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## **NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN SEPTEMBER 2015**

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for September 2015:

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,103,000. This is 5.0 percent ( $\pm 1.4\%$ ) below the revised August rate of 1,161,000, but is 4.7 percent ( $\pm 2.0\%$ ) above the September 2014 estimate of 1,053,000.

Single-family authorizations in September were at a rate of 697,000; this is 0.3 percent (±1.9%)\* below the revised August figure of 699,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 369,000 in September.

#### **HOUSING STARTS**

Privately-owned housing starts in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,206,000. This is 6.5 percent ( $\pm 16.4\%$ )\* above the revised August estimate of 1,132,000 and is 17.5 percent ( $\pm 18.0\%$ )\* above the September 2014 rate of 1,026,000.

Single-family housing starts in September were at a rate of 740,000; this is 0.3 percent  $(\pm 9.6\%)^*$  above the revised August figure of 738,000. The September rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 454,000.

#### HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,028,000. This is 7.5 percent  $(\pm 13.6\%)^*$  above the revised August estimate of 956,000 and is 8.4 percent  $(\pm 18.7\%)^*$  above the September 2014 rate of 948,000.

Single-family housing completions in September were at a rate of 643,000; this is 1.8 percent  $(\pm 9.9\%)$ \* below the revised August rate of 655,000. The September rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 378,000.

New Residential Construction data for October 2015 will be released on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 8:30 A.M. EST.

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

To learn more about this release and the other indicators the U.S. Census Bureau publishes, join us for the Investigating Economic Indicators Webinar Series. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.census.gov/econ/webinar">www.census.gov/econ/webinar</a>.

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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, 6 months for total starts, and 5 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 (±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 three percent or less. Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our web site listed above.

