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**NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN SEPTEMBER 2010**

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for September 2010:

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 539,000. This is 5.6 percent ( $\pm 1.4\%$ ) below the revised August rate of 571,000 and is 10.9 percent ( $\pm 2.3\%$ ) below the September 2009 estimate of 605,000.

Single-family authorizations in September were at a rate of 405,000; this is 0.5 percent ( $\pm 1.3\%$ )\* above the revised August figure of 403,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 111,000 in September.

**HOUSING STARTS**

Privately-owned housing starts in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 610,000. This is 0.3 percent ( $\pm 10.3\%$ )\* above the revised August estimate of 608,000 and is 4.1 percent ( $\pm 12.0\%$ )\* above the September 2009 rate of 586,000.

Single-family housing starts in September were at a rate of 452,000; this is 4.4 percent ( $\pm 13.9\%$ )\* above the revised August figure of 433,000. The September rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 150,000.

**HOUSING COMPLETIONS**

Privately-owned housing completions in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 648,000. This is 7.3 percent ( $\pm 14.3\%$ )\* above the revised August estimate of 604,000, but is 10.1 percent ( $\pm 13.6\%$ )\* below the September 2009 rate of 721,000.

Single-family housing completions in September were at a rate of 501,000; this is 4.8 percent ( $\pm 14.2\%$ )\* above the revised August rate of 478,000. The September rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 138,000.

*New Residential Construction data for October 2010 will be released on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 8:30 A.M. EST.*

*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, 3 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

