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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN AUGUST 2012

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for August 2012:

BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 803,000. This is 1.0 percent ($\pm 1.2\%$)* below the revised July rate of 811,000, but is 24.5 percent ($\pm 1.7\%$) above the August 2011 estimate of 645,000.

Single-family authorizations in August were at a rate of 512,000; this is 0.2 percent ($\pm 0.8\%$)* above the revised July figure of 511,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 263,000 in August.

HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 750,000. This is 2.3 percent ($\pm 10.2\%$)* above the revised July estimate of 733,000 and is 29.1 percent ($\pm 12.8\%$) above the August 2011 rate of 581,000.

Single-family housing starts in August were at a rate of 535,000; this is 5.5 percent ($\pm 10.4\%$)* above the revised July figure of 507,000. The August rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 208,000.

HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 689,000. This is 0.7 percent ($\pm 18.8\%$)* above the revised July estimate of 684,000 and is 11.7 percent ($\pm 17.5\%$)* above the August 2011 rate of 617,000.

Single-family housing completions in August were at a rate of 489,000; this is 5.4 percent ($\pm 14.3\%$)* above the revised July rate of 464,000. The August rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 193,000.

New Residential Construction data for September 2012 will be released on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 8:30 A.M. EDT.

Our Internet site is: <http://www.census.gov/starts>

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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 3 months to establish an underlying trend for building permit authorizations, 4 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. If it does contain zero, the change is not 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 three percent or less. 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]

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Seasonally adjusted annual rate												
2011: August	645	429	27	189	62	35	110	76	332	234	141	84
September	616	428	21	167	67	39	110	75	307	233	132	81
October	667	444	24	199	66	42	109	74	359	244	133	84
November	709	451	23	235	80	46	107	73	360	244	162	88
December	701	454	24	223	76	41	112	78	358	246	155	89
2012: January	684	452	20	212	78	37	101	75	377	245	128	95
February	707	478	25	204	82	46	119	79	361	260	145	93
March	769	466	22	281	81	44	130	84	371	241	187	97
April	723	475	22	226	88	45	114	76	359	248	162	106
May	784	490	22	272	78	43	119	82	412	255	175	110
June	760	491	21	248	82	43	119	81	381	256	178	111
July (r)	811	511	29	271	91	42	114	83	404	267	202	119
August (p)	803	512	28	263	84	39	123	88	407	268	189	117
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	6	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	2
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>August 2012 from July 2012</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>-3.4%</i>	<i>-3.0%</i>	<i>-7.7%</i>	<i>-7.1%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>0.4%</i>	<i>-6.4%</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>±1.2</i>	<i>±0.8</i>	<i>±7.8</i>	<i>±3.3</i>	<i>±4.8</i>	<i>±7.0</i>	<i>±2.9</i>	<i>±3.4</i>	<i>±1.6</i>	<i>±2.0</i>	<i>±2.7</i>	<i>±3.5</i>
<i>August 2012 from August 2011</i>	<i>24.5%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>39.2%</i>	<i>35.5%</i>	<i>11.4%</i>	<i>11.8%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>22.6%</i>	<i>14.5%</i>	<i>34.0%</i>	<i>39.3%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>±1.7</i>	<i>±0.8</i>	<i>±8.1</i>	<i>±4.5</i>	<i>±9.3</i>	<i>±13.5</i>	<i>±3.1</i>	<i>±3.7</i>	<i>±1.8</i>	<i>±2.2</i>	<i>±3.6</i>	<i>±4.6</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2010:	604.6	447.3	22.0	135.3	73.8	49.1	103.5	75.4	299.1	232.3	128.2	90.6
2011:	624.1	418.5	21.6	184.0	68.5	39.0	102.7	70.5	320.7	227.1	132.2	81.9
RSE (%)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
2011: Year to Date ²	407.7	284.5	13.7	109.6	44.4	25.6	65.8	47.3	210.1	153.6	87.4	57.9
2012: Year to Date ²	532.2	346.0	15.8	170.4	55.0	28.9	79.2	57.1	276.5	184.1	121.5	75.9
RSE (%)	1	1	5	(Z)	3	2	1	1	1	(Z)	1	1
Year to Date Percent Change⁴	30.5%	21.6%	15.3%	55.5%	23.8%	12.8%	20.4%	20.7%	31.6%	19.9%	39.0%	31.0%
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>±1.2</i>	<i>±1.0</i>	<i>±7.6</i>	<i>±1.8</i>	<i>±6.0</i>	<i>±8.3</i>	<i>±2.1</i>	<i>±2.5</i>	<i>±0.9</i>	<i>±1.1</i>	<i>±2.4</i>	<i>±3.0</i>
2011: August	62.6	41.6	2.6	18.4	6.0	3.4	11.3	7.8	31.4	22.3	13.8	8.1
September	53.2	36.3	1.9	15.1	6.0	3.6	10.5	7.0	25.4	18.9	11.3	6.8
October	52.0	34.4	2.0	15.7	5.8	3.6	10.0	6.5	26.1	17.8	10.1	6.5
November	51.9	31.6	1.8	18.5	6.5	3.5	8.4	5.3	25.6	16.9	11.4	6.0
December	51.6	29.8	1.8	20.0	5.7	2.8	7.1	4.2	27.2	16.9	11.5	6.0
2012: January	46.3	29.9	1.3	15.1	4.8	2.2	5.0	3.3	28.4	18.3	8.2	6.1
February	51.9	35.1	1.7	15.2	5.5	2.7	6.5	4.6	28.9	21.1	11.1	6.8
March	67.4	42.2	2.0	23.2	5.8	3.6	10.3	7.3	34.3	22.5	17.0	8.9
April	62.5	43.9	1.8	16.8	7.6	4.0	10.6	7.8	30.5	22.4	13.7	9.6
May	75.4	49.6	2.0	23.8	7.3	4.4	12.3	9.1	38.6	24.9	17.2	11.3
June	73.8	47.6	2.0	24.3	8.8	4.1	11.4	8.2	35.4	24.0	18.2	11.2
July (r)	72.1	46.8	2.5	22.8	8.1	4.0	10.9	8.1	35.9	23.8	17.2	10.9
August (p)	77.9	49.6	2.6	25.8	7.8	3.7	12.5	9.0	38.9	25.6	18.8	11.3
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	6	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	2

