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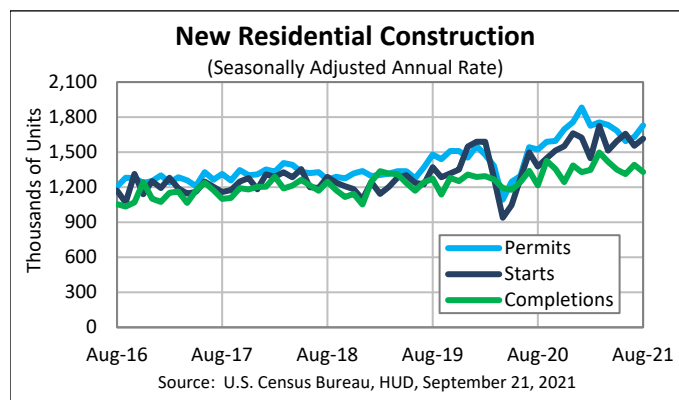
## MONTHLY NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, AUGUST 2021

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**September 21, 2021** - The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for August 2021:

 <b>NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION AUGUST 2021</b>	
<b>Building Permits:</b>	<b>1,728,000</b>
<b>Housing Starts:</b>	<b>1,615,000</b>
<b>Housing Completions:</b>	<b>1,330,000</b>
<b>Next Release: October 19, 2021</b>	
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR)	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, HUD, September 21, 2021	



### Building Permits

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,728,000. This is 6.0 percent ( $\pm 1.4$  percent) above the revised July rate of 1,630,000 and is 13.5 percent ( $\pm 1.8$  percent) above the August 2020 rate of 1,522,000. Single-family authorizations in August were at a rate of 1,054,000; this is 0.6 percent ( $\pm 1.3$  percent)\* above the revised July figure of 1,048,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 632,000 in August.

### Housing Starts

Privately-owned housing starts in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,615,000. This is 3.9 percent ( $\pm 11.3$  percent)\* above the revised July estimate of 1,554,000 and is 17.4 percent ( $\pm 12.1$  percent) above the August 2020 rate of 1,376,000. Single-family housing starts in August were at a rate of 1,076,000; this is 2.8 percent ( $\pm 10.4$  percent)\* below the revised July figure of 1,107,000. The August rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 530,000.

### Housing Completions

Privately-owned housing completions in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,330,000. This is 4.5 percent ( $\pm 11.1$  percent)\* below the revised July estimate of 1,392,000, but is 9.4 percent ( $\pm 10.3$  percent)\* above the August 2020 rate of 1,216,000. Single-family housing completions in August were at a rate of 971,000; this is 2.8 percent ( $\pm 9.6$  percent)\* above the revised July rate of 945,000. The August rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 356,000.

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The September report is scheduled for release on October 19, 2021. 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/)>

## FRED Mobile App



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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>2020</b>												
August .....	1,522	1,055	53	414	127	57	195	136	823	618	377	244
September .....	1,589	1,121	46	422	156	65	215	143	837	647	381	266
October .....	1,595	1,141	60	394	141	59	220	144	848	665	386	273
November .....	1,696	1,155	54	487	165	64	233	145	890	672	408	274
December .....	1,758	1,233	49	476	155	71	259	168	898	710	446	284
<b>2021</b>												
January .....	1,883	1,268	55	560	195	79	245	175	956	711	487	303
February .....	1,726	1,145	48	533	170	78	250	172	863	609	443	286
March .....	1,755	1,194	58	503	155	78	253	174	908	661	439	281
April .....	1,733	1,148	50	535	168	76	228	159	918	649	419	264
May .....	1,683	1,134	58	491	156	71	223	138	898	678	406	247
June .....	1,594	1,066	49	479	135	64	205	129	878	641	376	232
July (r) .....	1,630	1,048	54	528	130	58	213	126	857	629	430	235
<b>August (p) .....</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>248</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	4	2	4	5	4	4	2	2	2	3
Percent Change <sup>2</sup>												
<b>Aug. 2021 from Jul. 2021 .....</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-22.2%</b>	<b>19.7%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 1.4	± 1.3	± 6.1	± 4.2	± 9.0	± 6.8	± 6.6	± 3.9	± 1.4	± 2.1	± 1.4	± 2.3
<b>Aug. 2021 from Aug. 2020 .....</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>-20.8%</b>	<b>52.7%</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>-7.4%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 1.8	± 1.1	± 6.9	± 7.0	± 9.5	± 6.6	± 7.1	± 2.3	± 1.4	± 1.6	± 2.9	± 2.7