\* 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       | Total         | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        |
|  |               | 1 unit                | 2 to 4 units | 5 units or more |              |              |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Seasonally adjusted annual rate                |               |                       |              |                 |              |              |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2009: September                                | 605           | 473                   | 20           | 112             | 70           | 49           | 103           | 80            | 309           | 246           | 123           | 98            |
| October  | 576           | 468                   | 16           | 92              | 68           | 50           | 106           | 81            | 289           | 240           | 113           | 97            |
| November                                       | 621           | 489                   | 26           | 106             | 76           | 52           | 110           | 83            | 317           | 254           | 118           | 100           |
| December                                       | 681           | 517                   | 19           | 145             | 106          | 57           | 117           | 82            | 325           | 268           | 133           | 110           |
| 2010: January                                  | 629           | 509                   | 19           | 101             | 74           | 51           | 95            | 82            | 317           | 267           | 143           | 109           |
| February                                       | 650           | 523                   | 20           | 107             | 85           | 68           | 106           | 85            | 311           | 258           | 148           | 112           |
| March  | 685           | 542                   | 22           | 121             | 68           | 52           | 117           | 90            | 356           | 287           | 144           | 113           |
| April  | 610           | 486                   | 17           | 107             | 68           | 47           | 114           | 84            | 310           | 258           | 118           | 97            |
| May  | 574           | 436                   | 18           | 120             | 65           | 48           | 102           | 72            | 294           | 232           | 113           | 84            |
| June   | 583           | 421                   | 20           | 142             | 85           | 49           | 93            | 74            | 283           | 215           | 122           | 83            |
| July   | 559           | 406                   | 19           | 134             | 66           | 44           | 94            | 69            | 283           | 209           | 116           | 84            |
| August (r)                                     | 571           | 403                   | 18           | 150             | 68           | 42           | 92            | 70            | 279           | 208           | 132           | 83            |
| <b>September (p)</b>                           | <b>539</b>    | <b>405</b>            | <b>23</b>    | <b>111</b>      | <b>67</b>    | <b>46</b>    | <b>88</b>     | <b>70</b>     | <b>266</b>    | <b>205</b>    | <b>118</b>    | <b>84</b>     |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>                   | 1             | 1                     | 5            | 2               | 4            | 4            | 2             | 2             | 1             | 1             | 2             | 2             |
| <b>Percent Change:</b>                         |               |                       |              |                 |              |              |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <i>September 2010 from August 2010</i>         | <i>-5.6%</i>  | <i>0.5%</i>           | <i>27.8%</i> | <i>-26.0%</i>   | <i>-1.5%</i> | <i>9.5%</i>  | <i>-4.3%</i>  | <i>0.0%</i>   | <i>-4.7%</i>  | <i>-1.4%</i>  | <i>-10.6%</i> | <i>1.2%</i>   |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>     | <i>± 1.4</i>  | <i>± 1.3</i>          | <i>± 8.5</i> | <i>± 3.3</i>    | <i>± 5.1</i> | <i>± 6.1</i> | <i>± 3.0</i>  | <i>± 3.4</i>  | <i>± 1.6</i>  | <i>± 1.8</i>  | <i>± 3.0</i>  | <i>± 3.6</i>  |
| <i>September 2010 from September 2009</i>      | <i>-10.9%</i> | <i>-14.4%</i>         | <i>15.0%</i> | <i>-0.9%</i>    | <i>-4.3%</i> | <i>-6.1%</i> | <i>-14.6%</i> | <i>-12.5%</i> | <i>-13.9%</i> | <i>-16.7%</i> | <i>-4.1%</i>  | <i>-14.3%</i> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>     | <i>± 2.3</i>  | <i>± 1.2</i>          | <i>± 9.9</i> | <i>± 10.2</i>   | <i>± 7.4</i> | <i>± 8.9</i> | <i>± 2.5</i>  | <i>± 2.8</i>  | <i>± 3.6</i>  | <i>± 4.1</i>  | <i>± 4.5</i>  | <i>± 5.4</i>  |
| Not seasonally adjusted                        |               |                       |              |                 |              |              |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2008:  | 905.4         | 575.6                 | 34.4         | 295.4           | 119.0        | 58.0         | 137.7         | 93.2          | 451.9         | 304.3         | 196.7         | 120.0         |