<sup>\* 90%</sup> 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

			United	States		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 unit
						Seas	sonally adju	isted annua	rate				
2014:	September	1,053	653	26	374	130	59	163	101	525	362	235	131
		1,055	0.55	20	37.	130	37	103	101	323	302	200	
	October	1,120	652	32	436	117	55	158	102	559	360	286	135
	November December	1,079 1,077	663 685	28 24	388 368	135 101	61 53	143 163	97 100	518 573	359 379	283 240	146 153
		2,011											
2015:	January	1,059	657	27	375	121	50	148	99	520	364	270	144
	February March	1,098 1,038	626 642	28 26	444 370	92 129	36 42	158 149	92 99	569 496	349 352	279 264	149 149
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	April	1,140	666	32	442	175	45	147	100	551	365	267	156
	May June	1,250 1,337	681 692	34 34	535 611	288 284	47 50	171 174	105 109	528 586	368 376	263 293	161 157
		1,007	0,2	٥.	011	201	50	17.	107	500	370	2,5	157
	July	1,130	680	28	422	114	53	170	107	576	365	270	155
	August (r)	1,161	699	30	432	109	57	176	103	586	375	290	164
	September (p)	1,103	697	37	369	118	53	167	104	546	384	272	156
Averas	ge RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	2	2	7	2	3	4	4	5	2	2	2	3
Perce	ent Change:	-5.0%	-0.3%	23.3%	-14.6%	8.3%	-7.0%	-5.1%	1.0%	-6.8%	2.4%	-6.2%	-4.9%
	September 2015 from August 2015	± 1.4	± 1.9	± 13.7	± 1.0	± 4.8		± 2.9	± 4.2	± 2.5	± 3.7	± 1.3	± 1.9
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>3</sup>	± 1.4 4.7%	£ 1.9 6.7%	±13.7 42.3%	± 1.0	±4.0 -9.2%	± 7.6	± 2.9 2.5%	3.0%	±2.3 4.0%	± 3.7 6.1%	±1.3	±1.9 19.1%
	September 2015 from September 2014  90% Confidence Interval <sup>3</sup>	± 2.0	± 1.2	± 12.0	± 4.6	± 6.2	± 6.6	± 6.2	± 3.1	± 1.9	± 2.6	± 2.5	± 4.2
	90% Confidence Interval	±2.0	± 1.2	± 12.0	± 4.0					± 1.9	± 2.0	±2.5	±4.2
	2004 Universe						Not season	ally adjuste					
2013: 2014:		990.8 1,046.4	620.8 634.6	29.0 29.8	341.1 382.0	107.1 118.5	52.6 54.5	156.8 164.0	101.8 99.9	493.3 519.5	330.0 343.0	233.7 244.4	136.3 137.1
2014.		1,040.4	054.0	27.0	302.0	110.5	54.5	104.0	77.7	317.5	545.0	244.4	137.1
2014:	2014 Universe	1,052.1	640.3	29.9	382.0	118.5	54.6	165.2	101.0	524.1	347.7	244.3	137.1
DOE (	0()	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
RSE (	76)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)
2014:	Year to Date <sup>2</sup>	786.2	485.2	20.2	280.8	90.1	38.7	126.2	78.6	389.5	261.4	180.5	106.6
2015:	Year to Date <sup>2</sup>	888.1	530.6	24.4	333.1	124.8	38.1	127.2	81.1	426.6	288.5	209.6	122.8
RSE (	%)	2	2	5	1	2	3	3	4	1	1	2	2
	Year to Date Percent Change 4	13.0%	9.4%	20.8%	18.6%	38.5%	-1.6%	0.8%	3.2%	9.5%	10.4%	16.1%	15.2%
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>3</sup>	± 1.9	± 1.9	± 11.3	± 2.2	± 4.3	± 4.5	± 6.4	± 7.4	± 1.3	± 1.0	± 2.0	± 2.4
2014:	September	92.7	56.0	2.4	34.3	11.9	5.6	16.6	9.7	44.5	29.8	19.7	10.9
	October November	98.4	56.9	3.1	38.4	10.1	5.1	16.2	10.4	48.4	30.1	23.7	11.3 9.0
	December	72.8 85.0	42.8 47.3	2.0	28.1 35.7	10.0 8.2	4.4 3.8	10.2 11.1	6.4 5.8	33.9 45.7	23.0 26.9	18.8 19.9	10.9
2015:	January February	70.0	43.5	1.7	24.8	7.5	2.9	6.7	4.6	38.1	26.7	17.7	9.4
	March	77.5 91.3	43.5 57.5	2.0	32.0 31.5	5.2 10.2	2.0 3.5	7.9 12.1	4.6 8.1	43.9 45.7	26.6 32.5	20.6	10.3 13.3
	April	104.8	64.2	2.8	37.9	16.2	4.2	14.3	10.2	49.8	34.8	24.5	14.9
	May June	111.1 134.1	62.3 70.0	3.0 3.6	45.9 60.5	25.6 31.1	4.4 5.1	16.3 17.8	10.4 11.6	46.2 55.2	32.5 36.4	23.1 29.9	14.9 16.8
				2.0		****		20					
	July	102.0	64.9	2.7	34.4	10.7	5.1	16.3	10.8	50.5	33.8	24.5	15.2
	August (r)	97.2	61.1	2.7	33.4	9.6	4.9	15.8	9.8	47.9	32.3	23.9	14.1
	September (p)	96.8	59.7	3.3	33.8	10.4	4.9	17.2	10.0	46.2	31.8	23.0	13.0
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<sup>(</sup>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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period <sup>2</sup>Reflects revisions not distributed to months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence interval

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Computed 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]

