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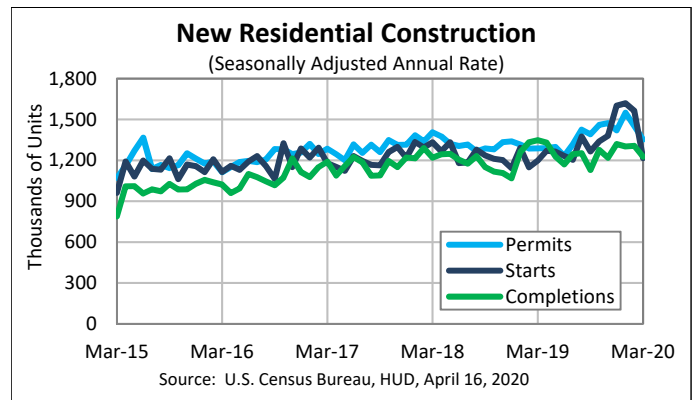
MONTHLY NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, MARCH 2020

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April 16, 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 March 2020:

NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION MARCH 2020	
Building Permits:	1,353,000
Housing Starts:	1,216,000
Housing Completions:	1,227,000
Next Release: May 19, 2020	
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, HUD, April 16, 2020	



Building Permits

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,353,000. This is 6.8 percent (± 1.1 percent) below the revised February rate of 1,452,000, but is 5.0 percent (± 2.4 percent) above the March 2019 rate of 1,288,000. Single-family authorizations in March were at a rate of 884,000; this is 12.0 percent (± 1.9 percent) below the revised February figure of 1,005,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 423,000 in March.

Housing Starts

Privately-owned housing starts in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,216,000. This is 22.3 percent (± 12.2 percent) below the revised February estimate of 1,564,000, but is 1.4 percent (± 12.7 percent)* above the March 2019 rate of 1,199,000. Single-family housing starts in March were at a rate of 856,000; this is 17.5 percent (± 13.1 percent) below the revised February figure of 1,037,000. The March rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 347,000.

Housing Completions

Privately-owned housing completions in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,227,000. This is 6.1 percent (± 12.0 percent)* below the revised February estimate of 1,307,000 and is 9.0 percent (± 12.4 percent)* below the March 2019 rate of 1,348,000. Single-family housing completions in March were at a rate of 863,000; this is 15.0 percent (± 11.6 percent) below the revised February rate of 1,015,000. The March rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 357,000.

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The April report is scheduled for release on May 19, 2020. View the full schedule in the Economic Briefing Room: www.census.gov/economic-indicators/. The full text and tables for this release can be found at 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 (± 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/

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/

FRED Mobile App



Receive the latest updates on the nation’s key economic indicators by downloading the FRED App <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/fred-mobile/> for both Apple and Android devices. FRED, the signature database of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, now incorporates the Census Bureau’s 13 economic indicators.

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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
2019												
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
2020												
January	1,550	987	43	520	183	68	220	136	753	543	394	240
February (r)	1,452	1,005	45	402	132	68	204	136	735	544	381	257
March (p)	1,353	884	46	423	122	59	178	111	712	509	341	205
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	2	4	1	3	5	3	3	2	2	2	3
Percent Change ²												
Mar. 2020 from Feb. 2020	-6.8%	-12.0%	2.2%	5.2%	-7.6%	-13.2%	-12.7%	-18.4%	-3.1%	-6.4%	-10.5%	-20.2%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 1.1	± 1.9	± 9.1	± 2.7	± 9.5	± 8.6	± 3.3	± 3.4	± 2.1	± 2.2	± 1.5	± 2.1
Mar. 2020 from Mar. 2019	5.0%	8.7%	27.8%	-3.6%	-1.6%	13.5%	-3.3%	7.8%	7.9%	9.7%	6.6%	5.7%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 2.4	± 1.8	± 9.5	± 7.1	± 7.5	± 7.9	± 13.1	± 3.7	± 2.1	± 2.7	± 2.3	± 3.8

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	292.6	185.3	8.4	98.8	27.1	11.0	33.8	19.4	159.8	111.3	71.9	43.7
2020 Year to date	328.1	219.8	10.2	98.1	29.7	12.8	36.5	23.2	177.8	130.8	84.1	53.0
RSE (%)	1	2	3	1	3	5	2	3	2	2	2	2
Year to date percent change²	12.1%	18.6%	21.4%	-0.7%	9.6%	16.4%	8.0%	19.6%	11.3%	17.5%	17.0%	21.3%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 1.6	± 1.2	± 5.2	± 3.6	± 4.0	± 7.3	± 8.1	± 3.9	± 1.0	± 1.2	± 1.9	± 2.8
2019												
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
2020												
January	112.8	70.4	3.0	39.5	12.3	4.1	12.1	6.8	60.6	42.6	27.8	16.8
February (r)	100.2	70.8	3.2	26.2	7.9	4.0	10.3	7.2	55.1	41.5	26.9	18.2
March (p)	116.0	78.3	4.0	33.7	9.6	4.7	14.0	9.1	62.7	46.4	29.6	18.0
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	2	4	1	3	5	3	3	2	2	2	3

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¹ Average relative standard error for the latest 6-month period

² 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, April 16, 2020.

