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**NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN APRIL 2009**

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for April 2009:

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in April were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 494,000. This is 3.3 percent ( $\pm 2.3\%$ ) below the revised March rate of 511,000 and is 50.2 percent ( $\pm 1.4\%$ ) below the revised April 2008 estimate of 991,000.

Single-family authorizations in April were at a rate of 373,000; this is 3.6 percent ( $\pm 2.2\%$ ) above the revised March figure of 360,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 103,000 in April.

**HOUSING STARTS**

Privately-owned housing starts in April were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 458,000. This is 12.8 percent ( $\pm 13.0\%$ )\* below the revised March estimate of 525,000 and is 54.2 percent ( $\pm 6.0\%$ ) below the revised April 2008 rate of 1,001,000.

Single-family housing starts in April were at a rate of 368,000; this is 2.8 percent ( $\pm 16.3\%$ )\* above the revised March figure of 358,000. The April rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 78,000.

**HOUSING COMPLETIONS**

Privately-owned housing completions in April were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 874,000. This is 4.9 percent ( $\pm 16.6\%$ )\* above the revised March estimate of 833,000, but is 15.0 percent ( $\pm 13.6\%$ ) below the revised April 2008 rate of 1,028,000.

Single-family housing completions in April were at a rate of 549,000; this is 0.2 percent ( $\pm 14.9\%$ )\* above the revised March figure of 548,000. The April rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 313,000.

*New Residential Construction data for May 2009 will be released on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 8:30 A.M. EDT.*

*Our Internet site is: <http://www.census.gov/newresconst>*

**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 3 months to establish an underlying trend for building permit authorizations, 4 months for total starts, and 5 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 ( $\pm 3.2\%$ ) above" appears in the text, this indicates the range (-0.7 to +5.7 percent) in which the actual percent change is likely to have occurred. All ranges given for percent 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 percent changes shown in the tables. On average, the preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates of total building permits, housing starts and housing completions are revised about two percent or less. Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our web site listed above.

*Unadjusted estimates of housing units authorized by building permits for January through December 2008 have been revised. Also, seasonally adjusted estimates of housing units authorized by building permits, started, under construction and completed for January 2007 through March 2009 have been revised.*

\* 90% confidence interval includes zero. The Census Bureau does not have sufficient statistical evidence to conclude that the actual change is different from zero.