(p) Preliminary. (r) 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. Z Relative standard error is less than 0.5 percent.

¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

²Reflects revisions not distributed to months.

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

⁴Computed using unrounded data.

Table 2. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized, but Not Started, at End of Period

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

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Not seasonally adjusted												
2011: August	87.4	45.5	2.5	39.4	8.7	5.9	7.8	5.9	46.2	23.6	24.8	10.1
September	79.9	45.0	3.5	31.4	8.9	5.8	7.9	5.9	41.6	23.8	21.5	9.5
October	75.3	42.8	3.0	29.5	8.0	5.6	7.0	4.9	39.9	22.8	20.3	9.4
November	73.8	43.6	3.1	27.1	6.8	4.9	8.9	6.9	39.8	22.4	18.3	9.4
December	78.1	42.3	2.4	33.3	7.8	4.9	6.2	3.9	43.3	23.3	20.9	10.3
2012: January	75.0	39.9	1.6	33.5	8.1	5.0	5.6	3.7	41.4	21.1	20.0	10.1
February	78.7	44.2	1.9	32.6	9.8	5.1	6.7	4.5	41.1	23.5	21.1	11.1
March	87.6	45.2	2.0	40.4	8.4	5.2	8.4	5.2	44.4	23.6	26.4	11.3
April	80.6	44.2	2.0	34.5	8.8	5.1	7.2	5.3	39.9	22.8	24.8	11.1
May	85.8	45.1	1.6	39.2	8.0	4.9	8.5	5.7	43.6	23.5	25.7	11.0
June (r)	84.7	43.5	1.5	39.8	8.5	5.6	9.3	4.9	43.3	22.2	23.6	10.7
July (r)	87.4	43.0	1.4	43.0	8.9	5.2	8.4	4.9	48.3	23.1	21.8	9.9
August (p)	94.7	46.1	2.0	46.5	8.7	5.4	8.3	5.2	54.2	24.9	23.5	10.6
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	6	20	8	17	22	10	11	7	9	13	16
Percent Change:²												
<i>August 2012 from July 2012</i>	8.3%	7.2%	44.6%	8.2%	-1.9%	4.5%	-1.4%	7.2%	12.0%	8.0%	7.8%	6.8%
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	± 4.1	± 5.1	± 35.5	± 7.6	± 15.4	± 10.7	± 14.3	± 19.4	± 5.0	± 6.7	± 9.6	± 9.9
<i>August 2012 from August 2011</i>	8.3%	1.3%	-20.9%	18.2%	0.3%	-8.5%	6.6%	-12.4%	17.3%	5.7%	-5.3%	5.0%
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	± 9.8	± 9.6	± 29.2	± 20.9	± 22.2	± 18.2	± 27.8	± 26.0	± 17.3	± 16.9	± 14.9	± 19.8

(p) Preliminary. (r) Revised. RSE Relative standard error. S Does not meet publication standards because tests for identifiable and stable seasonality do not meet reliability standards.

