


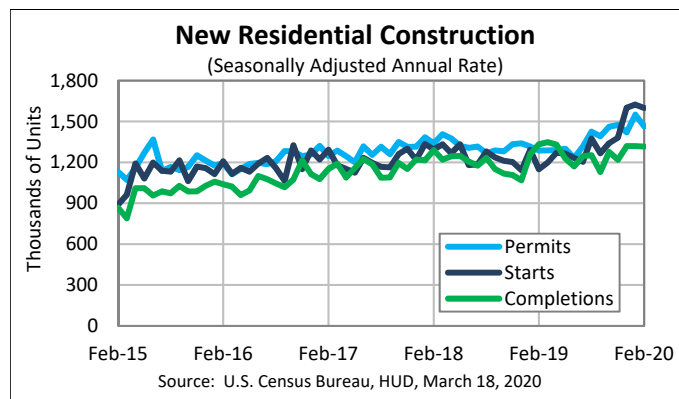
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## MONTHLY NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, FEBRUARY 2020

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**March 18, 2020** - The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for February 2020:

 <b>NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FEBRUARY 2020</b>	
<b>Building Permits:</b>	<b>1,464,000</b>
<b>Housing Starts:</b>	<b>1,599,000</b>
<b>Housing Completions:</b>	<b>1,316,000</b>
<b>Next Release: April 16, 2020</b>	
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate Source: U.S. Census Bureau, HUD, March 18, 2020	



### Building Permits

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in February were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,464,000. This is 5.5 percent ( $\pm 1.5$  percent) below the revised January rate of 1,550,000, but is 13.8 percent ( $\pm 2.1$  percent) above the February 2019 rate of 1,287,000. Single-family authorizations in February were at a rate of 1,004,000; this is 1.7 percent ( $\pm 1.4$  percent) above the revised January figure of 987,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 415,000 in February.

### Housing Starts

Privately-owned housing starts in February were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,599,000. This is 1.5 percent ( $\pm 12.4$  percent)\* below the revised January estimate of 1,624,000, but is 39.2 percent ( $\pm 17.7$  percent) above the February 2019 rate of 1,149,000. Single-family housing starts in February were at a rate of 1,072,000; this is 6.7 percent ( $\pm 13.9$  percent)\* above the revised January figure of 1,005,000. The February rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 508,000.

### Housing Completions

Privately-owned housing completions in February were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,316,000. This is 0.2 percent ( $\pm 12.4$  percent)\* below the revised January estimate of 1,319,000 and is 1.2 percent ( $\pm 14.8$  percent)\* below the February 2019 rate of 1,332,000. Single-family housing completions in February were at a rate of 1,027,000; this is 14.1 percent ( $\pm 14.1$  percent)\* above the revised January rate of 900,000. The February rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 280,000.

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The March report is scheduled for release on April 16, 2020. View the full schedule in the Economic Briefing Room: [www.census.gov/economic-indicators/](http://www.census.gov/economic-indicators/). The full text and tables for this release can be found at [www.census.gov/construction/nrc/](http://www.census.gov/construction/nrc/).

## 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 three months to establish an underlying trend for building permit authorizations, six months for total starts, and six 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 ( $\pm 3.2$  percent) above” appears in the text, this indicates the range (-0.7 to +5.7 percent) in which the actual percentage change is likely to have occurred. All ranges given for percentage 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 percentage changes shown in the tables. On average, the preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates of total building permits, housing starts and housing completions are revised 2.1 percent or less. Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our website. [www.census.gov/construction/nrc/how\\_the\\_data\\_are\\_collected/](http://www.census.gov/construction/nrc/how_the_data_are_collected/)

## API

The Census Bureau’s application programming interface lets developers create custom apps to reach new users and makes key demographic, socio-economic and housing statistics more accessible than ever before. [www.census.gov/developers/](http://www.census.gov/developers/)

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\* The 90 percent confidence interval includes zero. In such cases, there is insufficient statistical evidence to conclude that the actual change is different from zero.