**Table 1. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized in Permit-Issuing Places**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| Period                                     | United States |                       |               |                 | Northeast     |               | Midwest       |               | South         |               | West          |               |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Total         | In structures with -- |               |                 | Total         | 1 unit        |
|  |               | 1 unit                | 2 to 4 units  | 5 units or more |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Seasonally adjusted annual rate            |               |                       |               |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2007: <sup>f</sup> January                 | 1,626         | 1,174                 | 70            | 382             | 184           | 98            | 267           | 178           | 785           | 602           | 390           | 296           |
| February                                   | 1,598         | 1,136                 | 70            | 392             | 144           | 81            | 222           | 154           | 815           | 606           | 417           | 295           |
| March                                      | 1,596         | 1,147                 | 69            | 380             | 164           | 90            | 244           | 178           | 777           | 582           | 411           | 297           |
| April                                      | 1,470         | 1,058                 | 60            | 352             | 159           | 89            | 222           | 164           | 727           | 542           | 362           | 263           |
| May  | 1,493         | 1,042                 | 64            | 387             | 145           | 88            | 226           | 166           | 766           | 537           | 356           | 251           |
| June                                       | 1,407         | 995                   | 57            | 355             | 153           | 87            | 219           | 163           | 705           | 506           | 330           | 239           |
| July                                       | 1,361         | 978                   | 57            | 326             | 151           | 84            | 207           | 152           | 666           | 502           | 337           | 240           |
| August                                     | 1,321         | 916                   | 57            | 348             | 150           | 84            | 194           | 149           | 622           | 470           | 355           | 213           |
| September                                  | 1,261         | 855                   | 50            | 356             | 136           | 77            | 202           | 143           | 626           | 452           | 297           | 183           |
| October                                    | 1,192         | 821                   | 50            | 321             | 146           | 77            | 185           | 133           | 559           | 420           | 302           | 191           |
| November                                   | 1,224         | 795                   | 52            | 377             | 131           | 71            | 188           | 135           | 625           | 424           | 280           | 165           |
| December                                   | 1,149         | 742                   | 57            | 350             | 136           | 73            | 169           | 116           | 584           | 398           | 260           | 155           |
| 2008: <sup>f</sup> January                 | 1,102         | 711                   | 41            | 350             | 130           | 70            | 182           | 114           | 573           | 390           | 217           | 137           |
| February                                   | 1,015         | 665                   | 39            | 311             | 110           | 70            | 140           | 98            | 516           | 358           | 249           | 139           |
| March                                      | 968           | 634                   | 36            | 298             | 115           | 64            | 131           | 95            | 525           | 344           | 197           | 131           |
| April                                      | 991           | 647                   | 39            | 305             | 108           | 63            | 156           | 107           | 505           | 341           | 222           | 136           |
| May  | 978           | 629                   | 35            | 314             | 140           | 61            | 144           | 105           | 463           | 327           | 231           | 136           |
| June                                       | 1,174         | 605                   | 36            | 533             | 303           | 56            | 151           | 99            | 478           | 315           | 242           | 135           |
| July                                       | 924           | 575                   | 35            | 314             | 100           | 58            | 145           | 95            | 483           | 302           | 196           | 120           |
| August                                     | 857           | 548                   | 34            | 275             | 85            | 60            | 142           | 89            | 444           | 282           | 186           | 117           |
| September                                  | 806           | 529                   | 38            | 239             | 92            | 56            | 134           | 90            | 410           | 275           | 170           | 108           |
| October                                    | 729           | 470                   | 33            | 226             | 76            | 49            | 131           | 82            | 364           | 245           | 158           | 94            |
| November                                   | 630           | 422                   | 21            | 187             | 72            | 47            | 98            | 74            | 306           | 215           | 154           | 86            |
| December                                   | 564           | 370                   | 20            | 174             | 60            | 42            | 85            | 54            | 302           | 199           | 117           | 75            |
| 2009: January <sup>f</sup>                 | 531           | 342                   | 20            | 169             | 58            | 41            | 83            | 49            | 274           | 187           | 116           | 65            |
| February <sup>f</sup>                      | 550           | 381                   | 17            | 152             | 71            | 37            | 85            | 69            | 293           | 209           | 101           | 66            |
| March <sup>f</sup>                         | 511           | 360                   | 20            | 131             | 56            | 35            | 83            | 58            | 266           | 200           | 106           | 67            |
| <b>April<sup>g</sup></b>                   | <b>494</b>    | <b>373</b>            | <b>18</b>     | <b>103</b>      | <b>52</b>     | <b>36</b>     | <b>79</b>     | <b>62</b>     | <b>257</b>    | <b>196</b>    | <b>106</b>    | <b>79</b>     |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>               | 1             | 1                     | 5             | 2               | 4             | 3             | 3             | 4             | 1             | 1             | 2             | 3             |
| <b>Percent Change:</b>                     |               |                       |               |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <i>April 2009 from March 2009</i>          | <b>-3.3%</b>  | <b>3.6%</b>           | <b>-10.0%</b> | <b>-21.4%</b>   | <b>-7.1%</b>  | <b>2.9%</b>   | <b>-4.8%</b>  | <b>6.9%</b>   | <b>-3.4%</b>  | <b>-2.0%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b>   | <b>17.9%</b>  |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i> | ± 2.3         | ± 2.2                 | ± 7.1         | ± 6.2           | ± 4.2         | ± 5.0         | ± 8.3         | ± 9.1         | ± 3.3         | ± 3.7         | ± 4.3         | ± 4.8         |
| <i>April 2009 from April 2008</i>          | <b>-50.2%</b> | <b>-42.3%</b>         | <b>-53.8%</b> | <b>-66.2%</b>   | <b>-51.9%</b> | <b>-42.9%</b> | <b>-49.4%</b> | <b>-42.1%</b> | <b>-49.1%</b> | <b>-42.5%</b> | <b>-52.3%</b> | <b>-41.9%</b> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i> | ± 1.4         | ± 1.3                 | ± 7.0         | ± 3.1           | ± 3.1         | ± 3.7         | ± 5.1         | ± 5.6         | ± 1.7         | ± 1.9         | ± 2.3         | ± 2.6         |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized in Permit-Issuing Places - Continued**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| Period   | United States |                       |               |                 | Northeast     |               | Midwest       |               | South         |               | West          |               |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Total         | In structures with -- |               |                 | Total         | 1 unit        |