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]

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Seasonally adjusted annual rate												
2011: August	581	422	(S)	152	56	35	86	51	298	244	141	92
September	647	422	(S)	219	59	41	97	74	329	220	162	87
October	630	439	(S)	175	65	42	110	78	321	234	134	85
November	708	460	(S)	239	98	57	94	70	344	238	172	95
December	697	520	(S)	153	62	44	178	138	328	248	129	90
2012: January	720	511	(S)	193	74	44	106	82	403	290	137	95
February	718	470	(S)	240	66	50	99	87	419	253	134	80
March	706	481	(S)	215	87	45	116	88	354	249	149	99
April	747	504	(S)	234	80	48	125	91	395	265	147	100
May	706	513	(S)	178	76	43	108	86	365	276	157	108
June (r)	754	531	(S)	215	78	48	98	87	366	276	212	120
July (r)	733	507	(S)	214	87	44	111	77	351	277	184	109
August (p)	750	535	(S)	208	76	46	134	89	364	286	176	114
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	4	(X)	13	13	12	8	8	7	6	11	7
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>August 2012 from July 2012</i>	<i>2.3%</i>	<i>5.5%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-2.8%</i>	<i>-12.6%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>15.6%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>3.2%</i>	<i>-4.3%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 10.2</i>	<i>± 10.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 30.3</i>	<i>± 22.7</i>	<i>± 30.0</i>	<i>± 23.3</i>	<i>± 23.4</i>	<i>± 15.8</i>	<i>± 14.9</i>	<i>± 18.5</i>	<i>± 12.5</i>
<i>August 2012 from August 2011</i>	<i>29.1%</i>	<i>26.8%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>36.8%</i>	<i>35.7%</i>	<i>31.4%</i>	<i>55.8%</i>	<i>74.5%</i>	<i>22.1%</i>	<i>17.2%</i>	<i>24.8%</i>	<i>23.9%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 12.8</i>	<i>± 11.5</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 34.0</i>	<i>± 48.3</i>	<i>± 38.8</i>	<i>± 46.4</i>	<i>± 37.5</i>	<i>± 12.3</i>	<i>± 10.5</i>	<i>± 25.8</i>	<i>± 30.7</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2010:	586.9	471.2	11.4	104.3	71.6	52.3	97.9	79.2	297.5	247.1	119.9	92.6
2011:	608.8	430.6	10.9	167.3	67.7	41.2	100.9	74.3	307.8	229.3	132.5	85.7
RSE (%)	1	1	14	3	4	4	2	3	2	2	2	2
2011: Year to Date	401.2	293.5	6.6	101.1	44.9	26.8	64.5	47.6	205.1	158.7	86.7	60.4
2012: Year to Date	504.4	356.0	7.1	141.3	53.0	31.4	77.0	59.1	258.9	190.0	115.5	75.5
RSE (%)	1	2	15	4	4	6	2	3	2	2	2	2
Year to Date Percent Change ³	25.7%	21.3%	6.6%	39.8%	17.9%	17.1%	19.4%	24.1%	26.2%	19.7%	33.2%	25.1%
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 30.5</i>	<i>± 13.8</i>	<i>± 11.6</i>	<i>± 12.1</i>	<i>± 6.5</i>	<i>± 7.1</i>	<i>± 5.8</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 7.8</i>	<i>± 5.9</i>
2011: August	54.5	39.4	0.6	14.5	5.2	3.2	8.6	5.3	27.2	22.1	13.4	8.8
September	58.8	37.3	0.6	20.9	5.2	3.5	9.5	7.2	29.4	19.0	14.6	7.5
October	53.2	36.2	1.4	15.6	5.8	3.8	10.0	7.2	26.7	19.0	10.6	6.3
November	53.0	32.7	0.7	19.6	7.6	4.2	7.2	5.3	25.7	17.0	12.6	6.3
December	42.7	31.0	1.6	10.1	4.2	3.0	9.7	7.0	20.9	15.6	7.9	5.3
2012: January	47.2	33.1	1.1	13.0	4.6	2.6	5.3	3.7	28.4	20.7	9.0	6.1
February	49.7	32.2	0.6	16.9	3.8	2.7	5.0	4.1	31.1	19.5	9.8	5.9
March	58.0	40.2	0.8	17.1	7.0	3.7	8.4	6.1	30.2	21.8	12.4	8.5
April	66.8	46.6	0.7	19.5	7.1	4.4	11.3	8.5	35.0	24.2	13.4	9.5
May	67.8	50.1	1.3	16.3	7.4	4.4	11.4	9.4	33.4	25.3	15.5	11.0
June (r)	74.7	54.4	0.7	19.6	7.7	5.0	10.5	9.5	35.9	27.7	20.5	12.2
July (r)	70.2	49.9	1.1	19.2	8.2	4.4	11.5	8.4	32.5	25.9	18.0	11.3
August (p)	69.9	49.6	0.7	19.6	7.1	4.3	13.6	9.4	32.3	24.9	16.8	11.0
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	4	27	13	13	12	8	8	7	6	11	7

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¹ Average 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.