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# New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized in Permit-Issuing Places

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

**Table 1a - Seasonally adjusted annual rate**

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
<b>2019</b>												
February . . . . .	1,287	814	36	437	135	62	192	106	674	454	286	192
March . . . . .	1,288	813	36	439	124	52	184	103	660	464	320	194
April . . . . .	1,290	786	45	459	121	49	190	114	646	430	333	193
May . . . . .	1,299	810	35	454	96	49	173	111	690	461	340	189
June . . . . .	1,232	823	46	363	121	52	171	117	619	455	321	199
July . . . . .	1,317	829	45	443	119	54	165	107	674	461	359	207
August . . . . .	1,425	875	42	508	152	55	187	110	754	500	332	210
September . . . . .	1,391	881	34	476	118	46	173	124	735	507	365	204
October . . . . .	1,461	911	48	502	138	48	179	120	773	523	371	220
November . . . . .	1,474	921	38	515	159	56	206	113	736	517	373	235
December . . . . .	1,420	928	39	453	136	48	208	134	690	516	386	230
<b>2020</b>												
January (r) . . . . .	1,550	987	43	520	183	68	220	136	753	543	394	240
<b>February (p)</b> . . . . .	<b>1,464</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>257</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1	2	4	1	3	5	3	3	2	2	2	3
Percent Change <sup>2</sup>												
<b>Feb. 2020 from Jan. 2020</b> . . . . .	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>-20.2%</b>	<b>-25.1%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 1.5	± 1.4	± 6.4	± 2.1	± 5.2	± 7.1	± 2.0	± 3.6	± 1.2	± 1.4	± 4.9	± 4.4
<b>Feb. 2020 from Feb. 2019</b> . . . . .	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>27.4%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>34.3%</b>	<b>33.9%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 2.1	± 1.6	± 11.5	± 4.5	± 6.4	± 8.5	± 7.0	± 8.1	± 1.7	± 1.2	± 4.0	± 4.9

**Table 1b - Not seasonally adjusted**

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2018 Annual . . . . .	1,328.8	855.3	39.7	433.8	123.4	53.9	185.5	117.9	677.1	474.9	342.8	208.7
2019 Annual . . . . .	1,370.3	854.2	41.7	474.4	137.5	52.0	184.8	114.7	701.0	479.6	347.0	207.9
RSE (%) . . . . .	2	2	3	1	2	4	3	4	2	2	2	2
2019 Year to date . . . . .	185.0	116.2	5.5	63.3	17.0	6.8	19.9	11.3	102.8	70.5	45.3	27.6
2020 Year to date . . . . .	213.6	141.0	6.2	66.4	20.4	8.2	22.3	13.9	116.1	83.9	54.8	35.0
RSE (%) . . . . .	1	2	4	1	3	6	2	3	2	2	2	2
<b>Year to date percent change<sup>2</sup></b> . . . . .	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>21.0%</b>	<b>26.8%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 1.2	± 1.2	± 7.5	± 2.3	± 4.5	± 9.8	± 5.0	± 5.6	± 1.1	± 0.7	± 1.6	± 2.5
<b>2019</b>												
February . . . . .	89.7	57.4	2.5	29.8	8.0	3.5	9.9	5.7	51.4	34.7	20.4	13.5
March . . . . .	105.7	69.0	2.9	33.9	9.5	4.1	13.9	8.1	55.6	40.6	26.9	16.2
April . . . . .	118.7	75.7	4.1	38.9	10.2	4.5	18.7	11.8	59.0	40.9	30.8	18.5
May . . . . .	124.3	80.6	3.2	40.6	9.2	4.9	17.9	12.2	65.0	44.5	32.2	19.0
June . . . . .	111.0	75.1	4.0	31.9	11.8	5.0	15.4	11.1	53.8	40.0	30.0	19.0
July . . . . .	118.8	78.2	4.0	36.5	11.1	5.3	15.7	10.8	60.9	42.5	31.0	19.6
August . . . . .	127.8	79.1	3.8	44.8	13.1	5.1	18.4	10.8	66.8	44.4	29.5	18.8
September . . . . .	114.9	70.7	3.1	41.2	10.2	4.1	16.3	11.2	59.2	39.4	29.2	15.9
October . . . . .	131.7	79.8	4.2	47.7	12.9	4.6	19.1	11.9	67.1	44.3	32.6	18.9
November . . . . .	107.5	63.8	2.9	40.8	12.6	4.3	15.5	8.0	51.6	35.5	27.9	15.9
December . . . . .	107.3	63.0	3.1	41.2	11.9	3.3	12.9	7.5	51.8	35.7	30.7	16.5
<b>2020</b>												
January (r) . . . . .	112.8	70.4	3.0	39.5	12.3	4.1	12.1	6.8	60.6	42.6	27.8	16.8
<b>February (p)</b> . . . . .	<b>100.8</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>18.2</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1	2	4	1	3	5	3	3	2	2	2	3