|  |               | 1 unit                | 2 to 4 units  | 5 units or more |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Not seasonally adjusted                        |               |                       |               |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2007   | 1,398.4       | 979.9                 | 59.6          | 359.0           | 150.6         | 83.7          | 211.7         | 153.8         | 692.2         | 507.5         | 343.9         | 234.9         |
| 2008 <sup>f</sup>                              | 905.4         | 575.6                 | 34.4          | 295.4           | 119.0         | 58.0          | 137.7         | 93.2          | 451.9         | 304.3         | 196.7         | 120.0         |
| RSE (%)  | (X)           | (X)                   | (X)           | (X)             | (X)           | (X)           | (X)           | (X)           | (X)           | (X)           | (X)           | (X)           |
| 2008: First 4 months <sup>3</sup>              | 323.4         | 212.5                 | 12.3          | 98.6            | 34.0          | 18.5          | 43.6          | 29.9          | 175.2         | 120.1         | 70.6          | 44.0          |
| 2009: First 4 months <sup>3</sup>              | 165.0         | 116.7                 | 6.1           | 42.3            | 17.1          | 10.8          | 22.7          | 16.7          | 91.0          | 66.8          | 34.3          | 22.4          |
| RSE (%)  | 1             | 1                     | 3             | (Z)             | 3             | 4             | 3             | 2             | 1             | 1             | 2             | 2             |
| <b>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>4</sup></b> | <b>-49.0%</b> | <b>-45.1%</b>         | <b>-50.4%</b> | <b>-57.1%</b>   | <b>-49.7%</b> | <b>-41.8%</b> | <b>-47.9%</b> | <b>-44.2%</b> | <b>-48.1%</b> | <b>-44.4%</b> | <b>-51.5%</b> | <b>-49.0%</b> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i>     | <i>± 1.1</i>  | <i>± 1.4</i>          | <i>± 5.1</i>  | <i>± 1.5</i>    | <i>± 2.6</i>  | <i>± 3.3</i>  | <i>± 3.7</i>  | <i>± 4.3</i>  | <i>± 0.8</i>  | <i>± 0.9</i>  | <i>± 2.5</i>  | <i>± 3.1</i>  |
| 2007: January                                  | 114.1         | 80.3                  | 5.0           | 28.8            | 12.0          | 6.1           | 14.5          | 9.0           | 60.0          | 45.0          | 27.5          | 20.2          |
| February                                       | 112.1         | 79.4                  | 4.9           | 27.9            | 8.2           | 4.4           | 12.1          | 8.1           | 61.6          | 46.4          | 30.2          | 20.5          |
| March  | 139.4         | 103.4                 | 6.3           | 29.8            | 12.8          | 7.4           | 19.4          | 14.7          | 70.8          | 54.5          | 36.5          | 26.8          |
| April  | 130.9         | 98.6                  | 5.2           | 27.2            | 14.4          | 8.3           | 20.9          | 16.2          | 64.1          | 49.8          | 31.6          | 24.2          |
| May  | 146.0         | 106.6                 | 6.1           | 33.3            | 14.1          | 9.0           | 23.7          | 18.3          | 73.1          | 53.1          | 35.1          | 26.2          |
| June   | 135.6         | 97.2                  | 5.2           | 33.3            | 15.5          | 8.4           | 21.5          | 16.4          | 65.6          | 47.9          | 33.0          | 24.4          |
| July   | 122.5         | 89.8                  | 5.2           | 27.5            | 14.5          | 8.3           | 19.9          | 14.8          | 59.3          | 44.8          | 28.8          | 21.9          |
| August   | 126.0         | 87.5                  | 5.2           | 33.3            | 14.3          | 8.4           | 19.0          | 14.7          | 59.1          | 44.3          | 33.5          | 20.1          |
| September                                      | 100.5         | 66.6                  | 3.9           | 30.0            | 11.2          | 6.4           | 17.7          | 12.2          | 47.8          | 33.7          | 23.8          | 14.3          |
| October  | 103.8         | 70.7                  | 4.3           | 28.8            | 13.7          | 7.2           | 18.0          | 13.2          | 45.9          | 34.5          | 26.2          | 15.9          |
| November                                       | 89.5          | 54.7                  | 4.3           | 30.5            | 10.1          | 5.2           | 14.9          | 9.9           | 44.3          | 28.8          | 20.2          | 10.8          |
| December                                       | 77.8          | 45.2                  | 4.0           | 28.7            | 9.8           | 4.6           | 10.0          | 6.2           | 40.4          | 24.9          | 17.6          | 9.6           |
| 2008: <sup>f</sup> January                     | 77.4          | 48.0                  | 3.0           | 26.4            | 8.2           | 4.4           | 10.1          | 5.8           | 44.0          | 28.6          | 15.1          | 9.2           |
| February                                       | 75.0          | 48.0                  | 3.0           | 24.0            | 6.6           | 4.0           | 7.9           | 5.2           | 41.4          | 28.9          | 19.2          | 9.9           |
| March  | 79.1          | 54.1                  | 3.2           | 21.7            | 8.6           | 5.0           | 9.8           | 7.3           | 44.5          | 30.6          | 16.2          | 11.2          |
| April  | 91.5          | 63.4                  | 3.6           | 24.5            | 10.0          | 6.0           | 15.7          | 11.2          | 45.7          | 33.0          | 20.1          | 13.2          |
| May  | 92.3          | 61.9                  | 3.2           | 27.3            | 12.9          | 5.9           | 14.2          | 11.1          | 42.9          | 31.3          | 22.2          | 13.6          |
| June   | 110.6         | 59.4                  | 3.1           | 48.0            | 30.1          | 5.5           | 14.5          | 10.0          | 43.2          | 30.0          | 22.9          | 13.9          |
| July   | 85.9          | 55.7                  | 3.3           | 26.9            | 10.0          | 5.9           | 14.4          | 9.9           | 43.9          | 28.2          | 17.5          | 11.7          |
| August   | 76.3          | 48.0                  | 2.9           | 25.4            | 7.4           | 5.6           | 13.1          | 8.1           | 39.7          | 24.4          | 16.0          | 10.0          |
| September                                      | 70.9          | 45.9                  | 3.4           | 21.7            | 8.4           | 5.2           | 13.0          | 8.6           | 34.5          | 22.8          | 15.0          | 9.3           |
| October  | 63.7          | 40.4                  | 2.7           | 20.6            | 7.0           | 4.6           | 12.4          | 8.1           | 30.3          | 20.0          | 14.0          | 7.7           |
| November                                       | 41.5          | 26.2                  | 1.5           | 13.8            | 5.0           | 3.1           | 7.3           | 4.9           | 19.3          | 13.1          | 9.9           | 5.1           |
| December                                       | 41.2          | 24.6                  | 1.5           | 15.1            | 4.7           | 2.9           | 5.5           | 3.2           | 22.4          | 13.5          | 8.6           | 5.0           |
| 2009: January                                  | 36.3          | 21.8                  | 1.4           | 13.1            | 3.5           | 2.4           | 4.3           | 2.3           | 20.4          | 13.0          | 8.0           | 4.1           |
| February                                       | 38.0          | 25.9                  | 1.2           | 10.8            | 4.0           | 2.0           | 4.5           | 3.4           | 22.1          | 16.1          | 7.3           | 4.5           |
| March <sup>f</sup>                             | 44.0          | 32.3                  | 1.8           | 10.0            | 4.3           | 2.9           | 6.7           | 4.7           | 24.0          | 18.7          | 8.9           | 6.0           |
| <b>April<sup>p</sup></b>                       | <b>46.0</b>   | <b>36.6</b>           | <b>1.6</b>    | <b>7.8</b>      | <b>4.9</b>    | <b>3.5</b>    | <b>7.7</b>    | <b>6.4</b>    | <b>23.5</b>   | <b>18.9</b>   | <b>9.8</b>    | <b>7.8</b>    |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>                   | 1             | 1                     | 5             | 2               | 4             | 3             | 3             | 4             | 1             | 1             | 2             | 3             |

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>f</sup>Revised. RSE Relative standard error. S Does not meet publication standards because tests for identifiable and stable seasonality do not meet reliability standards.