| 2009:  | 583.0         | 441.1                 | 20.7         | 121.1           | 68.5         | 45.8         | 100.3         | 74.9          | 297.4         | 231.8         | 116.7         | 88.7          |
| RSE (%)  | (X)           | (X)                   | (X)          | (X)             | (X)          | (X)          | (X)           | (X)           | (X)           | (X)           | (X)           | (X)           |
| 2009: Year to Date <sup>2</sup>                | 437.7         | 331.5                 | 15.3         | 90.9            | 48.1         | 32.2         | 72.6          | 56.1          | 226.6         | 175.7         | 90.4          | 67.6          |
| 2010: Year to Date <sup>2</sup>                | 464.8         | 354.7                 | 15.2         | 94.9            | 55.1         | 36.9         | 75.9          | 59.5          | 234.1         | 185.5         | 99.7          | 72.9          |
| RSE (%)  | 1             | 1                     | 5            | (Z)             | 3            | 3            | 2             | 1             | 1             | 1             | 2             | 2             |
| <b>Year to Date Percent Change<sup>4</sup></b> | <b>6.2%</b>   | <b>7.0%</b>           | <b>-0.7%</b> | <b>4.4%</b>     | <b>14.6%</b> | <b>14.7%</b> | <b>4.6%</b>   | <b>6.1%</b>   | <b>3.3%</b>   | <b>5.6%</b>   | <b>10.3%</b>  | <b>7.8%</b>   |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i>     | <i>± 1.4</i>  | <i>± 1.3</i>          | <i>± 7.7</i> | <i>± 2.4</i>    | <i>± 4.9</i> | <i>± 6.0</i> | <i>± 2.2</i>  | <i>± 2.5</i>  | <i>± 1.1</i>  | <i>± 1.2</i>  | <i>± 3.0</i>  | <i>± 3.5</i>  |
| 2009: September                                | 52.9          | 40.7                  | 1.8          | 10.4            | 6.4          | 4.5          | 10.2          | 7.5           | 25.6          | 20.4          | 10.8          | 8.3           |
| October  | 47.9          | 38.6                  | 1.3          | 8.0             | 6.2          | 4.5          | 10.0          | 7.4           | 22.3          | 18.9          | 9.4           | 7.6           |
| November                                       | 42.1          | 31.9                  | 2.1          | 8.1             | 5.6          | 3.7          | 8.2           | 5.7           | 20.9          | 16.4          | 7.4           | 6.2           |
| December                                       | 49.2          | 34.7                  | 1.4          | 13.1            | 7.8          | 4.0          | 7.6           | 4.6           | 24.4          | 18.7          | 9.4           | 7.4           |
| 2010: January                                  | 39.5          | 30.8                  | 1.3          | 7.4             | 4.0          | 2.9          | 4.5           | 3.4           | 21.9          | 18.0          | 9.1           | 6.5           |
| February                                       | 44.1          | 35.0                  | 1.3          | 7.8             | 4.8          | 3.6          | 5.3           | 4.6           | 23.0          | 19.2          | 10.9          | 7.6           |
| March  | 62.1          | 49.9                  | 2.2          | 10.0            | 5.6          | 4.2          | 9.7           | 7.7           | 33.6          | 27.5          | 13.1          | 10.4          |
| April  | 56.3          | 46.3                  | 1.6          | 8.5             | 6.2          | 4.4          | 11.0          | 8.5           | 28.3          | 24.0          | 10.8          | 9.3           |
| May  | 51.0          | 40.1                  | 1.6          | 9.3             | 5.9          | 4.5          | 9.4           | 7.2           | 25.5          | 20.5          | 10.2          | 7.9           |
| June   | 58.9          | 43.0                  | 1.9          | 14.0            | 9.2          | 5.0          | 9.6           | 7.9           | 27.4          | 21.1          | 12.6          | 9.0           |
| July   | 50.4          | 37.5                  | 1.7          | 11.2            | 6.2          | 4.2          | 9.1           | 6.8           | 24.8          | 18.7          | 10.3          | 7.8           |
| August (r)                                     | 53.2          | 37.2                  | 1.7          | 14.3            | 6.3          | 4.1          | 9.1           | 6.8           | 25.9          | 18.9          | 11.9          | 7.4           |
| <b>September (p)</b>                           | <b>46.7</b>   | <b>34.8</b>           | <b>2.1</b>   | <b>9.8</b>      | <b>6.2</b>   | <b>4.3</b>   | <b>8.3</b>    | <b>6.5</b>    | <b>21.8</b>   | <b>16.9</b>   | <b>10.3</b>   | <b>7.1</b>    |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>                   | 1             | 1                     | 5            | 2               | 4            | 4            | 2             | 2             | 1             | 1             | 2             | 2             |

(p) Preliminary. (r) 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>Reflects revisions not distributed to months.