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<sup>1</sup> Average relative standard error for the latest 6-month period

<sup>2</sup> Computed using unrounded data

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Note: Year-to-date permits estimates reflect revisions not distributed to months.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, New Residential Construction, March 18, 2020.

Additional information on the survey methodology may be found at <[www.census.gov/construction/nrc/how the data are collected/](http://www.census.gov/construction/nrc/how_the_data_are_collected/)>.

## 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.)

**Table 2a - Seasonally adjusted**

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
<b>2019</b>												
February . . . . .	190	96	S	92	14	7	26	11	94	55	56	23
March . . . . .	181	89	S	89	15	6	29	11	86	49	51	23
April . . . . .	176	87	S	87	13	6	26	11	88	49	49	21
May . . . . .	173	88	S	83	13	6	24	11	88	49	48	22
June . . . . .	161	88	S	70	13	7	19	11	81	49	48	21
July . . . . .	167	86	S	79	14	6	15	9	87	49	51	22
August . . . . .	166	85	S	79	12	6	13	7	91	51	50	21
September . . . . .	172	85	S	85	11	5	14	8	92	50	55	22
October . . . . .	188	87	S	98	17	6	15	9	98	50	58	22
November . . . . .	195	91	S	102	19	7	17	10	102	52	57	22
December (r) . . . . .	181	88	S	91	17	6	16	10	94	49	54	23
<b>2020</b>												
January (r) . . . . .	171	86	S	83	15	6	16	9	93	49	47	22
<b>February (p)</b> . . . . .	<b>162</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>24</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	5	5	X	7	12	15	13	19	6	6	10	11
Percent Change <sup>2</sup>												
<b>Feb. 2020 from Jan. 2020</b> . . . . .	<b>-5.3%</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>-9.6%</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-7.5%</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 3.3	± 4.6	X	± 5.5	± 13.1	± 8.5	± 8.0	± 9.8	± 4.5	± 6.0	± 5.3	± 9.7
<b>Feb. 2020 from Feb. 2019</b> . . . . .	<b>-14.7%</b>	<b>-11.5%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>-18.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-14.3%</b>	<b>-42.3%</b>	<b>-18.2%</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>	<b>-16.4%</b>	<b>-16.1%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 8.0	± 8.0	X	± 14.7	± 35.9	± 16.1	± 20.8	± 27.8	± 8.8	± 8.8	± 13.1	± 22.1