X Not applicable. Z Relative standard error is less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

<sup>2</sup>See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals

<sup>3</sup>Reflects revisions not distributed to months.

<sup>4</sup>Computed using unrounded data.

**Table 2. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Authorized, but Not Started, at End of Period**

[Not seasonally adjusted. Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| Period                                     | United States |                       |               |                 | Northeast     |               | Midwest       |               | South         |               | West          |               |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Total         | In structures with -- |               |                 | Total         | 1 unit        |
|  |               | 1 unit                | 2 to 4 units  | 5 units or more |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2007: January                              | 199.8         | 131.4                 | 7.9           | 60.5            | 23.0          | 12.2          | 24.6          | 13.6          | 103.0         | 71.9          | 49.3          | 33.7          |
| February                                   | 201.6         | 130.3                 | 7.1           | 64.3            | 22.3          | 12.0          | 27.0          | 14.7          | 102.5         | 71.0          | 49.8          | 32.5          |
| March                                      | 215.7         | 138.0                 | 9.0           | 68.7            | 25.7          | 13.1          | 29.6          | 16.3          | 105.6         | 72.8          | 54.8          | 35.8          |
| April                                      | 206.9         | 132.0                 | 9.2           | 65.7            | 24.9          | 13.6          | 30.6          | 16.7          | 100.7         | 67.0          | 50.7          | 34.7          |
| May  | 213.6         | 131.8                 | 7.4           | 74.4            | 23.0          | 13.4          | 28.1          | 14.7          | 110.4         | 68.5          | 52.1          | 35.2          |
| June                                       | 208.5         | 125.5                 | 7.9           | 75.1            | 22.8          | 11.7          | 25.9          | 12.4          | 108.1         | 66.7          | 51.7          | 34.7          |
| July                                       | 196.6         | 115.3                 | 8.4           | 72.9            | 22.4          | 10.7          | 22.6          | 11.1          | 105.9         | 63.4          | 45.7          | 30.1          |
| August                                     | 195.7         | 119.4                 | 7.3           | 69.0            | 25.7          | 12.4          | 19.5          | 11.2          | 101.0         | 63.7          | 49.5          | 32.2          |
| September                                  | 190.1         | 113.1                 | 6.7           | 70.3            | 22.5          | 12.3          | 20.9          | 11.8          | 97.9          | 59.3          | 48.9          | 29.7          |
| October                                    | 177.7         | 107.2                 | 5.8           | 64.7            | 20.7          | 10.9          | 19.4          | 8.9           | 88.1          | 57.3          | 49.5          | 30.0          |
| November                                   | 175.2         | 107.0                 | 5.0           | 63.2            | 19.6          | 10.6          | 18.2          | 9.3           | 87.7          | 57.7          | 49.7          | 29.5          |
| December                                   | 178.3         | 103.2                 | 5.9           | 69.3            | 20.8          | 10.3          | 19.6          | 9.4           | 87.4          | 53.9          | 50.5          | 29.6          |
| 2008: January                              | 182.0         | 105.3                 | 6.0           | 70.7            | 20.7          | 9.7           | 21.1          | 10.3          | 91.3          | 55.0          | 48.9          | 30.3          |
| February                                   | 176.7         | 104.9                 | 6.4           | 65.3            | 19.6          | 9.8           | 20.1          | 10.4          | 87.9          | 55.6          | 49.1          | 29.1          |
| March                                      | 168.1         | 99.8                  | 5.6           | 62.6            | 16.1          | 9.7           | 19.7          | 9.8           | 86.6          | 52.7          | 45.7          | 27.7          |
| April                                      | 164.8         | 100.5                 | 5.0           | 59.3            | 17.1          | 9.5           | 20.4          | 11.7          | 85.2          | 53.6          | 42.1          | 25.6          |
| May  | 163.7         | 98.4                  | 5.5           | 59.9            | 17.6          | 8.9           | 21.3          | 11.6          | 81.5          | 51.6          | 43.3          | 26.2          |
| June                                       | 166.2         | 94.3                  | 5.5           | 66.4            | 24.1          | 8.7           | 20.9          | 11.1          | 75.7          | 47.3          | 45.5          | 27.2          |
| July                                       | 159.0         | 91.4                  | 4.8           | 62.9            | 19.4          | 8.3           | 18.8          | 10.4          | 76.7          | 47.3          | 44.1          | 25.4          |
| August                                     | 152.5         | 83.1                  | 4.9           | 64.4            | 13.9          | 7.6           | 18.6          | 8.5           | 78.9          | 45.1          | 41.0          | 21.9          |
| September                                  | 143.6         | 80.9                  | 5.0           | 57.6            | 13.4          | 7.7           | 16.8          | 9.3           | 73.0          | 42.7          | 40.4          | 21.1          |
| October                                    | 129.4         | 73.8                  | 5.0           | 50.7            | 11.8          | 6.2           | 14.9          | 8.8           | 65.1          | 39.9          | 37.6          | 18.8          |
| November                                   | 118.3         | 65.4                  | 4.9           | 47.9            | 12.0          | 6.4           | 13.5          | 6.8           | 56.4          | 36.1          | 36.4          | 16.1          |
| December                                   | 116.6         | 64.6                  | 4.1           | 47.8            | 12.2          | 6.4           | 13.4          | 6.3           | 56.4          | 35.5          | 34.6          | 16.4          |
| 2009: January                              | 118.1         | 62.2                  | 5.6           | 50.2            | 13.4          | 7.2           | 14.3          | 6.2           | 58.1          | 33.9          | 32.4          | 14.9          |
| February <sup>f</sup>                      | 112.9         | 61.5                  | 5.9           | 45.6            | 13.7          | 7.5           | 13.4          | 6.9           | 54.5          | 33.0          | 31.4          | 14.0          |
| March <sup>f</sup>                         | 110.5         | 62.5                  | 4.1           | 43.9            | 12.4          | 6.6           | 11.9          | 7.3           | 53.8          | 34.2          | 32.4          | 14.3          |
| <b>April<sup>p</sup></b>                   | <b>111.8</b>  | <b>65.0</b>           | <b>4.2</b>    | <b>42.6</b>     | <b>12.8</b>   | <b>6.8</b>    | <b>12.2</b>   | <b>8.0</b>    | <b>56.0</b>   | <b>35.2</b>   | <b>30.8</b>   | <b>15.0</b>   |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>               | 5             | 7                     | 15            | 6               | 13            | 19            | 11            | 12            | 7             | 10            | 11            | 16            |
| <b>Percent Change:<sup>2</sup></b>         |               |                       |               |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <i>April 2009 from March 2009</i>          | <b>1.2%</b>   | <b>4.0%</b>           | <b>2.6%</b>   | <b>-3.0%</b>    | <b>3.3%</b>   | <b>1.6%</b>   | <b>2.0%</b>   | <b>9.5%</b>   | <b>4.1%</b>   | <b>2.8%</b>   | <b>-4.8%</b>  | <b>5.3%</b>   |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i> | ± 2.9         | ± 3.9                 | ± 14.6        | ± 4.2           | ± 8.0         | ± 11.9        | ± 10.2        | ± 12.8        | ± 3.8         | ± 4.2         | ± 4.5         | ± 8.0         |
| <i>April 2009 from April 2008</i>          | <b>-32.1%</b> | <b>-35.3%</b>         | <b>-16.0%</b> | <b>-28.2%</b>   | <b>-25.3%</b> | <b>-29.0%</b> | <b>-40.3%</b> | <b>-31.4%</b> | <b>-34.3%</b> | <b>-34.4%</b> | <b>-26.7%</b> | <b>-41.3%</b> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i> | ± 4.3         | ± 4.5                 | ± 18.5        | ± 10.9          | ± 10.7        | ± 10.1        | ± 11.0        | ± 15.5        | ± 6.0         | ± 5.7         | ± 10.4        | ± 10.4        |

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>f</sup>Revised. RSE Relative Standard Error.

<sup>1</sup>Average RSE 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% 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.

