

**Percent Distribution of New Privately Owned Residential Buildings Started in Permit-Issuing Places in 2003  
by Number of Months from Authorization**

|  | Buildings with 1 unit |                         |                  | Buildings with 2 units or more |       |                             |        |          |            |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|--------|----------|------------|
|  | Total <sup>1</sup>    | Purpose of construction |                  |                                | Total | Number of units in building |        |          |            |
|  |                       | Built for sale          | Contractor-built | Owner-built                    |       | 2 to 4                      | 5 to 9 | 10 to 19 | 20 or more |
| <b>Percent Distribution</b><br>(Percents may not add to 100 due to rounding) |                       |                         |                  |                                |       |                             |        |          |            |
| <b>United States</b>   |                       |                         |                  |                                |       |                             |        |          |            |
| Prior to or same month as authorization                                      | 51                    | 52                      | 52               | 49                             | 35    | 33                          | 36     | 37       | 35         |
| 1 month  | 35                    | 35                      | 34               | 33                             | 30    | 35                          | 29     | 25       | 23         |
| 2 months   | 8                     | 8                       | 8                | 9                              | 13    | 13                          | 13     | 14       | 13         |
| 3 months   | 3                     | 3                       | 3                | 3                              | 8     | 7                           | 8      | 10       | 10         |
| 4 months or more   | 4                     | 3                       | 3                | 6                              | 14    | 12                          | 14     | 13       | 19         |
| <b>Northeast</b>   |                       |                         |                  |                                |       |                             |        |          |            |
| Prior to or same month as authorization                                      | 44                    | 43                      | 42               | 41                             | 22    | 19                          | 21     | 30       | 41         |
| 1 month  | 34                    | 34                      | 39               | 33                             | 43    | 43                          | 54     | 41       | 40         |
| 2 months   | 10                    | 9                       | 10               | 14                             | 17    | 17                          | 16     | 25       | 6          |
| 3 months   | 5                     | 6                       | 4                | 6                              | 7     | 9                           | 4      | 1        | 10         |
| 4 months or more   | 7                     | 8                       | 4                | 7                              | 10    | 12                          | 4      | 3        | 4          |
| <b>Midwest</b>   |                       |                         |                  |                                |       |                             |        |          |            |
| Prior to or same month as authorization                                      | 57                    | 56                      | 62               | 55                             | 52    | 44                          | 53     | 55       | 60         |
| 1 month  | 33                    | 34                      | 28               | 31                             | 23    | 28                          | 24     | 17       | 17         |
| 2 months   | 7                     | 7                       | 6                | 7                              | 8     | 6                           | 10     | 11       | 8          |
| 3 months   | 2                     | 2                       | 1                | 1                              | 4     | 6                           | 3      | 4        | 2          |
| 4 months or more   | 2                     | 2                       | 2                | 5                              | 13    | 17                          | 10     | 12       | 13         |
| <b>South</b>   |                       |                         |                  |                                |       |                             |        |          |            |
| Prior to or same month as authorization                                      | 48                    | 48                      | 51               | 46                             | 34    | 49                          | 25     | 31       | 28         |
| 1 month  | 36                    | 37                      | 36               | 34                             | 25    | 28                          | 28     | 24       | 21         |
| 2 months   | 9                     | 9                       | 7                | 9                              | 16    | 17                          | 15     | 15       | 16         |
| 3 months   | 3                     | 3                       | 3                | 3                              | 10    | 2                           | 12     | 14       | 13         |
| 4 months or more   | 4                     | 4                       | 3                | 8                              | 15    | 5                           | 20     | 16       | 22         |
| <b>West</b>  |                       |                         |                  |                                |       |                             |        |          |            |
| Prior to or same month as authorization                                      | 55                    | 57                      | 50               | 51                             | 36    | 37                          | 38     | 36       | 34         |
| 1 month  | 33                    | 32                      | 33               | 34                             | 28    | 29                          | 29     | 24       | 27         |
| 2 months   | 7                     | 6                       | 10               | 7                              | 9     | 7                           | 12     | 10       | 8          |
| 3 months   | 2                     | 2                       | 4                | 3                              | 10    | 11                          | 9      | 14       | 7          |
| 4 months or more   | 3                     | 2                       | 3                | 6                              | 16    | 16                          | 12     | 16       | 23         |