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

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

**Table 2. 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]

| 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                    |               |                       |              |                 |              |              |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2009: September                            | 91.6          | 55.1                  | 3.4          | 33.1            | 8.8          | 5.0          | 10.3          | 6.4           | 50.8          | 33.4          | 21.7          | 10.3          |
| October                                    | 90.9          | 53.2                  | 4.4          | 33.4            | 8.8          | 5.1          | 10.7          | 6.3           | 50.1          | 32.1          | 21.3          | 9.7           |
| November                                   | 87.7          | 49.2                  | 4.4          | 34.1            | 8.7          | 5.2          | 9.6           | 5.3           | 48.7          | 29.7          | 20.6          | 9.0           |
| December                                   | 95.4          | 55.3                  | 3.3          | 36.7            | 10.4         | 6.5          | 10.1          | 5.1           | 52.9          | 33.7          | 22.0          | 10.1          |
| 2010: January                              | 93.6          | 55.1                  | 3.6          | 34.9            | 9.8          | 6.3          | 9.8           | 5.2           | 51.4          | 33.5          | 22.6          | 10.2          |
| February                                   | 96.2          | 55.3                  | 3.3          | 37.7            | 10.5         | 6.8          | 9.1           | 4.8           | 53.9          | 33.7          | 22.8          | 10.0          |
| March                                      | 100.8         | 58.6                  | 3.6          | 38.6            | 11.0         | 7.1          | 11.4          | 7.1           | 54.8          | 33.8          | 23.5          | 10.6          |
| April                                      | 93.3          | 53.0                  | 3.6          | 36.7            | 9.9          | 6.3          | 10.9          | 6.8           | 49.7          | 29.2          | 22.8          | 10.7          |
| May  | 87.7          | 50.7                  | 3.7          | 33.4            | 9.0          | 5.3          | 9.2           | 5.6           | 48.0          | 29.7          | 21.5          | 10.0          |
| June                                       | 92.5          | 51.3                  | 4.2          | 37.0            | 11.5         | 5.8          | 9.7           | 6.2           | 49.2          | 29.5          | 22.1          | 9.8           |
| July (r)                                   | 90.1          | 50.3                  | 3.5          | 36.3            | 10.0         | 5.5          | 9.1           | 6.0           | 49.0          | 28.6          | 22.0          | 10.1          |
| August (r)                                 | 87.1          | 49.6                  | 3.8          | 33.7            | 10.2         | 5.9          | 8.0           | 5.3           | 48.4          | 28.8          | 20.6          | 9.6           |
| <b>September (p)</b>                       | <b>81.1</b>   | <b>49.6</b>           | <b>3.6</b>   | <b>27.9</b>     | <b>9.4</b>   | <b>5.6</b>   | <b>7.8</b>    | <b>5.4</b>    | <b>44.4</b>   | <b>29.4</b>   | <b>19.4</b>   | <b>9.3</b>    |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>               | 7             | 8                     | 15           | 10              | 19           | 24           | 12            | 13            | 10            | 12            | 12            | 18            |
| <b>Percent Change:<sup>2</sup></b>         |               |                       |              |                 |              |              |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <i>September 2010 from August 2010</i>     | <b>-6.9%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b>           | <b>-5.6%</b> | <b>-17.3%</b>   | <b>-7.2%</b> | <b>-4.6%</b> | <b>-2.4%</b>  | <b>0.6%</b>   | <b>-8.2%</b>  | <b>2.0%</b>   | <b>-5.7%</b>  | <b>-3.5%</b>  |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i> | ± 5.0         | ± 8.4                 | ± 20.0       | ± 9.5           | ± 10.7       | ± 13.0       | ± 9.9         | ± 14.6        | ± 8.4         | ± 14.5        | ± 7.0         | ± 8.3         |
| <i>September 2010 from September 2009</i>  | <b>-11.5%</b> | <b>-10.1%</b>         | <b>7.1%</b>  | <b>-15.8%</b>   | <b>6.6%</b>  | <b>11.2%</b> | <b>-24.1%</b> | <b>-16.3%</b> | <b>-12.6%</b> | <b>-12.1%</b> | <b>-10.5%</b> | <b>-10.3%</b> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>3</sup></i> | ± 7.1         | ± 8.4                 | ± 36.3       | ± 13.6          | ± 21.0       | ± 29.0       | ± 22.2        | ± 24.1        | ± 10.1        | ± 11.8        | ± 10.1        | ± 13.6        |