**Table 3. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| Period                                     | United States |                       |              |                 | Northeast     |               | Midwest       |               | South         |               | West          |               |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Total         | In structures with -- |              |                 | Total         | 1 unit        |
|  |               | 1 unit                | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Seasonally adjusted annual rate            |               |                       |              |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2007: <sup>f</sup> January                 | 1,409         | 1,130                 | (S)          | 256             | 178           | 116           | 191           | 178           | 712           | 602           | 328           | 234           |
| February                                   | 1,480         | 1,189                 | (S)          | 262             | 137           | 94            | 163           | 145           | 796           | 651           | 384           | 299           |
| March                                      | 1,495         | 1,202                 | (S)          | 256             | 131           | 93            | 234           | 201           | 752           | 615           | 378           | 293           |
| April                                      | 1,490         | 1,197                 | (S)          | 256             | 166           | 106           | 206           | 176           | 732           | 615           | 386           | 300           |
| May  | 1,415         | 1,130                 | (S)          | 252             | 158           | 101           | 243           | 192           | 688           | 569           | 326           | 268           |
| June                                       | 1,448         | 1,131                 | (S)          | 279             | 159           | 112           | 232           | 195           | 708           | 546           | 349           | 278           |
| July                                       | 1,354         | 1,042                 | (S)          | 273             | 148           | 89            | 237           | 176           | 638           | 520           | 331           | 257           |
| August                                     | 1,330         | 957                   | (S)          | 336             | 98            | 75            | 239           | 169           | 695           | 504           | 298           | 209           |
| September                                  | 1,183         | 935                   | (S)          | 219             | 144           | 78            | 174           | 154           | 592           | 487           | 273           | 216           |
| October                                    | 1,264         | 878                   | (S)          | 347             | 159           | 95            | 203           | 170           | 625           | 431           | 277           | 182           |
| November                                   | 1,197         | 833                   | (S)          | 343             | 130           | 84            | 213           | 143           | 598           | 432           | 256           | 174           |
| December                                   | 1,037         | 805                   | (S)          | 221             | 106           | 77            | 139           | 121           | 571           | 452           | 221           | 155           |
| 2008: <sup>f</sup> January                 | 1,083         | 764                   | (S)          | 292             | 134           | 100           | 158           | 120           | 549           | 419           | 242           | 125           |
| February                                   | 1,100         | 722                   | (S)          | 349             | 126           | 65            | 154           | 111           | 574           | 377           | 246           | 169           |
| March                                      | 993           | 717                   | (S)          | 260             | 116           | 68            | 136           | 109           | 514           | 380           | 227           | 160           |
| April                                      | 1,001         | 676                   | (S)          | 310             | 92            | 58            | 162           | 101           | 505           | 353           | 242           | 164           |
| May  | 971           | 679                   | (S)          | 273             | 123           | 67            | 138           | 113           | 492           | 361           | 218           | 138           |
| June                                       | 1,078         | 655                   | (S)          | 401             | 249           | 63            | 137           | 111           | 485           | 344           | 207           | 137           |
| July                                       | 933           | 632                   | (S)          | 287             | 162           | 68            | 153           | 108           | 436           | 316           | 182           | 140           |
| August                                     | 849           | 612                   | (S)          | 222             | 134           | 63            | 128           | 113           | 397           | 300           | 190           | 136           |
| September                                  | 822           | 549                   | (S)          | 254             | 112           | 57            | 138           | 87            | 408           | 288           | 164           | 117           |
| October                                    | 763           | 534                   | (S)          | 219             | 76            | 57            | 121           | 95            | 407           | 267           | 159           | 115           |
| November                                   | 655           | 457                   | (S)          | 180             | 56            | 41            | 107           | 88            | 355           | 233           | 137           | 95            |
| December                                   | 556           | 393                   | (S)          | 154             | 63            | 51            | 76            | 60            | 283           | 202           | 134           | 80            |
| 2009: January <sup>f</sup>                 | 488           | 357                   | (S)          | 118             | 38            | 28            | 58            | 46            | 254           | 200           | 138           | 83            |
| February <sup>f</sup>                      | 574           | 357                   | (S)          | 204             | 62            | 37            | 93            | 54            | 306           | 205           | 113           | 61            |
| March <sup>f</sup>                         | 525           | 358                   | (S)          | 135             | 72            | 44            | 98            | 56            | 275           | 194           | 80            | 64            |
| <b>April<sup>p</sup></b>                   | <b>458</b>    | <b>368</b>            | <b>(S)</b>   | <b>78</b>       | <b>50</b>     | <b>38</b>     | <b>77</b>     | <b>64</b>     | <b>217</b>    | <b>185</b>    | <b>114</b>    | <b>81</b>     |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>               | 5             | 5                     | (X)          | 15              | 15            | 18            | 15            | 15            | 8             | 7             | 10            | 10            |
| <b>Percent Change:</b>                     |               |                       |              |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <i>April 2009 from March 2009</i>          | <i>-12.8%</i> | <i>2.8%</i>           | <i>(S)</i>   | <i>-42.2%</i>   | <i>-30.6%</i> | <i>-13.6%</i> | <i>-21.4%</i> | <i>14.3%</i>  | <i>-21.1%</i> | <i>-4.6%</i>  | <i>42.5%</i>  | <i>26.6%</i>  |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i> | <i>± 13.0</i> | <i>± 16.3</i>         | <i>(X)</i>   | <i>± 25.8</i>   | <i>± 36.4</i> | <i>± 70.0</i> | <i>± 32.2</i> | <i>± 46.9</i> | <i>± 14.8</i> | <i>± 15.3</i> | <i>± 40.0</i> | <i>± 32.9</i> |
| <i>April 2009 from April 2008</i>          | <i>-54.2%</i> | <i>-45.6%</i>         | <i>(S)</i>   | <i>-74.8%</i>   | <i>-45.7%</i> | <i>-34.5%</i> | <i>-52.5%</i> | <i>-36.6%</i> | <i>-57.0%</i> | <i>-47.6%</i> | <i>-52.9%</i> | <i>-50.6%</i> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i> | <i>± 6.0</i>  | <i>± 6.3</i>          | <i>(X)</i>   | <i>± 10.6</i>   | <i>± 17.1</i> | <i>± 22.2</i> | <i>± 12.3</i> | <i>± 15.3</i> | <i>± 7.0</i>  | <i>± 6.9</i>  | <i>± 13.6</i> | <i>± 9.7</i>  |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 3. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started - Continued**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| Period  | United States |                       |               |                 | Northeast     |               | Midwest       |               | South         |               | West          |               |
|---|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | Total         | In structures with -- |               |                 | Total         | 1 unit        |
|   |               | 1 unit                | 2 to 4 units  | 5 units or more |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Not seasonally adjusted                         |               |                       |               |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2007  | 1,355.0       | 1,046.0               | 31.7          | 277.3           | 142.9         | 93.0          | 210.1         | 171.1         | 681.1         | 539.5         | 320.9         | 242.4         |
| 2008  | 905.5         | 622.0                 | 17.5          | 266.0           | 121.0         | 62.7          | 134.9         | 102.3         | 453.4         | 323.7         | 196.2         | 133.3         |
| RSE (%)   | 1             | 1                     | 10            | 3               | 3             | 3             | 2             | 2             | 2             | 2             | 2             | 2             |
| 2008: First 4 months                            | 321.0         | 224.5                 | 6.4           | 90.1            | 32.5          | 19.4          | 41.6          | 29.0          | 172.7         | 127.1         | 74.1          | 49.0          |
| 2009: First 4 months                            | 156.6         | 112.2                 | 5.2           | 39.2            | 15.8          | 10.3          | 22.8          | 15.0          | 83.9          | 64.3          | 34.1          | 22.6          |
| RSE (%)   | 2             | 2                     | 20            | 7               | 7             | 6             | 7             | 6             | 3             | 3             | 4             | 5             |
| <i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> <sup>3</sup> | <b>-51.2%</b> | <b>-50.0%</b>         | <b>-17.8%</b> | <b>-56.5%</b>   | <b>-51.3%</b> | <b>-47.2%</b> | <b>-45.3%</b> | <b>-48.3%</b> | <b>-51.4%</b> | <b>-49.4%</b> | <b>-54.0%</b> | <b>-53.9%</b> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>     | ± 2.3         | ± 2.3                 | ± 32.8        | ± 7.6           | ± 5.3         | ± 5.9         | ± 9.5         | ± 5.3         | ± 3.1         | ± 2.9         | ± 4.5         | ± 5.2         |
| 2007: January                                   | 95.0          | 75.4                  | 1.6           | 18.0            | 10.5          | 6.2           | 9.2           | 8.3           | 52.8          | 45.1          | 22.4          | 15.8          |
| February  | 103.1         | 82.9                  | 2.0           | 18.2            | 7.6           | 4.6           | 8.5           | 7.2           | 59.8          | 49.7          | 27.3          | 21.4          |
| March   | 123.8         | 101.3                 | 2.8           | 19.6            | 10.0          | 7.1           | 17.1          | 14.6          | 65.6          | 55.1          | 31.0          | 24.5          |
| April   | 135.6         | 111.4                 | 3.0           | 21.2            | 14.4          | 9.5           | 18.5          | 16.0          | 68.0          | 58.3          | 34.7          | 27.6          |
| May   | 136.5         | 111.4                 | 2.9           | 22.1            | 16.1          | 11.1          | 26.2          | 21.7          | 61.8          | 51.4          | 32.4          | 27.3          |
| June  | 137.8         | 110.1                 | 3.3           | 24.4            | 15.5          | 11.4          | 23.9          | 20.7          | 66.4          | 52.3          | 31.9          | 25.7          |
| July  | 127.9         | 100.1                 | 3.5           | 24.3            | 13.8          | 8.6           | 23.5          | 18.1          | 58.3          | 47.8          | 32.3          | 25.7          |
| August  | 121.2         | 86.6                  | 3.5           | 31.1            | 9.5           | 7.4           | 22.9          | 16.4          | 61.5          | 43.8          | 27.3          | 19.0          |
| September                                       | 101.5         | 78.6                  | 2.6           | 20.3            | 12.7          | 6.6           | 15.6          | 13.8          | 50.2          | 40.6          | 23.0          | 17.7          |
| October   | 115.0         | 77.4                  | 3.8           | 33.8            | 15.0          | 8.8           | 20.0          | 16.8          | 55.2          | 36.3          | 24.7          | 15.5          |
| November  | 88.8          | 58.6                  | 1.8           | 28.4            | 10.4          | 6.5           | 16.7          | 10.9          | 42.5          | 28.8          | 19.2          | 12.4          |
| December  | 68.9          | 52.3                  | 0.8           | 15.9            | 7.4           | 5.4           | 8.0           | 6.7           | 38.9          | 30.3          | 14.6          | 9.9           |
| 2008: January                                   | 70.8          | 48.5                  | 1.9           | 20.4            | 8.2           | 5.8           | 8.2           | 5.5           | 38.0          | 28.9          | 16.5          | 8.3           |
| February  | 78.4          | 51.9                  | 2.0           | 24.5            | 7.6           | 3.3           | 8.7           | 5.7           | 44.2          | 30.4          | 17.9          | 12.5          |
| March   | 82.2          | 61.5                  | 1.2           | 19.5            | 8.6           | 5.0           | 9.7           | 7.7           | 45.2          | 35.1          | 18.6          | 13.6          |
| April   | 89.5          | 62.6                  | 1.3           | 25.7            | 8.2           | 5.3           | 15.0          | 10.0          | 45.3          | 32.6          | 21.1          | 14.6          |
| May   | 91.7          | 66.1                  | 1.7           | 23.9            | 11.7          | 6.8           | 14.2          | 12.0          | 44.9          | 33.4          | 20.8          | 13.8          |
| June  | 102.5         | 65.2                  | 1.9           | 35.3            | 23.0          | 6.6           | 14.1          | 11.8          | 45.8          | 33.4          | 19.5          | 13.4          |
| July  | 86.7          | 59.9                  | 1.2           | 25.6            | 15.1          | 6.8           | 15.4          | 11.4          | 38.7          | 28.1          | 17.4          | 13.7          |
| August  | 76.4          | 54.4                  | 1.4           | 20.6            | 12.7          | 6.1           | 11.9          | 10.5          | 34.7          | 25.8          | 17.0          | 12.0          |
| September                                       | 73.9          | 48.7                  | 1.8           | 23.4            | 9.8           | 4.7           | 13.1          | 8.4           | 36.5          | 25.4          | 14.5          | 10.1          |
| October   | 68.2          | 45.8                  | 1.0           | 21.4            | 7.2           | 5.4           | 11.7          | 9.2           | 35.3          | 21.6          | 14.0          | 9.7           |
| November  | 47.5          | 31.3                  | 1.5           | 14.8            | 4.3           | 3.1           | 8.0           | 6.4           | 25.3          | 15.2          | 9.9           | 6.5           |
| December  | 37.7          | 26.1                  | 0.6           | 11.0            | 4.5           | 3.6           | 4.8           | 3.6           | 19.5          | 13.7          | 9.0           | 5.2           |
| 2009: January                                   | 31.9          | 22.7                  | 0.9           | 8.3             | 2.2           | 1.5           | 2.8           | 2.0           | 17.7          | 13.9          | 9.2           | 5.3           |
| February <sup>f</sup>                           | 39.8          | 24.6                  | 0.9           | 14.3            | 3.6           | 1.8           | 5.4           | 2.7           | 22.8          | 15.8          | 8.0           | 4.3           |
| March <sup>f</sup>                              | 43.6          | 31.0                  | 2.4           | 10.1            | 5.6           | 3.5           | 7.4           | 4.3           | 23.8          | 17.7          | 6.8           | 5.5           |
| <b>April<sup>p</sup></b>                        | <b>41.3</b>   | <b>33.8</b>           | <b>1.0</b>    | <b>6.5</b>      | <b>4.4</b>    | <b>3.4</b>    | <b>7.1</b>    | <b>6.0</b>    | <b>19.5</b>   | <b>16.9</b>   | <b>10.2</b>   | <b>7.4</b>    |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>                    | 5             | 5                     | 34            | 15              | 15            | 18            | 15            | 15            | 8             | 7             | 10            | 10            |