**Table 2b - Not seasonally adjusted**

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
<b>2019</b>												
February . . . . .	188.7	94.4	2.0	92.3	14.7	6.9	25.1	9.7	93.5	54.7	55.5	23.1
March . . . . .	184.4	92.5	2.5	89.4	14.9	6.4	30.9	12.0	86.8	51.0	51.7	23.1
April . . . . .	178.8	88.5	2.3	88.1	13.2	5.8	27.5	12.1	87.4	49.8	50.8	20.9
May . . . . .	178.4	93.4	1.9	83.1	13.8	6.5	25.8	12.5	87.4	51.1	51.5	23.3
June . . . . .	167.1	90.5	2.9	73.7	15.0	7.2	18.5	11.6	84.1	49.1	49.6	22.6
July . . . . .	169.1	88.3	2.4	78.4	15.2	7.0	14.8	9.2	89.0	49.8	50.1	22.4
August . . . . .	167.5	87.1	2.2	78.2	11.8	6.4	13.1	7.9	91.9	51.7	50.7	21.1
September . . . . .	167.0	81.1	2.0	83.9	11.0	5.1	13.4	7.9	90.6	47.9	51.9	20.1
October . . . . .	184.5	87.0	2.6	94.9	15.6	6.1	15.3	9.0	98.9	50.4	54.8	21.5
November . . . . .	186.2	86.4	1.6	98.1	17.2	6.6	16.8	8.2	97.8	50.9	54.4	20.7
December (r) . . . . .	181.7	84.6	1.8	95.3	17.4	5.6	15.0	8.0	95.0	47.8	54.3	23.2
<b>2020</b>												
January (r) . . . . .	173.3	86.9	2.3	84.1	15.2	5.5	15.8	8.5	94.2	50.9	48.1	22.0
<b>February (p)</b> . . . . .	<b>160.4</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>23.8</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	5	5	48	7	12	15	13	19	6	6	10	11

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<sup>2</sup> Computed using unrounded data

<sup>3</sup> See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90 percent 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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, New Residential Construction, March 18, 2020.

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## New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

**Table 3a - Seasonally adjusted annual rate**

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
<b>2019</b>												
February . . . . .	1,149	792	S	352	89	44	159	111	650	465	251	172
March . . . . .	1,199	833	S	361	83	57	132	102	655	480	329	194
April . . . . .	1,270	862	S	385	132	66	162	117	649	450	327	229
May . . . . .	1,264	814	S	438	86	50	158	111	705	472	315	181
June . . . . .	1,233	864	S	358	111	47	182	122	632	481	308	214
July . . . . .	1,204	871	S	322	96	60	173	124	618	466	317	221
August . . . . .	1,375	909	S	451	167	60	190	131	717	490	301	228
September . . . . .	1,266	902	S	353	114	60	158	117	687	516	307	209
October . . . . .	1,340	914	S	414	115	39	179	117	692	534	354	224
November . . . . .	1,381	940	S	422	107	65	172	111	748	516	354	248
December (r) . . . . .	1,601	1,057	S	524	142	66	238	164	807	589	414	238
<b>2020</b>												
January (r) . . . . .	1,624	1,005	S	612	215	66	180	144	772	520	457	275
<b>February (p)</b> . . . . .	<b>1,599</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>237</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	5	4	X	13	17	15	11	10	7	6	9	8
Percent Change <sup>2</sup>												
<b>Feb. 2020 from Jan. 2020</b> . . . . .	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>-17.0%</b>	<b>-41.4%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>-18.2%</b>	<b>-13.8%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 12.4	± 13.9	X	± 19.8	± 21.8	± 20.2	± 35.0	± 25.4	± 19.2	± 21.5	± 20.8	± 19.7
<b>Feb. 2020 from Feb. 2019</b> . . . . .	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>35.4%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>44.3%</b>	<b>41.6%</b>	<b>54.5%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>36.0%</b>	<b>36.8%</b>	<b>32.5%</b>	<b>49.0%</b>	<b>37.8%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 17.7	± 14.6	X	± 39.7	± 43.2	± 51.4	± 38.5	± 39.2	± 19.4	± 15.9	± 48.8	± 38.6