		United States		Northeast		Midwest		South		West			
	Davie 4		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
			1	1			Seasonall	y adjusted	1		1		
2014:	September	113	50	(5)	52	12		15	7	(2)	25	24	10
2014.	September	113	58	(S)	53	12	6	15	,	62	35	24	10
	October	119	58	(S)	59	12	6	16	8	63	34	28	10
	November	122	59	(S)	60	13	6	16	8	65	35	28	10
	December	118	58	(S)	58	12	6	16	7	65	35	25	10
2015:	January	114	58	(S)	54	12	6	14	7	65	35	23	10
	February	129	63	(S)	63	13	7	15	7	74	38	27	11
	March	133	66	(S)	65	15	7	15	8	72	38	31	13
	April	132	63	(S)	67	15	6	14	7	74	38	29	12
	May	141	64	(S)	75	25	6	14	7	75	39	27	12
	June	153	66	(S)	85	31	7	14	9	79	38	29	12
	July (r)	146	63	(S)	81	28	6	14	8	74	37	30	12
	August (r)	145	63	(S)	80	27	6	16	9	72	35	30	13
	September (p)	137	62	(S)	73	26	6	18	9	65	34	28	13
Avera	ge RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	8	6	(X)	12	19	18	12	10	11	8	10	14
Perci	Percent Change: <sup>2</sup>												
10,00	September 2015 from August 2015	-5.5%	-1.6%	(S)	-8.8%	-3.7%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	-9.7%	-2.9%	-6.7%	0.0%
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>3</sup>	± 6.6	± 4.7	(X)	± 10.6	± 6.4	± 12.9	± 9.9	± 12.9	± 10.8	± 5.9	± 14.5	± 11.7
	September 2015 from September 2014	21.2%	6.9%	(S)	37.7%	116.7%	0.0%	20.0%	28.6%	4.8%	-2.9%	16.7%	30.0%
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>3</sup>	±11.9	± 9.0	(X)	± 22.6	± 44.1	± 21.2	± 40.1	± 30.7	± 12.7	± 10.8	± 26.6	$\pm21.0$
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2014:	September	112.7	58.1	1.6	52.9	12.0	5.9	15.1	6.9	62.4	35.5	23.2	9.8
		112.7	36.1	1.0	32.7	12.0	3.9	13.1	0.5	02.4	33.3	23.2	7.0
	October	120.0	58.8	2.2	59.0	11.2	5.8	17.4	8.1	63.4	34.6	28.0	10.4
	November	113.5	55.3	2.5	55.7	11.7	5.6	13.8	6.6	62.2	33.3		9.8
	December	116.2	56.1	1.9	58.2	11.5	6.0	13.7	6.0	66.3	33.6	24.7	10.5
2015:	January	112.7	56.5	2.1	54.0	11.3	5.9	12.8	6.2	66.0	34.4	22.5	10.1
	February	125.4	60.8	2.5	62.1	13.1	6.9	14.1	6.9	73.0	36.5	25.3	10.6
	March	133.3	65.9	2.3	65.1	14.5	7.0	16.3	8.9	70.5	37.3	32.0	12.8
	April	135.2	66.6	1.9	66.7	15.2	6.3	15.1	8.2	73.9	39.9	31.0	12.1
	May	142.7	65.8	2.1	74.8	25.0	5.8	14.1	8.1	74.5	39.3	29.1	12.7
	June	160.1	68.6	2.0	89.6	34.8	7.1	15.1	9.2	79.2	38.8	31.1	13.5
	July (r)	151.2	66.7	2.2	82.3	29.9	6.5	14.7	8.9	77.0	38.6	29.6	12.7
	August (r)	148.7	63.6	2.5	82.6	27.9	6.3	16.1	9.2	75.2	35.4	29.5	12.7
	September (p)	138.7	63.2	2.5	73.0	25.7	6.5	18.9	9.5	67.6	34.8	26.6	12.5
	ge RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	8	6	21	12	19	18	12	10	11	8	10	14

<sup>(</sup>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.

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.

Z Relative standard error is less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Computed using unrounded data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