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>r</sup>Revised. RSE Relative standard error. S Does not meet publication standards because tests for identifiable and stable seasonality do not meet reliability standards.

X Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

<sup>2</sup>See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

<sup>3</sup>Computed using unrounded data.

**Table 4. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Under Construction at End of Period**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| Period                                     | United States |                       |              |                 | Northeast    |               | Midwest       |               | South         |               | West          |               |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Total         | In structures with -- |              |                 | Total        | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        |
|  |               | 1 unit                | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more |              |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Seasonally adjusted                        |               |                       |              |                 |              |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2007: <sup>f</sup> January                 | 1,217         | 779                   | (S)          | 405             | 165          | 83            | 183           | 128           | 540           | 360           | 329           | 208           |
| February                                   | 1,206         | 769                   | (S)          | 404             | 165          | 82            | 179           | 126           | 532           | 353           | 330           | 208           |
| March                                      | 1,192         | 757                   | (S)          | 402             | 165          | 81            | 177           | 125           | 523           | 346           | 327           | 205           |
| April                                      | 1,181         | 747                   | (S)          | 402             | 167          | 82            | 174           | 122           | 512           | 339           | 328           | 204           |
| May  | 1,164         | 730                   | (S)          | 403             | 168          | 82            | 174           | 121           | 502           | 329           | 320           | 198           |
| June                                       | 1,161         | 722                   | (S)          | 408             | 167          | 81            | 174           | 121           | 498           | 322           | 322           | 198           |
| July                                       | 1,144         | 709                   | (S)          | 404             | 169          | 82            | 174           | 121           | 483           | 312           | 318           | 194           |
| August                                     | 1,123         | 682                   | (S)          | 410             | 163          | 77            | 178           | 121           | 473           | 299           | 309           | 185           |
| September                                  | 1,108         | 667                   | (S)          | 410             | 164          | 74            | 171           | 118           | 469           | 294           | 304           | 181           |
| October                                    | 1,096         | 649                   | (S)          | 415             | 161          | 71            | 171           | 119           | 464           | 283           | 300           | 176           |
| November                                   | 1,080         | 625                   | (S)          | 425             | 162          | 70            | 170           | 114           | 456           | 274           | 292           | 167           |
| December                                   | 1,059         | 611                   | (S)          | 418             | 157          | 68            | 167           | 111           | 450           | 271           | 285           | 161           |
| 2008: <sup>f</sup> January                 | 1,038         | 591                   | (S)          | 418             | 158          | 69            | 165           | 108           | 438           | 262           | 277           | 152           |
| February                                   | 1,024         | 579                   | (S)          | 417             | 158          | 69            | 161           | 104           | 430           | 254           | 275           | 152           |
| March                                      | 1,014         | 563                   | (S)          | 424             | 161          | 68            | 158           | 102           | 423           | 246           | 272           | 147           |
| April                                      | 1,009         | 551                   | (S)          | 431             | 158          | 64            | 158           | 100           | 421           | 240           | 272           | 147           |
| May  | 990           | 530                   | (S)          | 435             | 156          | 62            | 152           | 95            | 416           | 233           | 266           | 140           |
| June                                       | 976           | 510                   | (S)          | 442             | 169          | 62            | 145           | 89            | 402           | 225           | 260           | 134           |
| July                                       | 956           | 490                   | (S)          | 442             | 169          | 60            | 145           | 88            | 391           | 216           | 251           | 126           |
| August                                     | 939           | 480                   | (S)          | 437             | 173          | 60            | 139           | 85            | 376           | 210           | 251           | 125           |
| September                                  | 905           | 457                   | (S)          | 427             | 171          | 58            | 127           | 80            | 365           | 201           | 242           | 118           |
| October                                    | 875           | 438                   | (S)          | 417             | 170          | 58            | 119           | 76            | 354           | 191           | 232           | 113           |
| November                                   | 842           | 416                   | (S)          | 407             | 162          | 56            | 111           | 72            | 346           | 180           | 223           | 108           |
| December                                   | 803           | 397                   | (S)          | 388             | 159          | 55            | 106           | 71            | 324           | 169           | 214           | 102           |
| 2009: January <sup>f</sup>                 | 779           | 381                   | (S)          | 380             | 156          | 55            | 101           | 68            | 312           | 160           | 210           | 98            |
| February <sup>f</sup>                      | 755           | 367                   | (S)          | 370             | 154          | 55            | 100           | 66            | 302           | 153           | 199           | 93            |
| March <sup>f</sup>                         | 725           | 350                   | (S)          | 356             | 153          | 54            | 96            | 62            | 288           | 147           | 188           | 87            |
| <b>April<sup>p</sup></b>                   | <b>685</b>    | <b>331</b>            | <b>(S)</b>   | <b>336</b>      | <b>143</b>   | <b>51</b>     | <b>91</b>     | <b>60</b>     | <b>270</b>    | <b>137</b>    | <b>181</b>    | <b>83</b>     |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>               | 2             | 4                     | (X)          | 4               | 6            | 9             | 8             | 10            | 3             | 4             | 6             | 10            |
| <b>Percent Change:</b>                     |               |                       |              |                 |              |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <i>April 2009 from March 2009</i>          | <i>-5.5%</i>  | <i>-5.4%</i>          | <i>(S)</i>   | <i>-5.6%</i>    | <i>-6.5%</i> | <i>-5.6%</i>  | <i>-5.2%</i>  | <i>-3.2%</i>  | <i>-6.3%</i>  | <i>-6.8%</i>  | <i>-3.7%</i>  | <i>-4.6%</i>  |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i> | <i>± 1.0</i>  | <i>± 1.1</i>          | <i>(X)</i>   | <i>± 1.7</i>    | <i>± 3.5</i> | <i>± 2.4</i>  | <i>± 2.3</i>  | <i>± 2.9</i>  | <i>± 1.2</i>  | <i>± 1.8</i>  | <i>± 1.5</i>  | <i>± 1.5</i>  |
| <i>April 2009 from April 2008</i>          | <i>-32.1%</i> | <i>-39.9%</i>         | <i>(S)</i>   | <i>-22.0%</i>   | <i>-9.5%</i> | <i>-20.3%</i> | <i>-42.4%</i> | <i>-40.0%</i> | <i>-35.9%</i> | <i>-42.9%</i> | <i>-33.5%</i> | <i>-43.5%</i> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i> | <i>± 2.0</i>  | <i>± 1.9</i>          | <i>(X)</i>   | <i>± 4.0</i>    | <i>± 4.1</i> | <i>± 6.8</i>  | <i>± 5.3</i>  | <i>± 5.5</i>  | <i>± 2.9</i>  | <i>± 2.3</i>  | <i>± 3.6</i>  | <i>± 4.1</i>  |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Under Construction at End of Period - Continued**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| Period                       | United States |                       |              |                 | Northeast    |             | Midwest     |             | South        |              | West         |             |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
|                              | Total         | In structures with -- |              |                 | Total        | 1 unit      | Total       | 1 unit      | Total        | 1 unit       | Total        | 1 unit      |
|                              |               | 1 unit                | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more |              |             |             |             |              |              |              |             |
| Not seasonally adjusted      |               |                       |              |                 |              |             |             |             |              |              |              |             |
| 2007: January                | 1,172.5       | 737.3                 | 33.2         | 402.0           | 161.5        | 80.4        | 175.3       | 120.8       | 518.9        | 339.5        | 316.9        | 196.6       |
| February                     | 1,162.6       | 728.3                 | 32.9         | 401.4           | 159.0        | 76.5        | 168.7       | 115.8       | 514.6        | 337.1        | 320.4        | 198.9       |
| March                        | 1,160.2       | 726.9                 | 32.4         | 400.9           | 159.8        | 76.4        | 168.0       | 116.2       | 513.7        | 337.6        | 318.6        | 196.8       |
| April                        | 1,171.0       | 736.3                 | 32.1         | 402.5           | 164.9        | 79.5        | 167.4       | 115.6       | 513.8        | 340.8        | 324.9        | 200.4       |
| May                          | 1,173.8       | 739.2                 | 30.9         | 403.7           | 168.3        | 82.2        | 173.5       | 120.7       | 508.3        | 335.0        | 323.7        | 201.4       |
| June                         | 1,181.9       | 743.0                 | 30.6         | 408.3           | 169.2        | 82.9        | 178.0       | 125.0       | 507.7        | 332.1        | 327.0        | 203.1       |
| July                         | 1,178.5       | 741.5                 | 31.2         | 405.7           | 171.6        | 84.6        | 180.4       | 127.6       | 497.5        | 325.1        | 328.9        | 204.3       |
| August                       | 1,158.5       | 717.9                 | 31.1         | 409.5           | 166.7        | 80.9        | 185.9       | 129.3       | 487.1        | 312.7        | 318.8        | 195.1       |
| September                    | 1,137.9       | 695.4                 | 30.8         | 411.7           | 168.4        | 77.6        | 177.4       | 124.4       | 481.0        | 305.6        | 311.1        | 187.8       |
| October                      | 1,119.9       | 668.1                 | 31.9         | 419.9           | 164.4        | 73.5        | 177.5       | 124.8       | 472.1        | 289.2        | 306.0        | 180.7       |
| November                     | 1,085.2       | 626.8                 | 30.7         | 427.7           | 163.4        | 71.1        | 174.0       | 117.4       | 455.3        | 271.8        | 292.5        | 166.4       |
| December                     | 1,025.0       | 579.1                 | 29.6         | 416.3           | 155.9        | 67.0        | 162.5       | 107.2       | 431.6        | 253.3        | 274.9        | 151.6       |
| 2008: January                | 1,002.4       | 559.2                 | 28.4         | 414.8           | 155.0        | 67.0        | 158.3       | 102.1       | 421.0        | 246.4        | 268.1        | 143.8       |
| February                     | 989.6         | 548.1                 | 27.6         | 414.0           | 153.4        | 64.9        | 152.5       | 96.1        | 416.3        | 242.0        | 267.4        | 145.0       |
| March                        | 988.6         | 540.5                 | 27.1         | 421.0           | 156.2        | 64.0        | 150.1       | 94.6        | 416.6        | 240.4        | 265.6        | 141.5       |
| April                        | 999.9         | 542.5                 | 26.6         | 430.8           | 156.4        | 62.4        | 152.9       | 94.9        | 421.3        | 240.8        | 269.4        | 144.5       |
| May                          | 995.4         | 535.9                 | 25.2         | 434.4           | 155.7        | 61.7        | 151.2       | 94.3        | 419.8        | 237.2        | 268.8        | 142.7       |
| June                         | 992.6         | 525.2                 | 24.4         | 443.0           | 171.1        | 63.4        | 147.3       | 91.5        | 410.0        | 232.7        | 264.3        | 137.6       |
| July                         | 983.2         | 513.7                 | 23.7         | 445.8           | 172.6        | 62.9        | 150.4       | 92.9        | 401.5        | 225.0        | 258.7        | 133.0       |
| August                       | 963.7         | 504.7                 | 22.5         | 436.6           | 175.4        | 62.6        | 145.1       | 91.0        | 385.8        | 219.4        | 257.4        | 131.7       |
| September                    | 926.5         | 476.7                 | 21.2         | 428.7           | 174.5        | 60.5        | 131.9       | 84.7        | 373.0        | 208.7        | 247.1        | 122.8       |
| October                      | 892.9         | 451.7                 | 20.0         | 421.2           | 172.6        | 59.8        | 123.9       | 80.1        | 360.5        | 195.5        | 235.9        | 116.3       |
| November                     | 845.8         | 417.3                 | 19.4         | 409.1           | 163.5        | 56.7        | 113.5       | 74.2        | 345.4        | 178.6        | 223.4        | 107.8       |
| December                     | 780.9         | 377.3                 | 17.9         | 385.8           | 157.3        | 54.0        | 103.9       | 69.0        | 311.6        | 157.9        | 208.1        | 96.5        |
| 2009: January                | 754.9         | 360.4                 | 18.2         | 376.3           | 152.8        | 52.4        | 97.2        | 64.5        | 301.2        | 150.8        | 203.7        | 92.8        |
| February <sup>f</sup>        | 731.3         | 346.3                 | 18.1         | 367.0           | 149.1        | 51.1        | 94.3        | 60.4        | 293.7        | 146.0        | 194.2        | 88.7        |
| March <sup>f</sup>           | 707.3         | 335.2                 | 18.6         | 353.5           | 149.0        | 50.9        | 91.7        | 57.8        | 282.9        | 142.9        | 183.8        | 83.5        |
| <b>April<sup>p</sup></b>     | <b>678.7</b>  | <b>325.5</b>          | <b>18.1</b>  | <b>335.1</b>    | <b>141.2</b> | <b>49.8</b> | <b>88.1</b> | <b>56.7</b> | <b>270.0</b> | <b>137.0</b> | <b>179.4</b> | <b>81.9</b> |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup> | 2             | 4                     | 10           | 4               | 6            | 9           | 8           | 10          | 3            | 4            | 6            | 10          |

