

Table 970. New Privately Owned Housing Units Started: 1991 to 2010

[In thousands of units (1,014 represents 1,014,000) For composition of regions, see map inside front cover]

Year	Total	1 unit	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1991	1,014	840	113	233	414	254
1992	1,200	1,030	127	288	497	288
1993	1,288	1,126	126	298	562	302
1994	1,457	1,198	138	329	639	351
1995	1,354	1,076	118	290	615	331
1996	1,477	1,161	132	321	662	361
1997	1,474	1,134	137	304	670	363
1998	1,617	1,271	148	330	743	395
1999	1,641	1,303	156	347	746	392
2000	1,569	1,231	154	318	713	383
2001	1,603	1,273	149	330	732	391
2002	1,705	1,359	158	350	781	415
2003	1,848	1,499	163	374	839	472
2004	1,956	1,610	175	356	909	516
2005	2,068	1,716	190	357	996	525
2006	1,801	1,465	167	280	910	444
2007	1,355	1,046	143	210	681	321
2008	905	622	121	135	453	196
2009	554	445	62	97	278	117
2010	587	471	71	98	297	120

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Construction Reports, Series C-20, "Housing Starts". Prepared by Economics Department, NAHB. Available at <<http://www.HousingEconomics.com>>.**Table 971. Characteristics of New Privately Owned One-Family Houses Completed: 1990 to 2009**

[Percent distribution, except total houses. 966 represents 966,000. Data are percent distribution of characteristics for all houses completed (includes new houses completed, houses built for sale completed, contractor-built and owner-built houses completed, and houses completed for rent). Percents exclude houses for which characteristics specified were not reported]

Characteristic	1990	2000	2005	2009	Characteristic	1990	2000	2005	2009
Total houses (1,000)	966	1,242	1,636	520	Bedrooms	100	100	100	100
Construction type	100	100	100	100	2 or less	15	11	12	13
Site built	(NA)	94	96	96	3	57	54	49	53
Modular	(NA)	3	3	2	4 or more	29	35	39	34
Other	(NA)	3	2	2	Bathrooms	100	100	100	100
Exterior wall material	100	100	100	100	1-1/2 or less	13	7	4	8
Brick	18	20	20	23	2	42	39	36	37
Wood	39	14	7	9	2-1/2 or more	45	54	59	55
Stucco	18	17	22	19	Heating fuel	100	100	100	100
Vinyl siding ¹	(NA)	39	34	34	Gas	59	70	66	55
Aluminum siding	5	1	(NA)	(NA)	Electricity	33	27	31	42
Other ¹	20	7	7	2	Oil	5	3	2	1
Floor area	(NA)	100	100	100	Other	3	1	1	2
Under 1,200 sq. ft.	(NA)	14	10	13	Heating system	100	100	100	100
1,200 to 1,599 sq. ft.	(NA)	22	19	20	Warm air furnace	65	71	67	56
1,600 to 1,999 sq. ft.	(NA)	29	29	27	Electric heat pump	23	23	29	37
2,000 to 2,399 sq. ft.	(NA)	17	19	17	Other	12	6	4	7
2,400 sq. ft. and over	(NA)	18	23	23	Central air-conditioning	100	100	100	100
Average (sq. ft.)	2,080	2,266	2,434	2,438	With	76	85	89	88
Median (sq. ft.)	1,905	2,057	2,227	2,135	Without	24	15	11	12
Number of stories	100	100	100	100	Fireplaces	100	100	100	100
1	46	47	44	47	No fireplace	34	40	45	49
2 or more	49	52	55	53	1 or more	66	59	55	51
Split level	4	1	(Z)	(Z)	Parking facilities	100	100	100	100
Foundation	100	100	100	100	Garage	82	89	91	86
Full or partial basement	38	37	31	30	Carport	2	1	1	1
Slab	40	46	53	52	No garage or carport	16	11	8	12
Crawl space	21	17	16	18					

NA Not available. Z Less than 0.5 percent. ¹ Prior to 2000, "other" includes vinyl siding.Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development "Characteristics of New Housing." <<http://www.census.gov/const/www/charindex.html>>.