**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
2019 Annual .....	1,386.0	862.1	42.6	481.4	141.2	52.7	184.8	114.2	710.3	486.2	349.8	209.0
2020 Annual .....	1,471.1	979.4	47.2	444.5	134.8	56.3	202.1	128.0	776.3	568.5	358.0	226.7
RSE (%) .....	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2020 Year to date .....	927.6	618.2	29.1	280.2	82.9	36.0	123.8	81.4	495.2	357.1	225.5	143.7
2021 Year to date .....	1,165.7	775.9	34.3	355.5	104.1	46.4	150.6	98.8	622.1	449.9	288.9	180.8
RSE (%) .....	2	2	3	1	3	4	3	4	1	2	2	3
<b>Year to date percent change<sup>2</sup> .....</b>	<b>25.7%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>26.9%</b>	<b>25.6%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>21.4%</b>	<b>25.6%</b>	<b>26.0%</b>	<b>28.1%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 0.6	± 0.4	± 3.8	± 1.8	± 3.5	± 7.1	± 2.4	± 2.0	± 0.8	± 0.5	± 2.3	± 2.7
<b>2020</b>												
August .....	128.9	90.2	4.8	33.9	10.3	5.0	18.0	12.4	70.1	52.1	30.6	20.8
September .....	136.3	95.0	4.0	37.3	13.7	6.2	20.5	13.8	70.6	52.9	31.5	22.0
October .....	135.9	95.5	5.4	35.0	12.0	5.3	21.8	13.6	70.1	54.4	32.0	22.3
November .....	123.1	79.6	4.2	39.3	13.2	4.8	17.5	10.1	62.7	46.2	29.7	18.4
December .....	137.0	88.6	3.7	44.7	13.1	5.0	16.7	10.1	68.2	52.1	39.0	21.4
<b>2021</b>												
January .....	128.8	83.9	3.6	41.3	13.4	5.0	12.6	8.3	70.4	51.3	32.4	19.3
February .....	120.1	81.1	3.4	35.6	10.8	4.8	13.4	9.1	64.9	46.9	31.0	20.3
March .....	157.6	110.8	5.2	41.5	13.0	6.5	21.0	15.0	84.8	63.3	38.8	26.0
April .....	157.9	107.8	4.4	45.7	13.6	6.8	22.4	15.9	83.0	60.1	38.8	25.1
May .....	142.3	99.1	4.6	38.5	13.1	6.1	20.4	13.1	74.9	58.0	33.8	21.9
June .....	154.5	105.1	4.7	44.7	13.5	6.4	20.4	13.6	83.3	61.2	37.3	23.9
July (r) .....	139.2	91.9	4.6	42.7	11.4	5.2	18.7	11.7	72.7	53.9	36.3	21.1
<b>August (p) .....</b>	<b>155.3</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>22.1</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	4	2	4	5	4	4	2	2	2	3

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

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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, September 21, 2021.

