

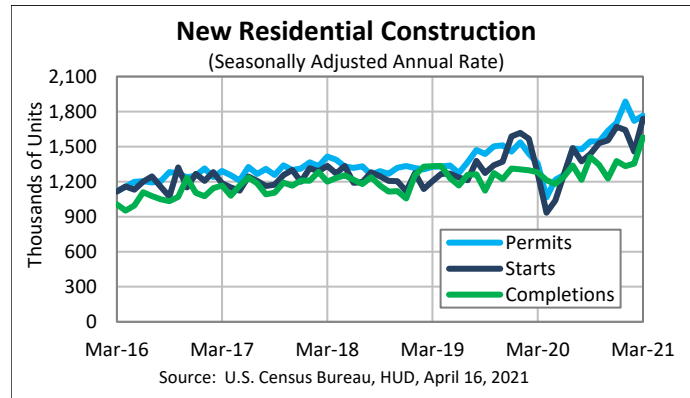
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MONTHLY NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, MARCH 2021

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April 16, 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 March 2021:

NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION MARCH 2021	
Building Permits:	1,766,000
Housing Starts:	1,739,000
Housing Completions:	1,580,000
Next Release: May 18, 2021	
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR)	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, HUD, April 16, 2021	



Building Permits

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,766,000. This is 2.7 percent (± 1.7 percent) above the revised February rate of 1,720,000 and is 30.2 percent (± 1.8 percent) above the March 2020 rate of 1,356,000. Single-family authorizations in March were at a rate of 1,199,000; this is 4.6 percent (± 1.9 percent) above the revised February figure of 1,146,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 508,000 in March.

Housing Starts

Privately-owned housing starts in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,739,000. This is 19.4 percent (± 13.7 percent) above the revised February estimate of 1,457,000 and is 37.0 percent (± 15.2 percent) above the March 2020 rate of 1,269,000. Single-family housing starts in March were at a rate of 1,238,000; this is 15.3 percent (± 17.4 percent)* above the revised February figure of 1,074,000. The March rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 477,000.

Housing Completions

Privately-owned housing completions in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,580,000. This is 16.6 percent (± 14.0 percent) above the revised February estimate of 1,355,000 and is 23.4 percent (± 13.7 percent) above the March 2020 rate of 1,280,000. Single-family housing completions in March were at a rate of 1,099,000; this is 5.3 percent (± 11.7 percent)* above the revised February rate of 1,044,000. The March rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 476,000.

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The April report is scheduled for release on May 18, 2021. 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 2.7 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/

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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
2020												
March	1,356	884	46	426	112	55	174	111	723	513	347	205
April	1,066	666	33	367	61	32	141	90	612	408	252	136
May	1,216	746	42	428	110	48	165	101	657	431	284	166
June	1,258	840	40	378	122	55	181	119	663	471	292	195
July	1,483	977	45	461	137	58	224	133	750	557	372	229
August	1,476	1,038	52	386	120	59	188	137	798	597	370	245
September	1,545	1,113	44	388	148	69	207	144	815	631	375	269
October	1,544	1,128	57	359	132	60	211	145	829	652	372	271
November	1,635	1,137	52	446	152	66	221	145	868	658	394	268
December	1,704	1,223	46	435	140	72	248	171	881	701	435	279
2021												
January	1,886	1,270	56	560	193	80	246	178	967	717	480	295
February (r)	1,720	1,146	47	527	174	78	249	173	860	613	437	282
March (p)	1,766	1,199	59	508	160	78	254	175	915	662	437	284
Average RSE (%) ¹	2	2	3	2	4	5	3	4	2	2	2	3
Percent Change ²												
Mar. 2021 from Feb. 2021	2.7%	4.6%	25.5%	-3.6%	-8.0%	0.0%	2.0%	1.2%	6.4%	8.0%	0.0%	0.7%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 1.7	± 1.9	± 6.0	± 2.1	± 6.6	± 17.0	± 4.6	± 6.7	± 1.4	± 1.0	± 3.7	± 4.9
Mar. 2021 from Mar. 2020	30.2%	35.6%	28.3%	19.2%	42.9%	41.8%	46.0%	57.7%	26.6%	29.0%	25.9%	38.5%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 1.8	± 2.6	± 6.9	± 3.9	± 5.6	± 9.7	± 3.8	± 5.1	± 2.1	± 1.9	± 3.4	± 6.4