**Table 3b - Not seasonally adjusted**

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2018 Annual . . . . .	1,249.9	875.8	13.9	360.3	110.9	64.5	172.6	123.4	630.3	465.5	336.1	222.4
2019 Annual (r) . . . . .	1,290.0	887.7	13.4	388.9	114.8	57.1	169.4	119.8	684.8	496.9	321.0	213.9
RSE (%) . . . . .	2	1	22	6	4	5	4	2	2	1	3	2
2019 Year to date . . . . .	167.1	118.9	1.6	46.6	14.8	6.9	15.4	10.8	99.7	74.7	37.3	26.4
2020 Year to date . . . . .	226.1	143.3	1.8	81.0	22.6	7.6	20.6	13.8	124.5	86.6	58.3	35.3
RSE (%) . . . . .	4	3	37	10	16	9	7	11	6	4	6	6
<b>Year to date percent change<sup>2</sup></b> . . . . .	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>73.6%</b>	<b>53.3%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>33.7%</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>56.6%</b>	<b>33.4%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 10.3	± 8.2	± 73.3	± 37.4	± 52.1	± 21.5	± 26.1	± 33.9	± 11.7	± 8.8	± 20.9	± 20.0
<b>2019</b>												
February . . . . .	80.0	54.8	0.4	24.9	5.4	2.2	8.5	5.0	48.3	35.2	17.9	12.3
March . . . . .	98.2	69.7	0.4	28.1	6.3	4.2	9.2	6.9	55.6	42.0	27.1	16.6
April . . . . .	116.6	81.6	1.9	33.1	11.6	6.0	15.3	11.4	59.6	42.5	30.1	21.7
May . . . . .	118.1	77.6	1.1	39.4	7.9	4.6	16.0	11.8	65.3	44.4	29.0	16.9
June . . . . .	115.1	82.9	1.0	31.2	10.2	4.7	18.2	13.0	57.4	44.2	29.3	21.1
July . . . . .	114.2	83.8	1.0	29.4	9.5	6.2	17.4	12.9	57.2	43.3	30.1	21.4
August . . . . .	121.0	80.9	1.3	38.8	14.8	5.6	17.4	12.3	61.8	42.3	27.0	20.7
September . . . . .	113.2	78.6	1.0	33.6	10.7	5.6	15.3	11.4	60.2	44.0	27.0	17.7
October . . . . .	114.8	76.8	1.1	36.9	10.6	3.8	17.1	11.6	56.8	42.7	30.2	18.6
November . . . . .	103.4	68.0	1.5	33.9	8.5	5.2	13.7	8.8	55.0	36.4	26.1	17.6
December (r) . . . . .	108.3	68.9	1.5	37.9	9.9	4.4	14.2	8.9	56.3	40.5	27.9	15.2
<b>2020</b>												
January (r) . . . . .	113.2	68.0	0.5	44.6	14.9	4.0	9.3	6.7	57.1	38.7	31.8	18.5
<b>February (p)</b> . . . . .	<b>113.0</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>16.7</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	5	4	42	13	17	15	11	10	7	6	9	8

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X Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> Average relative standard error for the latest 6-month period

<sup>2</sup> Computed using unrounded data

<sup>3</sup> See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90 percent confidence intervals

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# New Privately-Owned Housing Units Under Construction at End of Period

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

**Table 4a - Seasonally adjusted**

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
<b>2019</b>												
February . . . . .	1,150	541	S	597	190	65	154	81	483	254	323	141
March . . . . .	1,131	534	S	587	181	65	146	78	481	255	323	136
April . . . . .	1,123	529	S	583	182	66	140	75	479	252	322	136
May . . . . .	1,129	523	S	595	182	64	139	75	487	251	321	133
June . . . . .	1,139	522	S	606	178	61	147	75	488	251	326	135
July . . . . .	1,138	519	S	608	177	60	145	75	486	247	330	137
August . . . . .	1,145	516	S	619	178	59	145	75	494	245	328	137
September . . . . .	1,156	522	S	623	178	58	147	77	501	249	330	138
October . . . . .	1,156	521	S	624	178	56	148	77	499	250	331	138
November . . . . .	1,169	522	S	636	177	56	149	76	508	249	335	141
December (r) . . . . .	1,185	528	S	645	171	56	155	78	518	253	341	141
<b>2020</b>												
January (r) . . . . .	1,205	536	S	657	178	55	156	80	525	256	346	145
<b>February (p)</b> . . . . .	<b>1,222</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>144</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	4	3	X	6	6	6	6	4	4	5	6	5
Percent Change <sup>2</sup>												
<b>Feb. 2020 from Jan. 2020</b> . . . . .	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 0.8	± 1.3	X	± 1.1	± 1.2	± 2.1	± 2.4	± 3.6	± 1.2	± 1.7	± 1.3	± 2.5
<b>Feb. 2020 from Feb. 2019</b> . . . . .	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>	<b>-16.9%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 3.2	± 3.7	X	± 5.0	± 8.8	± 8.4	± 9.1	± 8.9	± 4.8	± 5.0	± 4.4	± 6.4