Additional information on the survey methodology may be found at [www.census.gov/construction/nrc/how\\_the\\_data\\_are\\_collected/](https://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>2020</b>												
August .....	170	98	S	70	14	8	10	7	95	58	51	25
September .....	178	104	S	72	17	10	11	9	96	59	54	26
October .....	183	106	S	74	22	11	11	9	98	60	52	26
November .....	187	108	S	76	23	12	13	10	101	61	50	25
December .....	187	104	S	80	23	12	13	8	98	60	53	24
<b>2021</b>												
January .....	204	114	S	87	23	12	13	9	111	66	57	27
February .....	217	122	S	92	25	12	16	12	118	71	58	27
March .....	229	130	S	97	24	12	18	13	126	76	61	29
April .....	242	139	S	101	24	12	22	14	135	82	61	31
May .....	246	146	S	97	23	12	21	12	140	90	62	32
June (r) .....	245	148	S	94	22	11	21	13	141	93	61	31
July (r) .....	242	145	S	94	24	12	18	11	137	91	63	31
<b>August (p) .....</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>35</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> .....	6	7	X	10	17	20	11	12	8	9	10	11
Percent Change <sup>2</sup>												
<b>Aug. 2021 from Jul. 2021 .....</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 3.3	± 4.3	X	± 7.1	± 8.5	± 7.8	± 9.4	± 10.3	± 5.0	± 6.3	± 7.2	± 7.0
<b>Aug. 2021 from Aug. 2020 .....</b>	<b>47.6%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>44.3%</b>	<b>78.6%</b>	<b>62.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>57.1%</b>	<b>45.3%</b>	<b>51.7%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>40.0%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 10.5	± 11.7	X	± 22.0	± 69.9	± 54.5	± 33.0	± 31.1	± 14.3	± 17.2	± 13.3	± 23.8

**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>2020</b>												
August .....	167.1	97.1	2.3	67.7	14.4	7.6	9.5	6.9	93.5	58.0	49.8	24.7
September .....	176.0	102.7	2.3	70.9	16.7	9.8	10.6	8.8	97.7	58.7	51.0	25.4
October .....	178.1	102.9	2.8	72.3	19.5	10.2	10.5	8.5	97.1	59.4	51.0	24.9
November .....	174.4	99.2	2.8	72.5	20.8	11.1	11.7	8.6	94.6	57.5	47.4	22.1
December .....	187.9	101.0	3.2	83.6	23.0	11.1	11.6	7.0	99.1	58.9	54.2	24.1
<b>2021</b>												
January .....	201.9	109.7	3.0	89.3	22.8	11.0	12.3	7.7	109.1	64.2	57.7	26.8
February .....	215.7	119.1	3.1	93.6	25.8	12.4	16.2	11.1	116.4	68.6	57.3	27.0
March .....	236.3	135.9	2.3	98.2	24.7	12.3	21.5	14.3	127.7	78.7	62.5	30.7
April .....	253.0	148.5	2.5	102.0	23.8	12.6	26.5	17.4	138.1	85.1	64.5	33.4
May .....	250.5	149.7	2.6	98.1	24.2	12.5	21.3	13.9	141.4	91.3	63.5	32.0
June (r) .....	254.4	155.5	2.7	96.2	24.0	11.4	22.7	14.8	145.4	96.3	62.3	33.0
July (r) .....	240.5	146.7	2.6	91.2	25.1	12.0	17.6	10.6	136.8	92.5	61.1	31.6
<b>August (p) .....</b>	<b>248.4</b>	<b>147.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>139.0</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>34.6</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> .....	6	7	27	10	17	20	11	12	8	9	10	11

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<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

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, September 21, 2021.