### Table 3. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started

_			United	States		Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	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 unit
						Sea	sonally adju	sted annua	rate				
2014:	Contombor	1.026	661	(8)	252	100	5.4	160	116	504	244	244	1.47
2014.	September	1,026	661	(S)	353	109	54	169	116	504	344	244	147
	October	1,079	705	(S)	357	100	55	162	101	596	390	221	159
	November	1,007	670	(S)	328	107	55	172	109	454	361	274	145
	December	1,080	724	(S)	336	113	52	168	127	500	381	299	164
2015:	January	1,080	706	(S)	368	108	56	145	103	534	382	293	165
	February	900	600	(S)	292	46	22	102	81	509	349	243	148
	March	954	623	(S)	311	100	44	142	87	511	348	201	144
	April	1,190	735	(S)	436	193	53	167	123	525	379	305	180
	May	1,072	697	(S)	366	143	54	147	103	511	370	271	170
	June	1,211	687	(S)	510	223	43	147	99	552	390	289	155
	July (r)	1,152	759	(S)	382	160	71	171	119	556	391	265	178
	August (r)	1,132	738	(S)	388	111	55	156	108	617	427	248	148
	S 4 1 ()	1.20	<b>=</b> 40	(0)				40=	100	(21	400	244	
	September (p)	1,206	740	(S)	454	137	56	137	109	621	400	311	175
Avera	ge RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	4	(X)	16	19	12	10	9	9	6	10	8
Perce	nt Change:												
	September 2015 from August 2015	6.5%	0.3%	(S)	17.0%	23.4%	1.8%	-12.2%	0.9%	0.6%	-6.3%	25.4%	18.2%
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 16.4	± 9.6	(X)	$\pm 46.0$	± 28.2	± 26.9	± 17.8	± 18.2	± 22.8	± 10.4	± 44.7	$\pm 31.4$
	September 2015 from September 2014	17.5%	12.0%	(S)	28.6%	25.7%	3.7%	-18.9%	-6.0%	23.2%	16.3%	27.5%	19.0%
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 18.0	± 7.9	(X)	±48.6	± 33.7	± 23.1	± 15.4	± 13.8	± 30.7	± 11.9	± 31.4	$\pm21.3$
							Not seasona	ally adjuste	d				
2013:		924.9	617.6	13.6	293.7	96.9	55.3	149.6	102.0	463.5	325.9	214.8	134.3
2014:		1,003.3	647.9	13.7	341.7	109.6	51.3	162.5	105.7	496.3	345.9	235.0	145.1
RSE (	%)	2	1	15	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	3	2
2014.	Year to Date	762.1	40.4.1	10.0	250.0	92.0	20.4	122.5	00.4	270.1	262.5	176.6	112.0
	Year to Date	762.1 853.5	494.1 548.6	10.0	258.0 296.1	83.9 105.0	38.4 39.7	123.5 113.5	80.4 81.4	378.1 424.6	262.5 298.1	176.6 210.3	112.8 129.4
2010.	Tem to But	655.5	540.0	0.0	270.1	103.0	37.1	113.3	01.4	424.0	270.1	210.5	127.4
RSE (	%)	2	1	15	5	5	4	5	3	2	2	3	2
	Year to Date Percent Change <sup>3</sup>	12.0%	11.0%	-12.8%	14.8%	25.1%	3.5%	-8.1%	1.3%	12.3%	13.6%	19.1%	14.7%
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 3.9	± 2.3	± 23.9	± 10.8	± 15.8	± 8.6	± 9.5	± 5.1	± 4.5	± 3.4	± 7.8	± 5.6
2014:	September	94.2	58.3	1.2	34.7	10.1	4.8	16.7	11.4	45.7	29.9	21.7	12.2
	October	92.0	58.4	1.5	32.0	9.0	5.0	15.1	9.7	50.2	31.7	17.6	12.0
	November	75.8	47.3	0.7	27.8	8.6	4.2	13.8	8.5	32.7	24.8	20.8	9.8
	December	73.4	48.1	1.4	23.8	8.0	3.6	10.1	7.2	35.3	26.9	20.0	10.4
2015:	January	73.0	46.4	0.4	26.2	6.9	3.2	7.5	4.5	37.6	26.8	21.0	11.9
	February	61.9	40.6	0.6	20.7	2.8	1.2	5.0	3.5	37.3	25.9	16.8	10.0
	March	79.7	52.9	1.6	25.2	8.0	3.4	10.5	6.1	44.4	31.1	16.8	12.2
	April	108.5	69.5	1.6	37.4	17.3	5.3	16.0	12.2	46.7	34.1	28.5	17.8
	May	99.6	66.5	0.8	32.3	13.2	5.3	14.6	10.8	46.6	34.2	25.1	16.2
	June	112.3	69.4	1.2	41.8	19.1	4.4	14.5	10.6	51.8	38.5	26.9	15.9
	July (r)	107.2	71.8	1.0	34.5	14.8	6.7	17.1	12.4	50.0	35.2	25.3	17.5
	August (r)	107.2	66.8	0.5	33.0	10.0	5.3	17.1	10.4	54.2	37.9	25.3	17.5
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	September (p)	111.0	64.8	1.2	45.0	13.0	5.0	13.7	10.9	56.2	34.3	28.2	14.7
Avera	ge RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	4	33	16	19	12	10	9	9	6	10	8

<sup>(</sup>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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.  $^2\,\mbox{See}$  the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Computed using unrounded data.

Table 4. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Under Construction at End of Period