**Table 4b - Not seasonally adjusted**

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
<b>2019</b>												
February . . . . .	1,124.3	515.7	12.4	596.2	187.9	62.9	147.7	75.1	472.6	243.9	316.2	133.7
March . . . . .	1,109.1	512.9	10.1	586.2	178.3	62.4	139.9	71.8	473.4	247.9	317.5	130.8
April . . . . .	1,116.8	522.4	11.0	583.4	181.2	64.7	136.2	71.2	478.0	251.2	321.4	135.4
May . . . . .	1,136.2	526.2	11.3	598.7	182.7	63.9	138.1	73.8	491.9	254.4	323.5	134.2
June . . . . .	1,151.1	532.8	10.9	607.3	178.6	61.4	147.8	76.0	495.9	258.0	328.8	137.4
July . . . . .	1,160.5	540.9	10.5	609.1	178.9	61.9	148.9	78.4	496.6	257.5	336.1	143.0
August . . . . .	1,162.7	537.7	10.4	614.6	178.3	60.4	148.8	79.1	501.8	254.1	333.8	144.1
September . . . . .	1,175.9	542.7	11.1	622.0	179.6	59.5	150.1	80.5	509.3	258.0	336.9	144.7
October . . . . .	1,169.3	535.4	10.8	623.1	179.2	57.4	151.4	80.4	504.0	255.7	334.7	141.9
November . . . . .	1,173.1	524.4	11.5	637.2	177.5	56.3	152.4	79.4	506.8	246.9	336.3	141.8
December (r) . . . . .	1,157.9	505.6	12.0	640.3	169.1	55.1	154.2	77.8	501.4	237.9	333.2	134.7
<b>2020</b>												
January (r) . . . . .	1,179.9	510.4	11.6	657.9	176.9	53.4	153.0	76.5	512.2	243.2	337.9	137.2
<b>February (p)</b> . . . . .	<b>1,195.3</b>	<b>513.7</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>669.8</b>	<b>176.0</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>150.3</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>528.8</b>	<b>251.0</b>	<b>340.2</b>	<b>136.9</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	4	3	16	6	6	6	6	4	4	5	6	5

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X Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> Average relative standard error for the latest 6-month period

<sup>2</sup> Computed using unrounded data

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## New Privately-Owned Housing Units Completed

(Thousands of Units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.)

**Table 5a - Seasonally adjusted annual rate**

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
<b>2019</b>												
February . . . . .	1,332	839	S	476	103	52	202	132	675	453	352	202
March . . . . .	1,348	961	S	373	127	65	200	149	689	487	332	260
April . . . . .	1,330	924	S	394	120	51	191	133	657	512	362	228
May . . . . .	1,228	885	S	339	100	70	201	114	598	487	329	214
June . . . . .	1,170	883	S	276	114	71	147	128	610	480	299	204
July . . . . .	1,245	904	S	330	105	69	194	124	659	517	287	194
August . . . . .	1,253	924	S	319	135	69	187	125	615	507	316	223
September . . . . .	1,129	858	S	268	101	64	145	109	595	486	288	199
October . . . . .	1,276	923	S	347	118	58	157	117	641	516	360	232
November . . . . .	1,218	911	S	297	117	63	157	114	644	519	300	215
December (r) . . . . .	1,319	910	S	402	205	58	140	109	650	518	324	225
<b>2020</b>												
January (r) . . . . .	1,319	900	S	408	107	81	188	125	630	456	394	238
<b>February (p)</b> . . . . .	<b>1,316</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>250</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	5	5	X	14	20	17	13	12	7	8	9	9
Percent Change <sup>2</sup>												
<b>Feb. 2020 from Jan. 2020</b> . . . . .	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>-31.4%</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>	<b>-8.6%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>28.0%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>19.1%</b>	<b>-8.9%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 12.4	± 14.1	X	± 17.0	± 31.8	± 32.4	± 43.6	± 45.3	± 19.4	± 21.0	± 18.5	± 18.8
<b>Feb. 2020 from Feb. 2019</b> . . . . .	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>-41.2%</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>42.3%</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>23.8%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 14.8	± 13.8	X	± 21.8	± 21.7	± 63.3	± 41.4	± 44.9	± 23.6	± 15.9	± 18.8	± 24.2