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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>2020</b>												
August .....	1,376	1,023	S	331	87	59	241	158	706	552	342	254
September .....	1,448	1,105	S	338	126	68	210	127	763	645	349	265
October .....	1,514	1,162	S	337	84	56	208	153	840	668	382	285
November .....	1,551	1,182	S	353	143	71	189	134	806	659	413	318
December .....	1,661	1,315	S	336	136	84	246	219	837	692	442	320
<b>2021</b>												
January .....	1,625	1,143	S	469	204	79	209	163	811	642	401	259
February .....	1,447	1,069	S	365	109	69	136	108	771	581	431	311
March .....	1,725	1,255	S	448	165	95	288	217	891	676	381	267
April .....	1,514	1,061	S	439	158	74	180	144	782	582	394	261
May .....	1,594	1,098	S	486	139	63	263	164	810	596	382	275
June (r) .....	1,657	1,161	S	485	147	79	198	131	871	667	441	284
July (r) .....	1,554	1,107	S	436	67	42	185	144	899	667	403	254
<b>August (p) .....</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>202</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> .....	5	4	X	14	17	16	11	11	7	7	8	7
Percent Change <sup>2</sup>												
<b>Aug. 2021 from Jul. 2021 .....</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>21.6%</b>	<b>167.2%</b>	<b>52.4%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>-12.5%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>-21.1%</b>	<b>-20.5%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 11.3	± 10.4	X	± 33.2	± 69.3	± 35.9	± 20.7	± 15.1	± 18.6	± 17.7	± 14.0	± 13.7
<b>Aug. 2021 from Aug. 2020 .....</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>60.1%</b>	<b>105.7%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>	<b>-20.3%</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>	<b>-20.5%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 12.1	± 8.6	X	± 46.0	± 81.9	± 34.8	± 18.8	± 12.6	± 21.3	± 14.6	± 15.8	± 14.4

**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
2019 Annual .....	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
2020 Annual .....	1,379.6	990.5	12.3	376.8	111.5	60.2	191.6	135.6	735.5	553.1	341.0	241.5
RSE (%) .....	2	1	22	5	6	9	2	2	2	1	3	2
2020 Year to date .....	889.1	618.0	8.4	262.6	71.2	37.3	121.7	84.7	479.9	346.1	216.4	149.9
2021 Year to date .....	1,080.1	765.3	8.5	306.3	96.7	46.3	138.8	99.1	576.6	438.4	268.0	181.5
RSE (%) .....	2	2	20	7	10	8	2	2	3	3	4	3
<b>Year to date percent change<sup>2</sup> .....</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>23.8%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>35.9%</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>26.7%</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 4.3	± 5.0	± 61.5	± 9.2	± 25.0	± 11.5	± 6.4	± 6.6	± 5.7	± 7.9	± 5.9	± 6.1
<b>2020</b>												
August .....	122.5	92.3	1.8	28.4	7.7	5.3	22.3	15.2	61.8	48.6	30.7	23.2
September .....	126.3	95.1	0.5	30.8	11.5	6.2	19.8	12.2	64.8	54.0	30.3	22.6
October .....	131.2	100.2	1.3	29.7	7.8	5.4	20.4	15.5	70.4	55.2	32.7	24.1
November .....	117.8	87.5	1.3	29.1	11.5	5.6	15.0	10.5	60.0	48.0	31.2	23.4
December .....	115.1	89.7	0.7	24.6	9.5	5.7	14.7	12.7	60.4	49.8	30.4	21.5
<b>2021</b>												
January .....	115.2	77.9	1.0	36.2	14.7	5.0	11.3	7.8	60.7	47.6	28.5	17.5
February .....	102.1	74.6	1.0	26.5	6.3	3.4	7.1	5.1	57.6	43.8	31.1	22.4
March .....	140.6	102.8	1.7	36.0	12.8	7.2	20.4	14.7	75.3	58.0	32.1	22.9
April .....	135.5	97.2	1.2	37.0	13.8	6.7	16.1	13.1	70.1	53.2	35.5	24.3
May .....	145.7	100.5	0.9	44.3	12.5	5.6	26.6	17.6	71.9	52.5	34.6	24.9
June (r) .....	154.3	111.6	1.0	41.7	14.4	8.5	19.6	13.8	79.5	61.9	40.9	27.4
July (r) .....	142.8	104.0	1.0	37.9	6.5	4.3	18.5	15.0	81.0	60.8	36.9	23.9
<b>August (p) .....</b>	<b>144.0</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>18.2</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> .....	5	4	48	14	17	16	11	11	7	7	8	7