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	1,451.6	977.9	46.2	427.6	134.0	58.0	198.7	129.8	761.5	560.4	357.4	229.7
RSE (%)	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	4	2	2	2	3
2020 Year to date	329.4	220.4	10.2	98.7	29.3	12.6	36.2	23.2	179.4	131.5	84.4	53.1
2021 Year to date	406.3	275.7	12.3	118.3	36.9	16.1	47.3	32.5	219.5	161.2	102.6	65.9
RSE (%)	2	2	3	1	3	5	3	3	2	2	2	2
Year to date percent change²	23.4%	25.1%	20.6%	19.9%	25.9%	27.8%	30.7%	40.1%	22.4%	22.6%	21.6%	24.1%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 0.9	± 0.9	± 5.7	± 2.0	± 3.8	± 11.7	± 2.5	± 3.3	± 1.1	± 1.0	± 2.7	± 2.2
2020												
March	115.9	78.3	3.9	33.8	9.2	4.4	13.7	9.1	63.4	46.8	29.6	18.0
April	96.0	63.3	2.8	29.8	4.9	2.9	13.8	9.1	54.6	38.4	22.7	12.9
May	104.4	66.1	3.3	35.1	9.2	4.3	15.5	9.9	55.6	37.2	24.2	14.7
June	124.0	84.3	3.9	35.8	12.9	5.8	18.2	12.9	63.4	45.4	29.4	20.2
July	135.4	92.1	4.2	39.1	12.7	5.7	21.3	13.4	68.7	51.4	32.6	21.6
August	126.2	89.9	4.6	31.7	9.9	5.2	17.6	12.6	68.4	51.1	30.3	21.0
September	133.3	94.7	3.9	34.7	13.2	6.4	19.9	14.0	69.0	52.0	31.2	22.3
October	132.9	95.3	5.2	32.5	11.5	5.5	21.1	13.8	68.7	53.5	31.7	22.6
November	120.0	79.5	4.0	36.5	12.5	5.1	16.8	10.3	61.5	45.5	29.2	18.7
December	133.6	88.5	3.5	41.5	12.5	5.2	16.0	10.3	66.9	51.3	38.2	21.7
2021												
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 (r)	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 (p)	158.3	110.8	5.4	42.1	13.1	6.5	21.0	15.1	85.0	63.1	39.1	26.1
Average RSE (%) ¹	2	2	3	2	4	5	3	4	2	2	2	3

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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, 2021.

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
2020												
March	159	89	S	68	17	7	12	8	82	50	48	24
April	163	89	S	72	16	8	12	7	84	50	51	24
May	171	93	S	76	15	8	13	8	94	54	49	23
June	164	91	S	71	14	8	13	8	91	52	46	23
July	167	93	S	71	13	7	13	8	91	54	50	24
August	169	98	S	69	14	8	10	7	94	58	51	25
September	178	104	S	72	17	10	11	9	97	59	53	26
October	182	106	S	73	21	11	11	9	97	60	53	26
November	187	108	S	76	23	12	12	10	101	61	51	25
December	186	103	S	80	22	12	12	8	98	60	54	23
2021												
January (r)	204	114	S	87	23	12	12	9	111	66	58	27
February (r)	215	122	S	90	24	12	16	12	117	71	58	27
March (p)	217	124	S	91	23	11	14	10	121	75	59	28
Average RSE (%) ¹	7	6	X	10	16	18	12	13	8	8	10	11
Percent Change ²												
Mar. 2021 from Feb. 2021	0.9%	1.6%	S	1.1%	-4.2%	-8.3%	-12.5%	-16.7%	3.4%	5.6%	1.7%	3.7%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 3.8	± 5.0	X	± 8.0	± 7.8	± 9.5	± 15.9	± 22.8	± 5.5	± 5.9	± 7.7	± 11.4
Mar. 2021 from Mar. 2020	36.5%	39.3%	S	33.8%	35.3%	57.1%	16.7%	25.0%	47.6%	50.0%	22.9%	16.7%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 10.3	± 13.4	X	± 19.3	± 47.7	± 40.2	± 23.5	± 28.9	± 17.1	± 20.0	± 12.2	± 19.7