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

<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        | Total         | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        | Total         | 1 unit        |
|   |               | 1 unit                | 2 to 4 units  | 5 units or more |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Seasonally adjusted annual rate                 |               |                       |               |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2009: September                                 | 586           | 507                   | (S)           | 70              | 67            | 51            | 105           | 85            | 297           | 271           | 117           | 100           |
| October   | 529           | 475                   | (S)           | 49              | 55            | 47            | 100           | 82            | 269           | 253           | 105           | 93            |
| November  | 589           | 504                   | (S)           | 76              | 66            | 47            | 107           | 80            | 303           | 271           | 113           | 106           |
| December  | 576           | 486                   | (S)           | 78              | 61            | 48            | 94            | 81            | 312           | 262           | 109           | 95            |
| 2010: January                                   | 612           | 511                   | (S)           | 94              | 70            | 58            | 91            | 76            | 326           | 274           | 125           | 103           |
| February  | 605           | 527                   | (S)           | 62              | 72            | 55            | 105           | 94            | 285           | 262           | 143           | 116           |
| March   | 634           | 535                   | (S)           | 91              | 66            | 57            | 93            | 82            | 339           | 285           | 136           | 111           |
| April   | 679           | 563                   | (S)           | 104             | 84            | 57            | 118           | 93            | 367           | 312           | 110           | 101           |
| May   | 588           | 459                   | (S)           | 117             | 72            | 56            | 109           | 81            | 291           | 229           | 116           | 93            |
| June  | 539           | 450                   | (S)           | 84              | 60            | 48            | 83            | 69            | 287           | 238           | 109           | 95            |
| July (r)  | 550           | 427                   | (S)           | 103             | 75            | 50            | 92            | 76            | 275           | 224           | 108           | 77            |
| August (r)                                      | 608           | 433                   | (S)           | 161             | 70            | 36            | 110           | 85            | 291           | 225           | 137           | 87            |
| <b>September (p)</b>                            | <b>610</b>    | <b>452</b>            | <b>(S)</b>    | <b>150</b>      | <b>72</b>     | <b>60</b>     | <b>101</b>    | <b>78</b>     | <b>305</b>    | <b>225</b>    | <b>132</b>    | <b>89</b>     |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>                    | 5             | 4                     | (X)           | 17              | 13            | 13            | 9             | 10            | 8             | 7             | 9             | 8             |
| <i>Percent Change:</i>                          |               |                       |               |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <i>September 2010 from August 2010</i>          | <i>0.3%</i>   | <i>4.4%</i>           | <i>(S)</i>    | <i>-6.8%</i>    | <i>2.9%</i>   | <i>66.7%</i>  | <i>-8.2%</i>  | <i>-8.2%</i>  | <i>4.8%</i>   | <i>0.0%</i>   | <i>-3.6%</i>  | <i>2.3%</i>   |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>     | <i>± 10.3</i> | <i>± 13.9</i>         | <i>(X)</i>    | <i>± 22.8</i>   | <i>± 40.4</i> | <i>± 61.3</i> | <i>± 28.2</i> | <i>± 31.6</i> | <i>± 13.8</i> | <i>± 18.6</i> | <i>± 19.0</i> | <i>± 17.0</i> |
| <i>September 2010 from September 2009</i>       | <i>4.1%</i>   | <i>-10.8%</i>         | <i>(S)</i>    | <i>114.3%</i>   | <i>7.5%</i>   | <i>17.6%</i>  | <i>-3.8%</i>  | <i>-8.2%</i>  | <i>2.7%</i>   | <i>-17.0%</i> | <i>12.8%</i>  | <i>-11.0%</i> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>     | <i>± 12.0</i> | <i>± 8.2</i>          | <i>(X)</i>    | <i>± 85.6</i>   | <i>± 28.7</i> | <i>± 27.1</i> | <i>± 19.5</i> | <i>± 17.7</i> | <i>± 18.6</i> | <i>± 10.5</i> | <i>± 23.0</i> | <i>± 15.6</i> |