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]

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Seasonally adjusted												
2011: August	413	239	(S)	164	94	33	62	44	166	111	91	51
September	418	238	(S)	171	91	34	63	44	169	110	95	50
October	423	237	(S)	176	88	34	65	44	172	109	98	50
November	432	236	(S)	186	92	35	65	43	174	109	101	49
December	434	236	(S)	188	91	35	68	46	174	107	101	48
2012: January	443	241	(S)	191	90	36	69	46	182	111	102	48
February	450	243	(S)	196	89	37	70	47	188	111	103	48
March	459	245	(S)	204	90	37	69	47	191	111	109	50
April	464	247	(S)	207	89	37	70	47	197	113	108	50
May	474	252	(S)	212	89	36	71	48	202	115	112	53
June (r)	486	258	(S)	219	89	35	70	48	207	118	120	57
July (r)	489	263	(S)	217	88	35	68	48	210	122	123	58
August (p)	492	266	(S)	217	89	35	70	50	211	123	122	58
Average RSE (%) ¹	2	3	(X)	4	6	6	5	7	4	5	4	6
Percent Change:												
<i>August 2012 from July 2012</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>-0.8%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 3.2</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>
<i>August 2012 from August 2011</i>	<i>19.1%</i>	<i>11.3%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>32.3%</i>	<i>-5.3%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>12.9%</i>	<i>13.6%</i>	<i>27.1%</i>	<i>10.8%</i>	<i>34.1%</i>	<i>13.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 9.8</i>	<i>± 5.7</i>	<i>± 7.8</i>	<i>± 13.1</i>	<i>± 15.2</i>	<i>± 5.9</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 10.7</i>	<i>± 9.7</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2011: August	424.7	250.6	9.8	164.3	94.8	34.4	65.2	46.8	170.8	115.5	93.9	53.9
September	429.1	248.2	9.3	171.7	92.1	34.7	66.3	47.3	172.7	113.8	98.0	52.4
October	429.5	241.6	9.8	178.2	89.9	35.0	67.7	46.3	173.4	109.9	98.5	50.3
November	433.3	234.9	9.9	188.5	93.6	35.3	66.2	44.2	172.9	107.4	100.7	48.1
December	417.7	221.6	10.3	185.9	89.6	34.1	66.1	44.1	165.1	99.1	96.9	44.4
2012: January	426.8	227.7	10.4	188.7	87.7	34.6	66.1	43.4	174.0	104.2	99.0	45.4
February	435.1	230.2	10.5	194.4	86.1	34.9	65.3	42.6	182.6	106.4	101.0	46.2
March	449.3	236.5	10.2	202.6	88.7	35.5	64.8	43.3	189.4	109.6	106.4	48.0
April	462.1	245.0	10.4	206.6	88.7	36.6	68.0	45.1	197.6	113.7	107.9	49.6
May	478.1	255.1	10.2	212.8	89.6	36.4	70.4	47.1	205.0	117.9	113.1	53.6
June (r)	496.2	265.7	9.1	221.5	90.1	35.3	72.2	49.9	212.2	122.5	121.8	58.0
July (r)	502.9	275.2	9.0	218.6	88.9	35.8	71.4	51.1	216.3	127.4	126.3	61.0
August (p)	504.6	279.5	8.9	216.2	89.8	36.1	72.9	53.2	216.0	128.2	126.0	62.0
Average RSE (%) ¹	2	3	13	4	6	6	5	7	4	5	4	6

(p) Preliminary. (r) 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.

