(X)	± 24.4	± 24.0	±23.7	±18.1	±13.7	± 14.6	± 12.6	±11.2	±12.
	September 2005 from September 2004	10.9%	10.4%	 (S) 258 (S) 265 (X) 12 (S) 2.7% 	3.1%	-0.8%	4.5%	-0.7%	16.4%	17.9%	8.5%	8.7	
	90% Confidence Interval ²	±8.8	± 8.7	(X)	± 32.2	± 31.0	±29.3	±15.2	±14.9	±17.4	±16.2	703 459 685 485 715 439 701 562 702 536 774 457 692 502 745 510 768 528 761 469 762 503 763 503 764 577 765 528 761 469 762 503 829 498 6 7 820 ± 11.2 9% $\pm 5.5%$ 6.2 ± 13.8 2 3 37.1 348.0 17.2 366.3 7 5 9% 5.2% 4.8 ± 4.7 52.0 40.0 50.7 43.4 52.8 37.7 54.2 37.8 33.8 31.9 35.9 39.5 57.7 40.1 65.2 44.1	±15.
						1	Not seasona	ally adjusted	1				
2003		1,678.7	1,386.3	31.5	260.8	154.6	113.6	332.2	274.2	755.6	635.5	436.2	363
2003		1,841.9	1,531.5			155.9	118.9	362.4	303.6	840.4	699.8		409
RSE (%)	1	1	0	2	4	5	3	3	2	2	2	
KDL (, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	1	1	2	3	4	5	3	5	2	2	5	
2004:	Year to Date	1,342.4	1,101.3	17.0	224.0	110.9	82.6	267.4	221.3	616.1	507.1	348.0	290
2005:	Year to Date	1,405.8	1,182.6	29.8	193.4	123.6	92.6	260.8	225.8	655.1	547.2	366.3	316
DOD /													
RSE (%)	4	3	21	14	13	13	9	7	7	7	5	
	Year to Date Percent Change ³	4.7%	7.4%	75.2%	-13.7%	11.5%	12.2%	-2.5%	2.1%	6.3%	7.9%	5.2%	9.1
	Ŭ	2.0		10.5			10.0		()	10	4.0	1.7	-
	90% Confidence Interval ²	±2.9	± 3.1	± 40.5	± /.5	±11.1	± 10.9	± 5.5	±6.2	±4.8	±4.8	±4./	± 5.
2004:	September	158.2	136.2	1.7	20.3	13.8	10.1	31.9	28.9	72.5	62.0	40.0	35
	October November	165.1 150.4	140.7 128.7	2.4 1.6	22.0 20.1	17.4 13.8	13.3 10.2	33.0 28.3	28.6 24.1	71.2 70.6			38 32
	December	130.4	128.7	2.4	20.1	13.8	10.2	28.5 33.6	24.1 29.7	82.5	62.3 69.7		48
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
	February	132.0	111.7	3.5	16.7	12.8	8.8	25.4	21.5	61.9	53.8		27
	March	135.7	116.7	2.1	17.0	10.4	7.5	23.3	20.9	62.5	53.9	39.5	34
	April	150.7	126.7	2.2	21.8	12.3	10.3	27.3	24.4	71.0	57.7	40.1	34
	May	176.3	145.3	4.2	26.8	14.1	10.5	36.5	30.6	81.7	66.2	44.1	38
	June	171.0	144.5	3.0	23.4	16.9	14.4	31.0	26.3	81.9	66.9	41.2	36
	July ^r	158.5	136.3	3.5	18.6	12.3	10.3	28.8	25.1	74.1	63.1	13.2	37
	July August ^r	158.5	136.3	3.5 5.2	28.7	12.3	10.3	28.8 34.0	25.1	74.1	65.1		38
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	September ^p	174.0	148.7	2.8	22.4	14.9	10.7	32.9	28.5	82.7	71.2	43.5	38

Preliminary. revised. 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.