| Not seasonally adjusted                         |               |                       |               |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 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         |
| 2009:   | 554.0         | 445.1                 | 11.6          | 97.3            | 61.8          | 44.1          | 97.1          | 76.3          | 278.2         | 232.0         | 116.8         | 92.8          |
| RSE (%)   | 1             | 1                     | 14            | 4               | 3             | 3             | 3             | 3             | 2             | 2             | 2             | 2             |
| 2009: Year to Date                              | 430.5         | 340.4                 | 9.5           | 80.6            | 47.8          | 33.2          | 74.0          | 58.1          | 215.4         | 177.1         | 93.3          | 72.0          |
| 2010: Year to Date                              | 467.3         | 376.2                 | 8.7           | 82.3            | 54.3          | 40.4          | 77.1          | 62.7          | 239.8         | 197.8         | 96.1          | 75.4          |
| RSE (%)   | 1             | 1                     | 14            | 5               | 2             | 3             | 2             | 3             | 2             | 2             | 2             | 2             |
| <i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> <sup>3</sup> | <i>8.5%</i>   | <i>10.5%</i>          | <i>-8.3%</i>  | <i>2.2%</i>     | <i>13.7%</i>  | <i>21.5%</i>  | <i>4.1%</i>   | <i>7.8%</i>   | <i>11.3%</i>  | <i>11.7%</i>  | <i>3.0%</i>   | <i>4.7%</i>   |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>     | <i>± 2.6</i>  | <i>± 2.3</i>          | <i>± 23.0</i> | <i>± 10.4</i>   | <i>± 6.4</i>  | <i>± 5.9</i>  | <i>± 6.3</i>  | <i>± 6.1</i>  | <i>± 4.1</i>  | <i>± 3.1</i>  | <i>± 5.3</i>  | <i>± 5.1</i>  |
| 2009: September                                 | 52.6          | 45.6                  | 0.8           | 6.2             | 5.8           | 4.4           | 9.9           | 8.2           | 26.8          | 24.4          | 10.1          | 8.6           |
| October   | 44.5          | 39.4                  | 0.4           | 4.7             | 4.9           | 4.2           | 9.4           | 7.7           | 21.4          | 20.0          | 8.7           | 7.6           |
| November  | 42.3          | 35.2                  | 0.8           | 6.4             | 4.8           | 3.2           | 8.1           | 5.8           | 21.5          | 18.8          | 7.9           | 7.3           |
| December  | 36.6          | 30.1                  | 0.9           | 5.7             | 4.4           | 3.4           | 5.6           | 4.6           | 19.8          | 16.2          | 6.9           | 5.9           |
| 2010: January                                   | 38.9          | 31.7                  | 0.5           | 6.7             | 4.1           | 3.3           | 4.3           | 3.2           | 22.5          | 18.8          | 7.9           | 6.4           |
| February  | 40.7          | 35.2                  | 1.1           | 4.3             | 3.9           | 2.7           | 5.4           | 4.7           | 21.2          | 19.6          | 10.2          | 8.3           |
| March   | 54.7          | 47.4                  | 0.6           | 6.7             | 5.3           | 4.7           | 7.0           | 6.2           | 30.8          | 26.8          | 11.5          | 9.7           |
| April   | 62.0          | 52.2                  | 1.0           | 8.8             | 7.3           | 5.1           | 10.8          | 8.7           | 33.8          | 29.2          | 10.0          | 9.2           |
| May   | 56.2          | 44.5                  | 1.1           | 10.5            | 7.1           | 5.6           | 11.0          | 8.5           | 26.8          | 21.2          | 11.3          | 9.2           |
| June  | 53.8          | 45.5                  | 0.5           | 7.8             | 6.4           | 5.4           | 9.1           | 7.8           | 27.5          | 22.9          | 10.8          | 9.4           |
| July (r)  | 51.5          | 40.7                  | 1.7           | 9.0             | 7.2           | 5.0           | 9.3           | 7.9           | 24.7          | 20.3          | 10.2          | 7.6           |
| August (r)                                      | 55.5          | 38.9                  | 1.3           | 15.2            | 6.4           | 3.2           | 10.9          | 8.5           | 25.5          | 19.2          | 12.8          | 8.0           |
| <b>September (p)</b>                            | <b>54.0</b>   | <b>40.0</b>           | <b>0.7</b>    | <b>13.3</b>     | <b>6.4</b>    | <b>5.4</b>    | <b>9.2</b>    | <b>7.1</b>    | <b>27.0</b>   | <b>19.9</b>   | <b>11.5</b>   | <b>7.6</b>    |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>                    | 5             | 4                     | 34            | 17              | 13            | 13            | 9             | 10            | 8             | 7             | 9             | 8             |