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
2020												
March	161.2	91.6	2.0	67.6	16.9	7.7	12.7	8.8	81.9	50.5	49.7	24.5
April	166.7	93.8	1.7	71.3	16.0	7.9	13.3	8.8	84.5	51.7	53.0	25.3
May	172.0	95.4	1.7	74.9	15.5	8.9	13.4	8.7	93.7	54.1	49.4	23.6
June	169.8	93.7	2.4	73.6	14.9	8.6	12.0	8.2	94.5	52.9	48.4	24.1
July	168.2	96.4	2.6	69.2	13.5	7.3	12.9	8.6	90.9	55.9	50.8	24.6
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
2021												
January (r)	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 (r)	212.9	118.3	2.9	91.7	24.5	12.1	16.5	11.3	115.0	68.6	57.0	26.3
March (p)	223.5	129.6	2.5	91.4	23.8	12.0	16.2	11.7	122.8	76.9	60.6	29.1
Average RSE (%) ¹	7	6	29	10	16	18	12	13	8	8	10	11

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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, 2021.

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 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
2020												
March	1,269	880	S	376	84	58	162	117	705	461	318	244
April	934	679	S	240	50	23	135	100	569	412	180	144
May	1,038	728	S	302	69	35	142	97	513	407	314	189
June	1,265	891	S	367	116	76	210	135	646	481	293	199
July	1,487	992	S	485	131	72	209	136	839	562	308	222
August	1,373	1,022	S	330	86	58	241	158	704	551	342	255
September	1,437	1,097	S	335	124	67	209	126	753	636	351	268
October	1,530	1,179	S	336	84	56	209	154	852	681	385	288
November	1,553	1,181	S	356	143	70	189	134	805	657	416	320
December	1,670	1,322	S	338	136	84	246	219	840	694	448	325
2021												
January (r)	1,642	1,152	S	477	206	79	211	165	821	649	404	259
February (r)	1,457	1,074	S	367	111	70	136	111	770	576	440	317
March (p)	1,739	1,238	S	477	182	90	303	232	874	639	380	277
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	4	X	16	20	17	13	13	7	6	9	8
Percent Change ²												
Mar. 2021 from Feb. 2021	19.4%	15.3%	S	30.0%	64.0%	28.6%	122.8%	109.0%	13.5%	10.9%	-13.6%	-12.6%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 13.7	± 17.4	X	± 43.0	± 95.7	± 84.5	± 130.0	± 158.5	± 14.3	± 17.3	± 19.7	± 23.4
Mar. 2021 from Mar. 2020	37.0%	40.7%	S	26.9%	116.7%	55.2%	87.0%	98.3%	24.0%	38.6%	19.5%	13.5%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 15.2	± 15.0	X	± 42.2	± 68.3	± 35.3	± 52.2	± 52.2	± 19.9	± 16.8	± 25.9	± 29.2