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>f</sup>Revised. RSE Relative standard error. S Does not meet publication standards because tests for identifiable and stable seasonality do not meet reliability standards.

X Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

<sup>2</sup>See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

**Table 5. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Completed**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| Period                                     | United States |                       |              |                 | Northeast      |               | Midwest       |               | South         |               | West          |               |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Total         | In structures with -- |              |                 | Total          | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        |
|  |               | 1 unit                | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more |                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Seasonally adjusted annual rate            |               |                       |              |                 |                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2007: <sup>f</sup> January                 | 1,822         | 1,501                 | (S)          | 290             | 173            | 145           | 267           | 235           | 947           | 791           | 435           | 330           |
| February                                   | 1,640         | 1,318                 | (S)          | 284             | 147            | 111           | 229           | 187           | 888           | 724           | 376           | 296           |
| March                                      | 1,623         | 1,312                 | (S)          | 272             | 138            | 91            | 248           | 203           | 843           | 702           | 394           | 316           |
| April                                      | 1,539         | 1,276                 | (S)          | 224             | 125            | 80            | 233           | 213           | 810           | 676           | 371           | 307           |
| May  | 1,536         | 1,278                 | (S)          | 214             | 135            | 101           | 233           | 196           | 776           | 668           | 392           | 313           |
| June                                       | 1,481         | 1,220                 | (S)          | 229             | 150            | 109           | 224           | 195           | 767           | 638           | 340           | 278           |
| July                                       | 1,534         | 1,208                 | (S)          | 294             | 135            | 87            | 232           | 176           | 795           | 650           | 372           | 295           |
| August                                     | 1,512         | 1,241                 | (S)          | 248             | 149            | 117           | 179           | 157           | 785           | 643           | 399           | 324           |
| September                                  | 1,356         | 1,085                 | (S)          | 241             | 135            | 93            | 238           | 187           | 647           | 537           | 336           | 268           |
| October                                    | 1,405         | 1,138                 | (S)          | 239             | 182            | 134           | 206           | 167           | 699           | 586           | 318           | 251           |
| November                                   | 1,390         | 1,128                 | (S)          | 232             | 125            | 94            | 211           | 188           | 680           | 540           | 374           | 306           |
| December                                   | 1,328         | 1,031                 | (S)          | 281             | 140            | 92            | 197           | 179           | 644           | 500           | 347           | 260           |
| 2008: <sup>f</sup> January                 | 1,338         | 1,002                 | (S)          | 294             | 126            | 81            | 195           | 173           | 677           | 507           | 340           | 241           |
| February                                   | 1,266         | 921                   | (S)          | 315             | 107            | 73            | 228           | 178           | 685           | 488           | 246           | 182           |
| March                                      | 1,195         | 909                   | (S)          | 272             | 104            | 83            | 183           | 150           | 621           | 466           | 287           | 210           |
| April                                      | 1,028         | 808                   | (S)          | 188             | 115            | 89            | 148           | 127           | 517           | 412           | 248           | 180           |
| May  | 1,139         | 868                   | (S)          | 253             | 134            | 86            | 182           | 150           | 570           | 446           | 253           | 186           |
| June                                       | 1,131         | 842                   | (S)          | 268             | 84             | 61            | 201           | 169           | 584           | 421           | 262           | 191           |
| July                                       | 1,089         | 826                   | (S)          | 240             | 135            | 89            | 141           | 117           | 540           | 410           | 273           | 210           |
| August                                     | 1,018         | 715                   | (S)          | 285             | 92             | 65            | 170           | 128           | 542           | 363           | 214           | 159           |
| September                                  | 1,148         | 815                   | (S)          | 298             | 111            | 69            | 235           | 145           | 535           | 400           | 267           | 201           |
| October                                    | 1,055         | 756                   | (S)          | 286             | 89             | 60            | 165           | 134           | 541           | 389           | 260           | 173           |
| November                                   | 1,084         | 761                   | (S)          | 302             | 110            | 66            | 179           | 122           | 522           | 391           | 273           | 182           |
| December                                   | 1,028         | 687                   | (S)          | 320             | 116            | 62            | 132           | 93            | 514           | 358           | 266           | 174           |
| 2009: January <sup>f</sup>                 | 778           | 564                   | (S)          | 207             | 87             | 48            | 120           | 95            | 389           | 297           | 182           | 124           |
| February <sup>f</sup>                      | 828           | 534                   | (S)          | 280             | 104            | 51            | 118           | 96            | 385           | 269           | 221           | 118           |
| March <sup>f</sup>                         | 833           | 548                   | (S)          | 269             | 71             | 55            | 122           | 101           | 434           | 264           | 206           | 128           |
| <b>April<sup>p</sup></b>                   | <b>874</b>    | <b>549</b>            | <b>(S)</b>   | <b>313</b>      | <b>165</b>     | <b>57</b>     | <b>126</b>    | <b>88</b>     | <b>411</b>    | <b>291</b>    | <b>172</b>    | <b>113</b>    |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>               | 6             | 6                     | (X)          | 14              | 21             | 17            | 12            | 13            | 8             | 8             | 11            | 12            |
| <b>Percent Change:</b>                     |               |                       |              |                 |                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <i>April 2009 from March 2009</i>          | <b>4.9%</b>   | <b>0.2%</b>           | <b>(S)</b>   | <b>16.4%</b>    | <b>132.4%</b>  | <b>3.6%</b>   | <b>3.3%</b>   | <b>-12.9%</b> | <b>-5.3%</b>  | <b>10.2%</b>  | <b>-16.5%</b> | <b>-11.7%</b> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i> | <b>± 16.6</b> | <b>± 14.9</b>         | <b>(X)</b>   | <b>± 53.3</b>   | <b>± 192.6</b> | <b>± 51.1</b> | <b>± 39.6</b> | <b>± 39.5</b> | <b>± 12.8</b> | <b>± 18.2</b> | <b>± 20.1</b> | <b>± 20.7</b> |
| <i>April 2009 from April 2008</i>          | <b>-15.0%</b> | <b>-32.1%</b>         | <b>(S)</b>   | <b>66.5%</b>    | <b>43.5%</b>   | <b>-36.0%</b> | <b>-14.9%</b> | <b>-30.7%</b> | <b>-20.5%</b> | <b>-29.4%</b> | <b>-30.6%</b> | <b>-37.2%</b> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i> | <b>± 13.6</b> | <b>± 7.6</b>          | <b>(X)</b>   | <b>± 68.0</b>   | <b>± 108.4</b> | <b>± 21.4</b> | <b>± 26.2</b> | <b>± 20.6</b> | <b>± 10.9</b> | <b>± 10.3</b> | <b>± 14.3</b> | <b>± 14.1</b> |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 5. New Privately-Owned Housing Units Completed - Continued**