Additional information on the survey methodology may be found at <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
2019												
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	181	88	S	91	17	6	16	10	94	49	54	23
2020												
January (r)	177	90	S	84	16	6	17	10	95	51	49	23
February (r)	164	88	S	74	15	6	16	10	83	47	50	25
March (p)	168	91	S	75	17	7	16	9	86	51	49	24
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	5	X	8	13	16	13	18	6	7	10	12
Percent Change ²												
Mar. 2020 from Feb. 2020	2.4%	3.4%	S	1.4%	13.3%	16.7%	0.0%	-10.0%	3.6%	8.5%	-2.0%	-4.0%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 5.2	± 7.8	X	± 8.5	± 14.5	± 24.1	± 14.9	± 16.3	± 8.4	± 11.1	± 7.3	± 13.1
Mar. 2020 from Mar. 2019	-7.2%	2.2%	S	-15.7%	13.3%	16.7%	-44.8%	-18.2%	0.0%	4.1%	-3.9%	4.3%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 8.2	± 7.5	X	± 12.8	± 35.5	± 27.2	± 17.5	± 22.0	± 8.8	± 10.5	± 15.4	± 15.4

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
2019												
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	181.7	84.6	1.8	95.3	17.4	5.6	15.0	8.0	95.0	47.8	54.3	23.2
2020												
January (r)	177.6	89.1	2.5	85.9	15.7	5.7	17.2	9.0	94.6	51.6	50.1	22.8
February (r)	163.8	86.9	1.9	75.0	15.4	6.1	15.5	8.9	83.6	46.4	49.3	25.4
March (p)	172.3	95.0	2.2	75.1	17.4	7.8	18.2	10.4	86.0	52.5	50.7	24.3
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	5	5.1	8	13	16	13	18	6	7	10	12

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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, April 16, 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
2019												
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	1,601	1,057	S	524	142	66	238	164	807	589	414	238
2020												
January (r)	1,619	992	S	618	217	65	173	140	793	519	436	268
February (r)	1,564	1,037	S	511	120	63	195	144	881	601	368	229
March (p)	1,216	856	S	347	69	52	153	107	693	454	301	243
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	5	X	14	17	16	12	10	8	6	10	9
Percent Change ²												
Mar. 2020 from Feb. 2020	-22.3%	-17.5%	S	-32.1%	-42.5%	-17.5%	-21.5%	-25.7%	-21.3%	-24.5%	-18.2%	6.1%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 12.2	± 13.1	X	± 24.6	± 18.5	± 36.2	± 32.9	± 19.9	± 16.0	± 14.9	± 23.5	± 34.1
Mar. 2020 from Mar. 2019	1.4%	2.8%	S	-3.9%	-16.9%	-8.8%	15.9%	4.9%	5.8%	-5.4%	-8.5%	25.3%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 12.7	± 11.2	X	± 30.2	± 21.2	± 23.0	± 55.2	± 49.2	± 16.8	± 10.8	± 20.5	± 33.0

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	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	265.3	188.6	1.9	74.7	21.0	11.1	24.7	17.7	155.2	116.7	64.3	43.0
2020 Year to date	324.5	212.0	2.9	109.6	27.8	11.2	30.3	20.6	184.6	125.5	81.8	54.9
RSE (%)	3	2	31	8	9	9	8	10	3	2	5	5
Year to date percent change²	22.3%	12.4%	47.6%	46.6%	31.9%	0.2%	23.0%	15.9%	18.9%	7.5%	27.1%	27.5%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 5.7	± 5.7	± 84.5	± 19.9	± 29.2	± 13.3	± 29.0	± 36.3	± 7.3	± 5.9	± 11.7	± 13.0
2019												
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	108.3	68.9	1.5	37.9	9.9	4.4	14.2	8.9	56.3	40.5	27.9	15.2
2020												
January (r)	113.1	67.4	0.7	45.0	15.1	4.0	9.0	6.6	58.7	38.7	30.3	18.1
February (r)	111.3	72.9	1.2	37.2	7.5	3.3	10.6	6.8	67.0	46.7	26.2	16.1
March (p)	100.1	71.7	1.0	27.3	5.2	3.9	10.7	7.1	58.9	40.1	25.3	20.7
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	5	43	14	17	16	12	10	8	6	10	9