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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>2020</b>												
August .....	1,212	529	S	672	175	55	159	79	543	253	335	142
September .....	1,218	545	S	662	179	57	160	80	546	264	333	144
October .....	1,228	566	S	651	179	57	162	83	552	277	335	149
November .....	1,247	586	S	650	180	56	163	83	564	291	340	156
December .....	1,264	609	S	645	178	57	163	86	576	303	347	163
<b>2021</b>												
January .....	1,284	619	S	654	183	58	165	87	581	308	355	166
February .....	1,289	623	S	655	181	58	163	85	581	309	364	171
March .....	1,307	637	S	658	186	58	165	91	589	313	367	175
April .....	1,324	646	S	665	194	60	167	93	593	318	370	175
May .....	1,339	658	S	668	197	60	172	97	595	322	375	179
June (r) .....	1,371	678	S	680	201	61	175	96	615	339	380	182
July (r) .....	1,381	691	S	677	195	60	177	97	627	352	382	182
<b>August (p) .....</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>180</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> .....	3	4	X	6	7	7	4	4	4	5	5	6
Percent Change <sup>2</sup>												
<b>Aug. 2021 from Jul. 2021 .....</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 0.8	± 1.2	X	± 1.6	± 2.2	± 2.7	± 1.8	± 1.8	± 1.5	± 2.0	± 1.3	± 1.7
<b>Aug. 2021 from Aug. 2020 .....</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>32.7%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>24.1%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>43.9%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>26.8%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 3.4	± 5.6	X	± 4.6	± 6.2	± 9.9	± 7.5	± 7.4	± 6.0	± 10.9	± 7.5	± 8.3

**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>2020</b>												
August .....	1,225.3	545.5	11.4	668.4	176.7	57.1	163.1	83.4	547.5	258.8	338.0	146.2
September .....	1,234.4	562.4	10.8	661.2	180.2	58.5	164.4	84.2	553.1	271.9	336.7	147.8
October .....	1,238.6	581.2	10.6	646.9	178.9	57.7	166.7	88.1	556.8	283.8	336.2	151.6
November .....	1,255.3	592.0	10.8	652.5	181.6	57.0	166.4	86.4	564.9	290.9	342.4	157.7
December .....	1,240.3	590.5	10.1	639.8	177.0	56.8	162.0	85.5	560.6	289.8	340.8	158.4
<b>2021</b>												
January .....	1,263.8	597.3	10.7	655.8	181.9	56.6	161.3	83.5	570.4	296.6	350.1	160.6
February .....	1,270.3	600.4	10.9	658.9	178.9	55.4	157.0	78.6	574.7	300.8	359.7	165.6
March .....	1,289.9	619.0	12.0	658.9	184.3	56.1	158.1	84.1	584.7	307.9	362.9	170.9
April .....	1,315.5	636.9	13.1	665.5	192.5	58.8	161.5	87.4	591.7	316.2	369.8	174.5
May .....	1,343.1	657.9	13.1	672.1	197.9	59.8	170.6	95.1	597.4	322.7	377.3	180.4
June (r) .....	1,382.3	687.6	13.5	681.2	202.2	61.9	176.2	96.8	620.4	343.9	383.4	185.1
July (r) .....	1,402.4	712.2	12.9	677.3	196.4	61.0	181.5	101.4	636.5	361.6	388.1	188.3
<b>August (p) .....</b>	<b>1,422.9</b>	<b>724.1</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>686.0</b>	<b>197.0</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>186.0</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>650.9</b>	<b>373.9</b>	<b>389.1</b>	<b>185.4</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> .....	3	4	20	6	7	7	4	4	4	5	5	6