[Thousands of units. Detail may not add to total because of rounding]

| Period  | United States |                       |               |                 | Northeast    |               | Midwest       |               | South         |               | West          |               |
|---|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | Total         | In structures with -- |               |                 | Total        | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        |
|   |               | 1 unit                | 2 to 4 units  | 5 units or more |              |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Not seasonally adjusted                         |               |                       |               |                 |              |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2007  | 1,502.8       | 1,218.4               | 31.4          | 253.0           | 144.8        | 104.6         | 222.7         | 188.6         | 766.1         | 631.5         | 369.3         | 293.8         |
| 2008  | 1,119.7       | 818.8                 | 23.7          | 277.2           | 109.6        | 72.9          | 178.2         | 138.6         | 567.4         | 417.5         | 264.4         | 189.9         |
| RSE (%)   | 2             | 2                     | 10            | 4               | 5            | 5             | 4             | 3             | 3             | 3             | 2             | 3             |
| 2008: First 4 months                            | 349.9         | 263.2                 | 8.7           | 78.0            | 31.5         | 22.2          | 51.9          | 42.7          | 184.2         | 138.7         | 82.2          | 59.5          |
| 2009: First 4 months                            | 241.1         | 158.9                 | 3.6           | 78.7            | 30.4         | 14.2          | 33.9          | 26.0          | 119.8         | 83.3          | 57.0          | 35.4          |
| RSE (%)   | 3             | 3                     | 16            | 9               | 18           | 8             | 7             | 8             | 4             | 4             | 4             | 5             |
| <i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> <sup>3</sup> | <b>-31.1%</b> | <b>-39.6%</b>         | <b>-59.0%</b> | <b>0.9%</b>     | <b>-3.7%</b> | <b>-36.0%</b> | <b>-34.8%</b> | <b>-39.2%</b> | <b>-35.0%</b> | <b>-40.0%</b> | <b>-30.6%</b> | <b>-40.5%</b> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>     | ± 5.0         | ± 3.2                 | ± 14.2        | ± 20.2          | ± 29.8       | ± 11.0        | ± 8.8         | ± 7.8         | ± 6.5         | ± 4.5         | ± 6.1         | ± 5.7         |
| 2007: January                                   | 127.3         | 103.9                 | 2.2           | 21.1            | 11.9         | 9.8           | 17.7          | 15.3          | 67.7          | 56.4          | 30.0          | 22.4          |
| February  | 112.5         | 90.5                  | 2.6           | 19.4            | 9.7          | 7.2           | 15.3          | 12.4          | 62.3          | 51.1          | 25.2          | 19.7          |
| March   | 122.8         | 100.2                 | 2.8           | 19.8            | 9.7          | 6.2           | 17.0          | 13.7          | 64.3          | 54.0          | 31.9          | 26.2          |
| April   | 118.9         | 98.1                  | 3.1           | 17.8            | 9.2          | 5.6           | 17.7          | 16.2          | 63.7          | 53.0          | 28.3          | 23.3          |
| May   | 129.5         | 107.5                 | 3.8           | 18.2            | 11.2         | 8.3           | 19.4          | 16.2          | 66.1          | 56.9          | 32.9          | 26.2          |
| June  | 131.2         | 107.5                 | 2.9           | 20.7            | 14.5         | 10.8          | 19.1          | 16.5          | 67.1          | 55.4          | 30.4          | 24.8          |
| July  | 129.0         | 101.2                 | 2.7           | 25.1            | 11.0         | 6.9           | 19.3          | 14.5          | 67.3          | 54.9          | 31.5          | 24.9          |
| August  | 136.9         | 107.9                 | 2.5           | 26.5            | 14.1         | 10.7          | 16.6          | 14.2          | 70.0          | 54.9          | 36.2          | 28.1          |
| September                                       | 123.2         | 99.8                  | 2.6           | 20.7            | 12.2         | 8.6           | 22.9          | 18.4          | 57.2          | 47.7          | 30.9          | 25.1          |
| October   | 126.0         | 103.4                 | 2.4           | 20.3            | 16.6         | 12.5          | 19.4          | 16.1          | 62.1          | 52.5          | 28.0          | 22.3          |
| November  | 118.7         | 98.9                  | 2.3           | 17.5            | 10.9         | 8.6           | 19.9          | 18.2          | 56.6          | 46.0          | 31.3          | 26.1          |
| December  | 126.8         | 99.4                  | 1.5           | 25.8            | 13.8         | 9.4           | 18.4          | 16.8          | 61.8          | 48.5          | 32.7          | 24.8          |
| 2008: January                                   | 93.5          | 69.0                  | 3.1           | 21.4            | 8.7          | 5.4           | 12.9          | 11.3          | 48.4          | 36.0          | 23.6          | 16.4          |
| February  | 87.0          | 63.2                  | 2.1           | 21.7            | 7.2          | 4.9           | 15.2          | 11.8          | 48.1          | 34.5          | 16.5          | 12.1          |
| March   | 89.8          | 69.0                  | 1.0           | 19.8            | 7.0          | 5.4           | 12.6          | 10.2          | 47.1          | 35.9          | 23.1          | 17.5          |
| April   | 79.6          | 62.0                  | 2.5           | 15.0            | 8.6          | 6.5           | 11.2          | 9.5           | 40.6          | 32.3          | 19.0          | 13.6          |
| May   | 96.5          | 73.6                  | 1.5           | 21.4            | 11.5         | 7.4           | 15.2          | 12.5          | 48.5          | 38.0          | 21.3          | 15.6          |
| June  | 99.7          | 73.6                  | 1.9           | 24.2            | 7.6          | 5.5           | 17.3          | 14.5          | 51.4          | 36.6          | 23.4          | 16.9          |
| July  | 91.5          | 69.2                  | 2.0           | 20.3            | 11.1         | 7.2           | 11.6          | 9.6           | 45.7          | 34.7          | 23.0          | 17.7          |
| August  | 94.5          | 62.3                  | 1.9           | 30.2            | 8.9          | 6.1           | 16.0          | 11.5          | 50.0          | 30.9          | 19.6          | 13.8          |
| September                                       | 104.2         | 75.3                  | 3.0           | 25.9            | 10.4         | 6.7           | 22.1          | 14.3          | 47.2          | 35.5          | 24.5          | 18.8          |
| October   | 94.1          | 68.5                  | 1.1           | 24.5            | 7.8          | 5.3           | 15.6          | 12.9          | 48.0          | 35.0          | 22.8          | 15.3          |
| November  | 91.5          | 66.8                  | 1.6           | 23.1            | 9.4          | 6.1           | 16.2          | 11.9          | 43.3          | 33.3          | 22.5          | 15.5          |
| December  | 97.8          | 66.3                  | 2.0           | 29.5            | 11.4         | 6.4           | 12.3          | 8.7           | 49.0          | 34.7          | 25.1          | 16.6          |
| 2009: January                                   | 54.7          | 39.0                  | 0.5           | 15.1            | 6.2          | 3.4           | 8.0           | 6.2           | 27.8          | 21.1          | 12.6          | 8.4           |
| February <sup>f</sup>                           | 56.5          | 36.4                  | 0.9           | 19.1            | 6.9          | 3.3           | 7.8           | 6.3           | 26.9          | 19.0          | 14.8          | 7.8           |
| March <sup>f</sup>                              | 62.1          | 41.4                  | 1.1           | 19.5            | 4.6          | 3.5           | 8.4           | 6.9           | 32.8          | 20.4          | 16.3          | 10.7          |
| <b>April<sup>p</sup></b>                        | <b>67.9</b>   | <b>42.0</b>           | <b>1.0</b>    | <b>24.9</b>     | <b>12.7</b>  | <b>4.1</b>    | <b>9.6</b>    | <b>6.6</b>    | <b>32.3</b>   | <b>22.8</b>   | <b>13.3</b>   | <b>8.6</b>    |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>                    | 6             | 6                     | 30            | 14              | 21           | 17            | 12            | 13            | 8             | 8             | 11            | 12            |

<sup>p</sup>Preliminary. <sup>r</sup>Revised. RSE Relative standard error. S Does not meet publication standards because tests for identifiable and stable seasonality do not meet reliability standards. X Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

<sup>2</sup>See the Explanatory Notes in the accompanying text for an explanation of 90% confidence intervals.

<sup>3</sup>Computed using unrounded data.