(p) Preliminary. (r) 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                        |               |                       |              |                 |               |               |               |               |               |              |               |               |
| 2009: September                            | 577           | 314                   | (S)          | 249             | 125           | 48            | 84            | 58            | 220           | 132          | 148           | 76            |
| October                                    | 551           | 305                   | (S)          | 232             | 121           | 46            | 84            | 58            | 207           | 129          | 139           | 72            |
| November                                   | 533           | 300                   | (S)          | 220             | 119           | 46            | 82            | 56            | 200           | 129          | 132           | 69            |
| December                                   | 514           | 298                   | (S)          | 204             | 115           | 45            | 79            | 55            | 193           | 130          | 127           | 68            |
| 2010: January                              | 503           | 300                   | (S)          | 192             | 111           | 45            | 79            | 55            | 191           | 133          | 122           | 67            |
| February                                   | 496           | 304                   | (S)          | 181             | 110           | 45            | 79            | 57            | 188           | 135          | 119           | 67            |
| March                                      | 494           | 308                   | (S)          | 175             | 108           | 45            | 80            | 58            | 189           | 138          | 117           | 67            |
| April                                      | 487           | 308                   | (S)          | 169             | 108           | 45            | 79            | 58            | 186           | 138          | 114           | 67            |
| May  | 477           | 302                   | (S)          | 164             | 106           | 45            | 79            | 58            | 184           | 135          | 108           | 64            |
| June                                       | 448           | 283                   | (S)          | 155             | 103           | 42            | 72            | 53            | 176           | 128          | 97            | 60            |
| July (r)                                   | 444           | 278                   | (S)          | 155             | 103           | 42            | 71            | 51            | 175           | 126          | 95            | 59            |
| August (r)                                 | 444           | 274                   | (S)          | 159             | 102           | 41            | 72            | 52            | 175           | 123          | 95            | 58            |
| <b>September (p)</b>                       | <b>437</b>    | <b>269</b>            | <b>(S)</b>   | <b>158</b>      | <b>99</b>     | <b>40</b>     | <b>70</b>     | <b>51</b>     | <b>174</b>    | <b>121</b>   | <b>94</b>     | <b>57</b>     |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>               | 3             | 4                     | (X)          | 6               | 7             | 8             | 6             | 9             | 3             | 5            | 7             | 9             |
| <b>Percent Change:</b>                     |               |                       |              |                 |               |               |               |               |               |              |               |               |
| <i>September 2010 from August 2010</i>     | <i>-1.6%</i>  | <i>-1.8%</i>          | <i>(S)</i>   | <i>-0.6%</i>    | <i>-2.9%</i>  | <i>-2.4%</i>  | <i>-2.8%</i>  | <i>-1.9%</i>  | <i>-0.6%</i>  | <i>-1.6%</i> | <i>-1.1%</i>  | <i>-1.7%</i>  |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i> | <i>± 1.6</i>  | <i>± 1.6</i>          | <i>(X)</i>   | <i>± 3.1</i>    | <i>± 1.7</i>  | <i>± 2.3</i>  | <i>± 2.0</i>  | <i>± 2.9</i>  | <i>± 2.9</i>  | <i>± 2.2</i> | <i>± 2.8</i>  | <i>± 3.2</i>  |
| <i>September 2010 from September 2009</i>  | <i>-24.3%</i> | <i>-14.3%</i>         | <i>(S)</i>   | <i>-36.5%</i>   | <i>-20.8%</i> | <i>-16.7%</i> | <i>-16.7%</i> | <i>-12.1%</i> | <i>-20.9%</i> | <i>-8.3%</i> | <i>-36.5%</i> | <i>-25.0%</i> |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval<sup>2</sup></i> | <i>± 2.7</i>  | <i>± 2.8</i>          | <i>(X)</i>   | <i>± 5.4</i>    | <i>± 7.6</i>  | <i>± 8.2</i>  | <i>± 4.5</i>  | <i>± 6.1</i>  | <i>± 3.6</i>  | <i>± 4.9</i> | <i>± 5.5</i>  | <i>± 3.9</i>  |
| Not seasonally adjusted                    |               |                       |              |                 |               |               |               |               |               |              |               |               |
| 2009: September                            | 592.8         | 327.9                 | 14.4         | 250.4           | 126.8         | 49.7          | 88.0          | 61.7          | 225.9         | 137.3        | 152.1         | 79.3          |
| October                                    | 563.9         | 315.7                 | 13.6         | 234.6           | 123.3         | 47.6          | 87.4          | 61.6          | 211.2         | 132.4        | 141.9         | 74.1          |
| November                                   | 534.8         | 300.8                 | 13.2         | 220.8           | 119.9         | 46.7          | 84.0          | 57.7          | 199.3         | 127.8        | 131.6         | 68.5          |
| December                                   | 495.4         | 283.1                 | 11.9         | 200.4           | 112.2         | 43.7          | 76.4          | 53.0          | 183.6         | 121.7        | 123.2         | 64.6          |
| 2010: January                              | 483.5         | 283.4                 | 10.5         | 189.6           | 107.8         | 42.8          | 74.9          | 51.8          | 183.1         | 125.7        | 117.7         | 63.1          |
| February                                   | 476.2         | 287.0                 | 10.6         | 178.6           | 105.8         | 42.2          | 73.8          | 52.3          | 181.0         | 128.4        | 115.6         | 64.0          |
| March                                      | 480.8         | 295.8                 | 10.7         | 174.2           | 106.0         | 43.1          | 75.0          | 53.4          | 185.1         | 134.8        | 114.6         | 64.6          |
| April                                      | 485.1         | 304.7                 | 10.2         | 170.2           | 106.7         | 43.8          | 77.6          | 56.0          | 187.3         | 139.1        | 113.5         | 65.8          |
| May  | 482.8         | 306.0                 | 10.7         | 166.1           | 106.5         | 44.9          | 78.7          | 57.5          | 187.6         | 138.1        | 109.9         | 65.4          |
| June                                       | 457.6         | 290.9                 | 10.2         | 156.5           | 105.1         | 43.6          | 73.5          | 54.0          | 180.5         | 131.9        | 98.5          | 61.4          |
| July (r)                                   | 457.2         | 290.8                 | 10.6         | 155.8           | 105.0         | 43.7          | 73.7          | 53.9          | 180.8         | 131.4        | 97.6          | 61.8          |
| August (r)                                 | 457.0         | 287.6                 | 10.9         | 158.5           | 103.4         | 42.6          | 75.2          | 55.3          | 180.0         | 127.8        | 98.4          | 61.9          |
| <b>September (p)</b>                       | <b>449.9</b>  | <b>281.0</b>          | <b>10.5</b>  | <b>158.5</b>    | <b>101.3</b>  | <b>42.0</b>   | <b>73.4</b>   | <b>54.3</b>   | <b>179.0</b>  | <b>125.5</b> | <b>96.3</b>   | <b>59.2</b>   |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>               | 3             | 4                     | 10           | 6               | 7             | 8             | 6             | 9             | 3             | 5            | 7             | 9             |