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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>2020</b>												
August .....	1,216	895	S	312	96	54	171	112	611	481	338	248
September .....	1,426	933	S	481	102	47	207	125	752	514	365	247
October .....	1,356	898	S	442	97	60	194	117	722	498	343	223
November .....	1,244	913	S	320	110	54	168	142	641	495	325	222
December .....	1,386	958	S	415	124	65	190	139	732	540	340	214
<b>2021</b>												
January .....	1,328	1,012	S	311	108	71	175	146	740	568	305	227
February .....	1,347	1,017	S	320	121	63	188	152	723	563	315	239
March .....	1,497	1,034	S	457	134	85	214	125	814	596	335	228
April .....	1,417	994	S	421	99	49	176	119	791	565	351	261
May .....	1,350	966	S	379	72	52	191	121	780	565	307	228
June (r) .....	1,312	922	S	382	109	68	171	133	700	487	332	234
July (r) .....	1,392	945	S	433	112	58	185	121	713	510	382	256
<b>August (p) .....</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>251</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> .....	6	4	X	15	26	20	14	13	7	5	10	8
Percent Change <sup>2</sup>												
<b>Aug. 2021 from Jul. 2021 .....</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>-17.8%</b>	<b>38.4%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>-23.8%</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>-14.7%</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 11.1	± 9.6	X	± 25.3	± 93.3	± 65.5	± 22.0	± 22.0	± 13.4	± 11.3	± 20.5	± 21.5
<b>Aug. 2021 from Aug. 2020 .....</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>61.5%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>-17.5%</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 10.3	± 9.9	X	± 30.0	± 68.9	± 38.5	± 19.9	± 16.1	± 13.7	± 15.1	± 17.3	± 15.8

**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
2019 Annual .....	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
2020 Annual .....	1,286.9	911.7	10.5	364.7	95.2	56.7	182.5	125.6	678.4	506.1	330.9	223.4
RSE (%) .....	2	1	18	6	6	9	3	3	2	2	3	2
2020 Year to date .....	814.7	584.7	6.1	223.9	56.7	35.6	114.3	77.7	433.4	329.1	210.4	142.4
2021 Year to date .....	892.1	632.4	4.4	255.3	73.8	39.9	114.6	79.9	488.6	358.5	215.2	154.2
RSE (%) .....	2	2	27	6	10	10	3	3	3	2	4	3
<b>Year to date percent change<sup>2</sup> .....</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>-28.8%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
90 percent confidence interval <sup>3</sup> .....	± 4.2	± 3.8	± 29.4	± 9.6	± 23.3	± 20.9	± 9.4	± 9.3	± 6.6	± 5.0	± 8.5	± 9.3
<b>2020</b>												
August .....	111.2	78.9	0.9	31.3	8.7	4.5	16.1	10.2	55.4	42.4	31.0	21.9
September .....	121.1	78.6	1.0	41.4	9.2	4.5	18.2	11.1	61.7	41.2	32.1	21.9
October .....	120.8	80.7	1.4	38.8	9.2	5.9	18.2	11.4	62.5	42.9	31.0	20.5
November .....	99.8	75.6	0.8	23.4	8.7	4.6	14.1	12.2	51.6	41.0	25.3	17.8
December .....	130.5	92.0	1.2	37.3	11.5	6.2	17.8	13.2	69.2	51.9	32.1	20.8
<b>2021</b>												
January .....	93.7	72.2	0.3	21.1	7.9	5.4	11.9	10.0	53.4	41.8	20.5	15.1
February .....	94.6	72.5	0.6	21.5	8.0	4.1	12.6	10.2	51.7	41.0	22.4	17.3
March .....	120.5	83.9	0.5	36.1	9.9	6.1	16.4	9.4	67.7	50.4	26.4	17.9
April .....	112.4	78.9	0.2	33.3	7.4	3.4	14.1	9.6	63.8	45.9	27.1	20.0
May .....	112.0	80.3	0.4	31.4	5.7	4.0	15.4	9.7	65.3	47.5	25.6	19.1
June (r) .....	115.9	80.9	0.7	34.4	10.3	6.5	15.2	11.8	59.9	40.8	30.6	21.8
July (r) .....	122.1	78.3	1.4	42.5	10.4	5.0	16.0	9.7	62.8	42.9	32.9	20.6
<b>August (p) .....</b>	<b>120.9</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>22.4</b>
Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> .....	6	4	67	15	26	20	14	13	7	5	10	8

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