		United States		Northeast		Midwest		South		West			
	Period		In st	tructures wi	th								
	renod			2 to 4	5 units								
		Total	1 unit	units	or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
			1				Seasonal	ly adjusted					
2014. 6		<b>5</b> 0.5	250	(0)	42.5		40	122		25.5	150	10.5	9.5
2014: Sep	btember	796	350	(S)	435	121	40	123	62	356	173	196	75
Oct	tober	806	357	(S)	437	121	40	124	62	369	179	192	76
Nov	vember	816	360	(S)	445	127	41	128	63	365	180	196	76
Dec	cember	828	363	(S)	453	129	41	128	63	372	183	199	76
2015: Jan	marv	834	365	(S)	457	131	42	128	63	370	181	205	79
	oruary	833	359	(S)	463	130	41	128	63	367	175	208	80
Mai	urch	842	360	(S)	471	129	41	129	63	376	175	208	81
Apr	ril	867	366	(S)	489	143	42	129	63	379	177	216	84
May		877	371	(S)	494	143	43	129	63	383	177	219	86
Jun	ne	891	375	(S)	504	157	43	128	63	382	183	224	86
Inly	y (r)	906	387	(S)	507	165	46	127	65	386	188	228	88
-	gust (r)	915	392	(S)	512	169	46	126	65	393	194	227	87
Sep	ptember (p)	928	399	(S)	518	169	46	119	65	406	199	234	89
Average R	SE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	2	(X)	5	5	5	4	4	3	4	5	5
Percent C	Change:												
Sep	ptember 2015 from August 2015	1.4%	1.8%	(S)	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-5.6%	0.0%	3.3%	2.6%	3.1%	2.3%
909	% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 1.9	$\pm 1.4$	(X)	± 3.4	± 1.7	± 2.8	± 6.5	± 3.8	± 2.9	± 2.1	± 2.9	$\pm 2.3$
Sep	ptember 2015 from September 2014	16.6%	14.0%	(S)	19.1%	39.7%	15.0%	-3.3%	4.8%	14.0%	15.0%	19.4%	18.7%
90%	% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 4.8	± 3.9	(X)	± 8.5	± 20.5	± 7.6	± 5.1	± 6.0	± 6.4	± 6.4	± 7.2	$\pm 5.8$
							Not season	ally adjuste	d				
2014: Sep	otember	810.2	366.2	11.1	433.0	121.1	40.7	127.3	66.2	361.7	179.8	200.2	79.5
~-r		010.2	300.2	11.1	433.0	121.1	40.7	127.3	00.2	301.7	177.0	200.2	77.5
Oct	tober	814.7	366.6	11.7	436.3	121.5	41.0	127.9	65.9	371.4	181.7	193.9	78.0
	vember	818.4	360.7	11.0	446.7	127.4	41.4	129.6	64.7	365.2	179.3	196.3	75.3
Dec	cember	806.6	344.7	11.7	450.2	127.7	40.4	125.6	61.4	360.2	172.3	193.1	70.6
2015: Janu	nuary	811.3	345.3	11.5	454.5	128.9	40.3	123.9	59.7	359.4	171.4	199.1	73.9
Feb	oruary	808.8	338.7	10.7	459.4	127.7	39.3	121.5	57.3	357.8	166.9	201.8	75.1
Mai	urch	827.6	345.2	11.2	471.1	128.2	39.9	123.5	57.7	371.1	170.0	204.8	77.7
Apr	ril	866.2	361.8	11.9	492.5	143.4	41.6	126.4	60.1	380.3	176.6	216.1	83.5
Mag	y	885.9	373.6	12.2	500.1	148.2	43.1	128.7	62.4	387.9	181.3	221.1	86.8
Jun	ne	908.5	386.7	12.1	509.7	159.2	44.1	130.6	64.9	389.8	188.5	228.8	89.2
July	y (r)	926.8	405.0	11.7	510.1	166.0	46.7	131.0	68.7	395.1	196.0	234.6	93.6
	gust (r)	932.3	413.7	11.1	507.6	169.9	48.2	130.3	69.5	400.2	203.2	231.9	92.8
Sej	ptember (p)	946.1	418.4	11.3	516.3	170.6	47.8	122.9	69.3	414.1	207.5	238.5	93.9
A varaga P	SE (%) <sup>1</sup>	3	2	13	5	5	5	4	4	3	4	5	5

 $<sup>(</sup>p) \ Preliminary. \quad (r) \ Revised. \quad RSE \ Relative \ standard \ error. \quad S \ Does \ not \ meet \ publication \ standards \ because \ tests \ for \ identifiable \ and \ stable \ seasonality \ do \ not \ meet \ reliability \ standards.$ 

X Not applicable. Z Relative standard error is less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period. <sup>2</sup> See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