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	329.2	214.4	3.1	111.8	28.9	11.5	31.1	21.2	185.2	126.6	84.0	55.0
2021 Year to date	362.7	256.5	4.2	102.0	35.5	15.3	39.8	28.6	195.0	148.6	92.3	63.9
RSE (%)	4	3	29	12	17	10	6	5	4	4	6	5
Year to date percent change²	10.2%	19.6%	36.1%	-8.7%	23.1%	33.1%	28.0%	35.2%	5.3%	17.3%	10.0%	16.1%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 7.2	± 5.7	± 103.3	± 18.9	± 36.2	± 19.9	± 16.4	± 20.5	± 10.3	± 7.2	± 11.2	± 12.6
2020												
March	104.5	74.0	1.0	29.5	6.3	4.3	11.3	7.8	60.2	41.0	26.6	20.8
April	84.9	63.1	1.3	20.5	4.4	2.1	12.4	9.5	51.3	37.9	16.7	13.7
May	95.1	67.5	0.7	26.9	6.2	3.1	14.4	10.4	45.7	36.3	28.8	17.7
June	118.8	86.8	0.6	31.4	11.2	7.8	20.7	14.4	59.5	45.4	27.3	19.2
July	138.7	93.9	0.9	43.8	12.8	7.5	20.7	14.1	76.3	51.2	28.8	21.0
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
2021												
January (r)	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 (r)	103.1	74.8	1.2	27.0	6.5	3.5	7.1	5.2	57.8	43.5	31.7	22.7
March (p)	144.4	103.7	2.0	38.8	14.4	6.9	21.5	15.7	76.5	57.4	32.1	23.7
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	4	45	16	20	17	13	13	7	6	9	8

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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
2020												
March	1,217	533	S	671	179	56	154	77	539	255	345	145
April	1,192	515	S	664	178	54	152	75	528	245	334	141
May	1,177	508	S	657	174	54	147	73	519	239	337	142
June	1,184	509	S	663	175	55	150	74	522	239	337	141
July	1,197	514	S	672	177	55	154	75	533	244	333	140
August	1,209	526	S	672	176	56	159	79	541	251	333	140
September	1,215	542	S	662	179	57	160	80	545	263	331	142
October	1,225	565	S	649	179	57	162	83	551	277	333	148
November	1,247	586	S	650	180	56	163	83	564	291	340	156
December	1,266	611	S	645	178	57	163	86	576	303	349	165
2021												
January (r)	1,287	622	S	654	183	58	165	87	582	309	357	168
February (r)	1,296	626	S	659	183	58	162	85	583	309	368	174
March (p)	1,306	636	S	658	184	58	167	91	586	310	369	177
Average RSE (%) ¹	3	3	X	5	6	8	4	5	4	6	5	6
Percent Change ²												
Mar. 2021 from Feb. 2021	0.8%	1.6%	S	-0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	3.1%	7.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	1.7%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 0.9	± 1.4	X	± 1.1	± 1.6	± 3.1	± 4.4	± 3.6	± 1.1	± 1.9	± 1.4	± 1.9
Mar. 2021 from Mar. 2020	7.3%	19.3%	S	-1.9%	2.8%	3.6%	8.4%	18.2%	8.7%	21.6%	7.0%	22.1%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 3.1	± 3.8	X	± 4.3	± 8.2	± 11.1	± 7.0	± 7.3	± 5.0	± 5.4	± 5.4	± 8.7

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
2020												
March	1,199.9	514.8	12.8	672.3	177.1	53.6	148.9	71.5	534.4	250.3	339.5	139.4
April	1,189.2	509.7	13.1	666.4	177.7	53.6	147.9	70.7	529.3	245.0	334.4	140.5
May	1,183.3	510.1	11.8	661.4	173.9	53.5	146.1	71.4	523.5	241.6	339.8	143.6
June	1,193.2	517.7	11.6	663.8	175.2	55.4	150.9	74.5	527.9	244.7	339.2	143.2
July	1,215.6	532.8	11.1	671.8	178.7	56.7	157.5	78.6	541.2	252.1	338.2	145.4
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
2021												
January (r)	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 (r)	1,273.0	599.5	10.9	662.6	181.1	55.7	156.5	78.6	574.4	299.1	360.9	166.1
March (p)	1,285.1	614.8	11.8	658.5	182.1	56.4	159.7	84.0	580.1	303.7	363.1	170.7
Average RSE (%) ¹	3	3	18	5	6	8	4	5	4	6	5	6