**Table 5b - Not seasonally adjusted**

Period	United States				Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit	Total	1 unit
2018 Annual . . . . .	1,184.9	840.2	9.0	335.6	107.8	54.2	168.8	124.4	593.8	448.0	314.4	213.6
2019 Annual (r) . . . . .	1,255.1	903.2	9.0	342.9	122.5	62.1	170.6	121.5	637.2	499.2	324.8	220.5
RSE (%) . . . . .	2	1	18	6	7	9	4	4	2	1	3	2
2019 Year to date . . . . .	179.3	121.8	1.4	56.1	15.4	6.7	22.2	15.9	92.5	68.0	49.2	31.2
2020 Year to date . . . . .	183.0	134.4	1.3	47.3	14.3	10.7	24.8	18.2	92.5	72.3	51.4	33.2
RSE (%) . . . . .	4	4	41	10	12	14	10	9	4	5	8	8
<b>Year to date percent change<sup>2</sup></b> . . . . .	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>	<b>-15.6%</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>59.8%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	± 9.5	± 8.4	± 65.3	± 23.3	± 19.0	± 35.0	± 29.0	± 18.1	± 14.3	± 10.2	± 16.3	± 16.8
<b>2019</b>												
February . . . . .	92.1	57.6	1.2	33.3	6.9	3.3	13.0	8.1	48.0	32.5	24.3	13.8
March . . . . .	104.9	75.2	1.0	28.7	9.4	4.6	14.3	10.4	55.5	40.0	25.8	20.2
April . . . . .	103.4	72.4	0.9	30.1	8.9	3.7	15.2	10.7	51.4	40.4	27.8	17.6
May . . . . .	103.3	74.6	0.4	28.4	8.1	5.6	16.8	9.5	50.3	41.1	28.0	18.4
June . . . . .	103.9	76.9	1.0	26.0	10.6	6.5	12.7	10.9	53.3	41.0	27.4	18.5
July . . . . .	108.5	75.9	1.1	31.6	9.3	5.9	17.2	10.5	57.3	43.7	24.7	15.8
August . . . . .	116.8	83.3	1.0	32.5	12.9	6.2	18.0	11.7	56.8	45.8	29.1	19.5
September . . . . .	96.3	72.9	0.2	23.2	9.1	5.9	13.2	10.1	48.9	39.4	25.2	17.5
October . . . . .	114.1	84.0	0.5	29.6	10.6	5.5	15.1	11.7	56.0	45.3	32.4	21.5
November . . . . .	101.4	78.7	0.8	22.0	10.1	6.1	13.0	9.8	53.9	44.6	24.5	18.2
December (r) . . . . .	123.1	87.6	0.6	34.9	18.0	5.2	13.0	10.3	61.3	49.8	30.8	22.2
<b>2020</b>												
January (r) . . . . .	91.1	62.4	0.7	27.9	7.4	5.6	12.4	8.1	44.9	32.9	26.4	15.8
<b>February (p)</b> . . . . .	<b>91.9</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>17.4</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	5	5	55	14	20	17	13	12	7	8	9	9

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