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| <b>Relative Standard Error</b>          |                       |                         |                  |             |                                |                             |        |          |            |
| <b>United States</b>                    |                       |                         |                  |             |                                |                             |        |          |            |
| Prior to or same month as authorization | 3                     | 3                       | 4                | 3           | 6                              | 10                          | 9      | 8        | 7          |
| 1 month                                 | 3                     | 3                       | 5                | 4           | 6                              | 9                           | 10     | 11       | 7          |
| 2 months                                | 4                     | 5                       | 10               | 9           | 8                              | 16                          | 14     | 12       | 11         |
| 3 months                                | 7                     | 9                       | 11               | 13          | 8                              | 20                          | 11     | 13       | 9          |
| 4 months or more                        | 6                     | 7                       | 15               | 10          | 9                              | 17                          | 10     | 12       | 11         |
| <b>Northeast</b>                        |                       |                         |                  |             |                                |                             |        |          |            |
| Prior to or same month as authorization | 7                     | 7                       | 6                | 9           | 16                             | 18                          | 37     | 35       | 27         |
| 1 month                                 | 6                     | 6                       | 7                | 8           | 12                             | 13                          | 27     | 33       | 24         |
| 2 months                                | 12                    | 16                      | 16               | 10          | 18                             | 23                          | 61     | 20       | 37         |
| 3 months                                | 16                    | 24                      | 28               | 15          | 13                             | 13                          | 31     | 71       | 36         |
| 4 months or more                        | 20                    | 24                      | 33               | 20          | 27                             | 30                          | 30     | 46       | 55         |
| <b>Midwest</b>                          |                       |                         |                  |             |                                |                             |        |          |            |
| Prior to or same month as authorization | 6                     | 8                       | 7                | 6           | 10                             | 18                          | 17     | 14       | 15         |
| 1 month                                 | 9                     | 11                      | 14               | 10          | 19                             | 26                          | 31     | 35       | 28         |
| 2 months                                | 13                    | 15                      | 23               | 19          | 22                             | 43                          | 33     | 44       | 43         |
| 3 months                                | 16                    | 20                      | 25               | 32          | 43                             | 75                          | 28     | 52       | 42         |
| 4 months or more                        | 15                    | 20                      | 24               | 28          | 14                             | 21                          | 25     | 41       | 38         |
| <b>South</b>                            |                       |                         |                  |             |                                |                             |        |          |            |
| Prior to or same month as authorization | 3                     | 4                       | 4                | 6           | 11                             | 19                          | 18     | 14       | 9          |
| 1 month                                 | 4                     | 4                       | 4                | 6           | 10                             | 21                          | 20     | 10       | 11         |
| 2 months                                | 5                     | 6                       | 14               | 17          | 12                             | 32                          | 23     | 18       | 13         |
| 3 months                                | 10                    | 13                      | 17               | 20          | 10                             | 42                          | 19     | 17       | 10         |
| 4 months or more                        | 8                     | 8                       | 29               | 17          | 15                             | 71                          | 16     | 14       | 14         |
| <b>West</b>                             |                       |                         |                  |             |                                |                             |        |          |            |
| Prior to or same month as authorization | 5                     | 4                       | 14               | 7           | 7                              | 16                          | 9      | 15       | 12         |
| 1 month                                 | 7                     | 7                       | 16               | 8           | 7                              | 16                          | 10     | 9        | 9          |
| 2 months                                | 9                     | 10                      | 22               | 20          | 12                             | 35                          | 18     | 12       | 14         |
| 3 months                                | 15                    | 19                      | 22               | 33          | 18                             | 51                          | 14     | 21       | 11         |
| 4 months or more                        | 12                    | 17                      | 21               | 21          | 12                             | 24                          | 17     | 19       | 19         |

- Represents zero.

A Represents a relative standard error that is greater than or equal to 100 or could not be computed.

Z Less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Includes units built for rent (not shown separately).