²See 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]

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	In structures with --			Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
		1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more								
Seasonally adjusted annual rate												
2011: August	617	478	(S)	135	65	50	123	80	294	242	135	106
September	600	424	(S)	166	97	32	91	67	299	235	113	90
October	578	445	(S)	126	89	36	94	82	284	238	111	89
November	583	455	(S)	123	51	42	95	76	313	233	124	104
December	606	460	(S)	137	79	39	105	78	297	245	125	98
2012: January	542	394	(S)	140	89	37	87	65	275	220	91	72
February	572	432	(S)	136	79	40	97	79	283	229	113	84
March	587	440	(S)	136	71	44	121	79	284	227	111	90
April	663	490	(S)	170	80	44	106	90	325	246	152	110
May	605	469	(S)	121	80	49	103	88	299	247	123	85
June (r)	623	475	(S)	131	72	57	107	75	319	253	125	90
July (r)	684	464	(S)	211	90	42	141	86	315	242	138	94
August (p)	689	489	(S)	193	60	41	123	75	337	263	169	110
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	5	(X)	17	17	17	12	12	9	8	12	12
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>August 2012 from July 2012</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-8.5%</i>	<i>-33.3%</i>	<i>-2.4%</i>	<i>-12.8%</i>	<i>-12.8%</i>	<i>7.0%</i>	<i>8.7%</i>	<i>22.5%</i>	<i>17.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 18.8</i>	<i>± 14.3</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 44.0</i>	<i>± 33.7</i>	<i>± 29.6</i>	<i>± 34.3</i>	<i>± 24.1</i>	<i>± 26.5</i>	<i>± 20.2</i>	<i>± 44.1</i>	<i>± 29.5</i>
<i>August 2012 from August 2011</i>	<i>11.7%</i>	<i>2.3%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>43.0%</i>	<i>-7.7%</i>	<i>-18.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-6.3%</i>	<i>14.6%</i>	<i>8.7%</i>	<i>25.2%</i>	<i>3.8%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 17.5</i>	<i>± 13.7</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 48.2</i>	<i>± 34.1</i>	<i>± 20.7</i>	<i>± 34.4</i>	<i>± 26.0</i>	<i>± 25.1</i>	<i>± 23.0</i>	<i>± 38.5</i>	<i>± 18.9</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2010:	651.7	496.3	8.9	146.5	80.4	54.0	106.9	81.9	316.7	257.6	147.7	102.8
2011:	584.9	446.6	8.4	129.9	72.5	44.0	103.0	75.9	295.5	235.6	113.9	91.2
RSE (%)	2	2	18	7	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
2011: Year to Date	369.8	281.3	5.8	82.7	43.5	29.6	66.5	46.5	188.8	149.2	71.0	56.1
2012: Year to Date	402.6	290.0	6.3	106.3	49.8	28.0	70.9	49.0	198.0	154.4	83.9	58.6
RSE (%)	2	2	21	6	7	9	4	4	3	3	4	4
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ³	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>3.1%</i>	<i>9.1%</i>	<i>28.6%</i>	<i>14.4%</i>	<i>-5.3%</i>	<i>6.7%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>18.1%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 5.4</i>	<i>± 4.3</i>	<i>± 35.6</i>	<i>± 21.9</i>	<i>± 17.9</i>	<i>± 15.4</i>	<i>± 10.7</i>	<i>± 9.6</i>	<i>± 7.9</i>	<i>± 6.3</i>	<i>± 9.9</i>	<i>± 6.2</i>
2011: August	57.3	42.1	0.5	14.7	6.3	4.6	11.8	7.1	26.9	21.1	12.4	9.3
September	54.7	38.4	0.9	15.3	8.9	2.9	8.6	6.4	26.5	20.6	10.7	8.6
October	52.1	41.3	0.5	10.3	7.7	3.4	9.0	8.0	25.6	21.9	9.8	8.0
November	50.1	40.7	0.4	9.0	4.7	4.1	8.8	7.5	26.0	20.1	10.5	9.1
December	58.3	44.8	0.8	12.6	7.8	4.0	10.0	7.6	28.6	23.8	11.9	9.4
2012: January	36.4	26.0	0.6	9.8	5.8	2.2	5.8	4.3	18.8	14.9	6.0	4.7
February	39.0	29.4	0.3	9.3	5.3	2.6	6.4	5.2	19.9	16.2	7.4	5.4
March	44.4	33.6	0.8	9.9	4.8	2.9	8.4	5.3	22.1	17.9	9.1	7.6
April	52.3	37.6	0.3	14.5	6.1	3.0	8.3	6.9	26.1	19.4	11.9	8.3
May	50.0	39.3	1.2	9.5	6.8	4.4	8.5	7.4	24.5	20.4	10.1	7.1
June (r)	55.1	42.4	1.4	11.2	7.2	5.9	9.0	6.3	27.9	22.3	10.9	7.9
July (r)	59.3	38.2	0.9	20.2	7.9	3.4	12.4	7.2	27.0	20.0	11.9	7.7
August (p)	66.2	43.4	0.8	21.9	5.8	3.7	12.0	6.5	31.8	23.3	16.6	9.9
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	5	38	17	17	17	12	12	9	8	12	12

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