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² 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
2020												
March	1,280	907	S	365	78	46	202	131	706	524	294	206
April	1,212	885	S	318	59	32	169	125	709	551	275	177
May	1,180	838	S	328	95	51	183	112	621	486	281	189
June	1,245	929	S	311	71	57	186	130	670	504	318	238
July	1,338	948	S	380	103	72	150	110	722	528	363	238
August	1,216	895	S	312	95	53	170	111	611	481	340	250
September	1,411	912	S	487	101	46	205	122	739	498	366	246
October	1,343	883	S	444	96	58	194	117	710	485	343	223
November	1,227	897	S	320	110	54	165	139	632	487	320	217
December	1,376	950	S	413	123	64	189	138	725	534	339	214
2021												
January (r)	1,332	1,016	S	311	109	72	178	149	745	573	300	222
February (r)	1,355	1,044	S	301	109	65	193	157	740	578	313	244
March (p)	1,580	1,099	S	476	142	81	227	128	865	655	346	235
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	5	X	13	17	17	13	11	7	7	10	9
Percent Change ²												
Mar. 2021 from Feb. 2021	16.6%	5.3%	S	58.1%	30.3%	24.6%	17.6%	-18.5%	16.9%	13.3%	10.5%	-3.7%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 14.0	± 11.7	X	± 62.9	± 81.8	± 40.9	± 40.6	± 35.2	± 18.6	± 21.9	± 21.4	± 20.2
Mar. 2021 from Mar. 2020	23.4%	21.2%	S	30.4%	82.1%	76.1%	12.4%	-2.3%	22.5%	25.0%	17.7%	14.1%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 13.7	± 13.8	X	± 41.7	± 81.7	± 110.9	± 40.9	± 25.0	± 15.5	± 23.5	± 28.1	± 22.4

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	282.7	205.7	2.0	75.1	19.9	13.2	40.1	27.8	148.4	114.6	74.3	50.1
2021 Year to date	314.7	234.6	1.3	78.8	25.7	15.4	41.8	29.7	176.8	137.8	70.5	51.8
RSE (%)	3	3	32	9	11	15	8	4	5	4	6	6
Year to date percent change²	11.3%	14.1%	-31.4%	4.9%	29.0%	17.1%	4.4%	6.8%	19.1%	20.2%	-5.1%	3.3%
90 percent confidence interval ³	± 6.1	± 6.2	± 39.3	± 16.2	± 26.0	± 34.4	± 17.2	± 10.8	± 8.6	± 8.1	± 9.7	± 12.0
2020												
March	101.7	72.3	0.6	28.7	5.6	3.1	15.5	9.9	57.2	42.9	23.4	16.5
April	94.6	69.3	0.7	24.6	4.3	2.2	13.5	10.1	55.7	43.5	21.0	13.4
May	98.5	69.5	1.2	27.7	7.9	4.1	15.3	9.3	51.6	40.3	23.6	15.9
June	110.7	81.8	0.4	28.5	6.7	5.4	16.4	11.2	58.5	43.3	29.2	21.8
July	117.1	79.5	0.9	36.7	9.2	6.2	12.9	9.0	63.7	45.0	31.3	19.3
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
2021												
January (r)	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 (r)	94.7	74.0	0.7	20.1	7.1	4.2	12.6	10.2	52.7	41.9	22.3	17.7
March (p)	126.4	88.4	0.4	37.6	10.7	5.9	17.3	9.5	70.7	54.1	27.7	19.0
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	5	48	13	17	17	13	11	7	7	10	9

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