(p) Preliminary. (r) 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                 |               |                       |               |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 2009: September                                 | 721           | 480                   | (S)           | 223             | 100           | 57            | 105           | 75            | 340           | 240           | 176           | 108           |
| October   | 751           | 531                   | (S)           | 205             | 94            | 63            | 97            | 81            | 365           | 255           | 195           | 132           |
| November  | 850           | 561                   | (S)           | 273             | 102           | 53            | 144           | 100           | 404           | 266           | 200           | 142           |
| December  | 752           | 495                   | (S)           | 236             | 79            | 59            | 127           | 98            | 390           | 237           | 156           | 101           |
| 2010: January                                   | 662           | 440                   | (S)           | 205             | 86            | 50            | 82            | 69            | 296           | 208           | 198           | 113           |
| February  | 668           | 455                   | (S)           | 204             | 85            | 51            | 87            | 66            | 328           | 234           | 168           | 104           |
| March   | 643           | 489                   | (S)           | 145             | 66            | 47            | 82            | 74            | 340           | 261           | 155           | 107           |
| April   | 747           | 554                   | (S)           | 181             | 94            | 60            | 105           | 78            | 407           | 310           | 141           | 106           |
| May   | 705           | 516                   | (S)           | 184             | 93            | 59            | 120           | 80            | 312           | 262           | 180           | 115           |
| June  | 879           | 682                   | (S)           | 189             | 84            | 70            | 171           | 135           | 391           | 333           | 233           | 144           |
| July (r)  | 576           | 475                   | (S)           | 93              | 66            | 45            | 107           | 93            | 288           | 250           | 115           | 87            |
| August (r)                                      | 604           | 478                   | (S)           | 119             | 84            | 53            | 99            | 71            | 299           | 263           | 122           | 91            |
| <b>September (p)</b>                            | <b>648</b>    | <b>501</b>            | <b>(S)</b>    | <b>138</b>      | <b>97</b>     | <b>64</b>     | <b>95</b>     | <b>77</b>     | <b>311</b>    | <b>254</b>    | <b>145</b>    | <b>106</b>    |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>                    | 6             | 5                     | (X)           | 16              | 16            | 15            | 13            | 13            | 8             | 7             | 11            | 11            |
| <i>Percent Change:</i>                          |               |                       |               |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <i>September 2010 from August 2010</i>          | <i>7.3%</i>   | <i>4.8%</i>           | <i>(S)</i>    | <i>16.0%</i>    | <i>15.5%</i>  | <i>20.8%</i>  | <i>-4.0%</i>  | <i>8.5%</i>   | <i>4.0%</i>   | <i>-3.4%</i>  | <i>18.9%</i>  | <i>16.5%</i>  |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>     | <i>± 14.3</i> | <i>± 14.2</i>         | <i>(X)</i>    | <i>± 40.2</i>   | <i>± 42.4</i> | <i>± 48.8</i> | <i>± 23.2</i> | <i>± 34.3</i> | <i>± 24.3</i> | <i>± 18.7</i> | <i>± 24.8</i> | <i>± 23.1</i> |
| <i>September 2010 from September 2009</i>       | <i>-10.1%</i> | <i>4.4%</i>           | <i>(S)</i>    | <i>-38.1%</i>   | <i>-3.0%</i>  | <i>12.3%</i>  | <i>-9.5%</i>  | <i>2.7%</i>   | <i>-8.5%</i>  | <i>5.8%</i>   | <i>-17.6%</i> | <i>-1.9%</i>  |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>     | <i>± 13.6</i> | <i>± 14.1</i>         | <i>(X)</i>    | <i>± 27.1</i>   | <i>± 33.5</i> | <i>± 37.9</i> | <i>± 16.8</i> | <i>± 20.1</i> | <i>± 20.4</i> | <i>± 17.3</i> | <i>± 21.5</i> | <i>± 26.3</i> |
| Not seasonally adjusted                         |               |                       |               |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 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         |
| 2009:   | 794.4         | 520.1                 | 14.5          | 259.8           | 94.2          | 53.8          | 119.2         | 89.3          | 393.5         | 259.0         | 187.5         | 118.1         |
| RSE (%)   | 2             | 2                     | 14            | 5               | 7             | 5             | 3             | 3             | 2             | 2             | 3             | 4             |
| 2009: Year to Date                              | 582.0         | 373.0                 | 10.0          | 198.9           | 68.6          | 36.5          | 84.8          | 62.4          | 290.4         | 190.2         | 138.2         | 83.9          |
| 2010: Year to Date                              | 495.4         | 370.3                 | 6.9           | 118.3           | 60.8          | 39.7          | 76.6          | 59.3          | 239.9         | 192.4         | 118.2         | 78.9          |
| RSE (%)   | 2             | 2                     | 19            | 6               | 4             | 4             | 3             | 3             | 4             | 3             | 4             | 2             |
| <i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> <sup>3</sup> | <i>-14.9%</i> | <i>-0.7%</i>          | <i>-31.5%</i> | <i>-40.6%</i>   | <i>-11.4%</i> | <i>8.8%</i>   | <i>-9.6%</i>  | <i>-5.0%</i>  | <i>-17.4%</i> | <i>1.1%</i>   | <i>-14.5%</i> | <i>-6.0%</i>  |
| <i>90% Confidence Interval</i> <sup>2</sup>     | <i>± 3.5</i>  | <i>± 3.8</i>          | <i>± 26.0</i> | <i>± 7.4</i>    | <i>± 13.4</i> | <i>± 11.9</i> | <i>± 6.8</i>  | <i>± 6.0</i>  | <i>± 5.7</i>  | <i>± 5.2</i>  | <i>± 7.1</i>  | <i>± 9.8</i>  |
| 2009: September                                 | 64.4          | 43.9                  | 1.5           | 19.1            | 8.9           | 5.3           | 9.9           | 7.3           | 29.8          | 21.2          | 15.9          | 10.1          |
| October   | 67.4          | 49.0                  | 1.3           | 17.1            | 9.0           | 6.4           | 9.0           | 7.7           | 32.3          | 23.1          | 17.2          | 11.9          |
| November  | 72.6          | 50.1                  | 1.3           | 21.2            | 8.5           | 4.7           | 13.1          | 9.7           | 33.7          | 22.9          | 17.3          | 12.7          |
| December  | 72.4          | 48.0                  | 2.0           | 22.5            | 8.1           | 6.2           | 12.3          | 9.5           | 37.2          | 22.7          | 14.8          | 9.6           |
| 2010: January                                   | 46.3          | 30.0                  | 1.3           | 15.1            | 5.8           | 3.2           | 5.5           | 4.5           | 21.2          | 14.7          | 13.9          | 7.6           |
| February  | 45.4          | 30.7                  | 0.6           | 14.1            | 5.6           | 3.2           | 5.7           | 4.3           | 23.0          | 16.5          | 11.2          | 6.8           |
| March   | 48.6          | 37.6                  | 0.6           | 10.4            | 4.4           | 3.0           | 5.7           | 5.2           | 26.0          | 20.4          | 12.5          | 9.0           |
| April   | 57.7          | 42.9                  | 0.9           | 13.9            | 7.2           | 4.6           | 7.9           | 5.8           | 32.1          | 24.7          | 10.5          | 7.9           |
| May   | 58.7          | 43.0                  | 0.5           | 15.2            | 7.5           | 4.7           | 10.0          | 6.7           | 26.2          | 22.1          | 14.9          | 9.5           |
| June  | 77.7          | 60.1                  | 0.7           | 16.9            | 7.7           | 6.5           | 14.8          | 11.6          | 33.9          | 28.7          | 21.2          | 13.3          |
| July (r)  | 48.2          | 39.2                  | 0.7           | 8.3             | 5.8           | 4.0           | 8.8           | 7.5           | 23.8          | 20.4          | 9.8           | 7.3           |
| August (r)                                      | 54.5          | 41.2                  | 0.7           | 12.5            | 7.8           | 4.6           | 9.2           | 6.3           | 26.6          | 22.8          | 10.8          | 7.6           |
| <b>September (p)</b>                            | <b>58.3</b>   | <b>45.4</b>           | <b>0.8</b>    | <b>12.0</b>     | <b>8.8</b>    | <b>5.9</b>    | <b>9.0</b>    | <b>7.4</b>    | <b>27.1</b>   | <b>22.1</b>   | <b>13.3</b>   | <b>9.9</b>    |
| Average RSE (%) <sup>1</sup>                    | 6             | 5                     | 39            | 16              | 16            | 15            | 13            | 13            | 8             | 7             | 11            | 11            |

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