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

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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
2019												
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	1,185	528	S	645	171	56	155	78	518	253	341	141
2020												
January (r)	1,203	534	S	657	178	55	156	80	526	255	343	144
February (r)	1,221	536	S	673	179	55	155	78	542	260	345	143
March (p)	1,218	534	S	672	176	55	151	77	543	257	348	145
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	3	X	6	7	8	6	5	4	5	6	5
Percent Change ²												
Mar. 2020 from Feb. 2020	-0.2%	-0.4%	S	-0.1%	-1.7%	0.0%	-2.6%	-1.3%	0.2%	-1.2%	0.9%	1.4%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 1.0	± 1.3	X	± 1.3	± 1.4	± 2.1	± 1.9	± 2.2	± 1.8	± 1.8	± 1.4	± 3.0
Mar. 2020 from Mar. 2019	7.7%	0.0%	S	14.5%	-2.8%	-15.4%	3.4%	-1.3%	12.9%	0.8%	7.7%	6.6%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 3.0	± 3.9	X	± 4.5	± 6.4	± 8.6	± 10.0	± 12.4	± 4.2	± 4.9	± 5.7	± 8.2

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
2019												
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	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
2020												
January (r)	1,179.0	508.9	11.9	658.2	176.9	54.1	152.4	76.1	513.8	242.3	335.9	136.4
February (r)	1,195.7	510.5	12.1	673.2	176.2	52.4	150.7	73.6	531.3	249.5	337.6	134.9
March (p)	1,195.6	513.4	12.2	670.0	172.9	52.7	145.2	71.1	535.6	250.1	341.9	139.5
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	3	16	6	7	8	6	5	4	5	6	5

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r Revised

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X Not applicable

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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
2019												
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	1,319	910	S	402	205	58	140	109	650	518	324	225
2020												
January (r)	1,302	901	S	390	104	78	184	126	627	459	387	238
February (r)	1,307	1,015	S	283	105	70	193	153	653	538	356	254
March (p)	1,227	863	S	357	82	46	205	133	657	486	283	198
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	5	X	14	21	18	14	12	7	8	10	10
Percent Change ²												
Mar. 2020 from Feb. 2020	-6.1%	-15.0%	S	26.1%	-21.9%	-34.3%	6.2%	-13.1%	0.6%	-9.7%	-20.5%	-22.0%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 12.0	± 11.6	X	± 38.7	± 22.6	± 28.4	± 50.5	± 33.1	± 15.2	± 16.2	± 21.2	± 22.0
Mar. 2020 from Mar. 2019	-9.0%	-10.2%	S	-4.3%	-35.4%	-29.2%	2.5%	-10.7%	-4.6%	-0.2%	-14.8%	-23.8%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 12.4	± 8.4	X	± 40.7	± 22.3	± 24.2	± 32.8	± 28.2	± 20.9	± 14.6	± 13.0	± 10.9

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	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	284.2	197.1	2.4	84.7	24.8	11.3	36.5	26.3	148.0	108.0	74.9	51.5
2020 Year to date	278.0	201.8	1.9	74.3	20.2	13.2	39.8	27.5	144.7	111.9	73.2	49.2
RSE (%)	3	3	33	8	11	12	7	5	4	4	6	6
Year to date percent change²	-2.2%	2.4%	-22.6%	-12.3%	-18.3%	17.2%	9.0%	4.5%	-2.2%	3.6%	-2.3%	-4.3%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 7.8	± 6.0	± 42.3	± 20.0	± 17.4	± 19.9	± 20.6	± 14.7	± 12.1	± 8.3	± 11.9	± 12.5
2019												
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	123.1	87.6	0.6	34.9	18.0	5.2	13.0	10.3	61.3	49.8	30.8	22.2
2020												
January (r)	90.2	62.5	0.7	27.0	7.1	5.4	12.3	8.2	44.7	33.1	26.1	15.8
February (r)	91.8	71.3	0.6	19.8	7.3	4.8	12.4	9.6	47.1	39.1	25.0	17.9
March (p)	95.9	68.0	0.5	27.4	5.8	3.1	15.2	9.7	52.8	39.7	22.1	15.5
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	5	53	14	21	18	14	12	7	8	10	10

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