### Table 5. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Completed

			United	States		North	neast	Midwest		South		We	est
	Period		In st	tructures wi									
		Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
						Sea	sonally adju	isted annua	rate				
2014:	September	948	627	(S)	314	123	51	166	106	475	346	184	124
	October	917	611	(S)	299	98	47	148	101	418	317	253	146
	November	867	609	(S)	244	54	42	132	99	458	329	223	139
	December	939	665	(S)	268	83	47	169	106	434	349	253	163
2015:	January	975	676	(S)	292	73	49	136	104	547	394	219	129
	February	865	602	(S)	245	56	40	135	92	473	346	201	124
	March	806	596	(S)	199	57	47	101	84	452	343	196	122
	April	999	681	(S)	305	112	48	187	125	469	352	231	156
	May	1,010	648	(S)	355	143	42	160	103	486	359	221	144
	June	959	638	(S)	312	69	40	148	100	525	339	217	159
	July (r)	995	638	(S)	346	91	47	173	102	508	332	223	157
	August (r)	956	655	(S)	293	78	49	150	103	476	350	252	153
	September (p)	1,028	643	(S)	378	125	51	222	115	443	326	238	151
Avera	ge RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	5	(X)	15	22	16	15	12	9	7	9	9
Perce	nt Change:												
	September 2015 from August 2015	7.5%	-1.8%	(S)	29.0%	60.3%	4.1%	48.0%	11.7%	-6.9%	-6.9%	-5.6%	-1.3%
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 13.6	± 9.9	(X)	± 38.5	± 68.4	± 58.2	± 67.5	± 25.3	± 13.2	± 15.0	± 16.1	$\pm18.2$
	September 2015 from September 2014	8.4%	2.6%	(S)	20.4%	1.6%	0.0%	33.7%	8.5%	-6.7%	-5.8%	29.3%	21.8%
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 18.7	± 12.5	(X)	± 54.2	± 74.7	± 36.6	± 72.8	± 34.8	± 14.2	± 14.4	± 23.9	± 18.0
							Not seasona	ally adjuste	d I				
2013: 2014:		764.4 883.8	569.1 619.5	9.1 8.7	186.2 255.6	75.2 88.5	48.5 49.3	120.6 148.8	95.6 103.4	389.4 441.0	295.9 329.0	179.2 205.5	129.2 137.7
RSE (	%)	2	1	22	5	4	3	4	2	3	2	3	2
2014:	Year to Date	638.7	443.8	6.5	188.4	66.9	36.2	106.7	73.4	324.8	238.4	140.4	95.9
2015:	Year to Date	703.2	463.3	7.4	232.5	66.3	32.8	115.2	73.1	357.9	252.9	163.9	104.5
RSE (	%)	2	2	21	6	9	5	5	3	3	3	3	2
	Year to Date Percent Change <sup>3</sup>	10.1%	4.4%	13.8%	23.4%	-0.8%	-9.2%	8.0%	-0.4%	10.2%	6.1%	16.7%	8.9%
	90% Confidence Interval <sup>2</sup>	± 4.5	± 3.0	± 40.3	± 14.5	± 18.7	± 5.3	± 11.0	± 5.9	± 5.0	± 4.5	± 8.7	±4.8
2014:	September	88.5	56.9	0.7	31.0	12.2	5.1	16.0	10.1	43.3	30.5	17.1	11.1
	October	83.7	57.6	0.6	25.5	9.0	4.7	14.0	10.0	37.9	29.3	22.8	13.6
	November	71.9	53.6	1.0	17.2	4.7	3.9	11.9	9.5	36.5	27.4	18.8	12.8
	December	89.5	64.5	0.6	24.5	7.9	4.6	16.3	10.5	41.7	34.0	23.6	15.4
2015:	January	65.1	45.3	0.5	19.4	4.9	3.4	8.7	6.6	36.9	26.8	14.5	8.5
	February	59.3	41.8	1.2	16.3	3.5	2.4	8.9	6.0	33.3	24.9	13.6	8.5
	March	60.5	44.7	0.9	15.0	3.4	2.7	7.0	5.7	34.7	26.5	15.4	9.9
	April	77.1	53.3	1.0	22.8	8.2	3.4	14.4	9.8	36.8	28.1	17.7	12.1
	May	83.9	54.2	0.6	29.2	12.1	3.8	13.0	8.3	40.4	29.9	18.5	12.2
	June	85.4	55.7	0.8	28.9	6.4	3.7	12.4	7.9	47.6	30.4	18.9	13.6
	July (r) August (r)	86.3 91.8	52.1 58.2	1.1 0.9	33.2 32.8	8.2 7.3	3.9 4.1	15.3 14.9	8.5 9.6	43.7 45.0	26.8 30.9	19.1 24.7	12.7 13.6
	September (p)	93.8	58.2 58.1	0.9	35.1	12.4		20.6	10.7	39.4	28.6	21.4	13.4
							5.5						
Avera	ge RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>	6	5	44	15	22	16	15	12	9	7	9	9

<sup>(</sup>p) Prelminary. (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.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Computed using unrounded data.