

TABLE B-56.—*New private housing units started, authorized, completed and houses sold, 1959–2005*

[Thousands; monthly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Year or month	New housing units started				New housing units authorized ¹				New housing units completed	New houses sold
	Type of structure				Type of structure					
	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units ²	5 units or more	Total	1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more		
1959	1,517.0	1,234.0	283.0		1,208.3	938.3	77.1	192.9	.....	.....
1960	1,252.2	994.7	257.5		998.0	746.1	64.6	187.4	.....	.....
1961	1,313.0	974.3	338.7		1,064.2	722.8	67.6	273.8	.....	.....
1962	1,462.9	991.4	471.5		1,186.6	716.2	87.1	383.3	.....	.....
1963	1,603.2	1,012.4	590.8		1,334.7	750.2	118.9	465.6	.....	560
1964	1,528.8	970.5	108.3	450.0	1,285.8	720.1	100.8	464.9	.....	565
1965	1,472.8	963.7	86.7	422.5	1,240.6	709.9	84.8	445.9	.....	575
1966	1,164.9	778.6	61.2	325.1	971.9	563.2	61.0	347.7	.....	461
1967	1,291.6	843.9	71.7	376.1	1,141.0	650.6	73.0	417.5	.....	487
1968	1,507.6	899.4	80.7	527.3	1,353.4	694.7	84.3	574.4	1,319.8	490
1969	1,466.8	810.6	85.1	571.2	1,322.3	624.8	85.2	612.4	1,399.0	448
1970	1,433.6	812.9	84.9	535.9	1,351.5	646.8	88.1	616.7	1,418.4	485
1971	2,052.2	1,151.0	120.5	780.9	1,924.6	906.1	132.9	885.7	1,706.1	656
1972	2,356.6	1,309.2	141.2	906.2	2,218.9	1,033.1	148.6	1,037.2	2,003.9	718
1973	2,043.3	1,132.0	118.2	795.0	1,819.5	882.1	117.0	820.5	2,100.5	634
1974	1,337.7	888.1	68.0	381.6	1,074.4	643.8	64.3	366.2	1,728.5	519
1975	1,160.4	892.2	64.0	204.3	939.2	675.5	63.9	199.8	1,317.2	549
1976	1,537.5	1,162.4	85.8	289.2	1,296.2	893.6	93.1	309.5	1,377.2	646
1977	1,987.1	1,450.9	121.7	414.4	1,690.0	1,126.1	121.3	442.7	1,657.1	819
1978	2,020.3	1,433.3	125.1	462.0	1,800.5	1,182.6	130.6	487.3	1,867.5	817
1979	1,745.1	1,194.1	122.0	429.0	1,551.8	981.5	125.4	444.8	1,870.8	709
1980	1,292.2	852.2	109.5	330.5	1,190.6	710.4	114.5	365.7	1,501.6	545
1981	1,084.2	705.4	91.2	287.7	985.5	564.3	101.8	319.4	1,265.7	436
1982	1,062.2	662.6	80.1	319.6	1,000.5	546.4	88.3	365.8	1,005.5	412
1983	1,703.0	1,067.6	113.5	522.0	1,605.2	901.5	133.6	570.1	1,390.3	623
1984	1,749.5	1,084.2	121.4	543.9	1,681.8	922.4	142.6	616.8	1,652.2	639
1985	1,741.8	1,072.4	93.5	576.0	1,733.3	956.6	120.1	656.6	1,703.3	688
1986	1,805.4	1,179.4	84.0	542.0	1,769.4	1,077.6	108.4	583.5	1,756.4	750
1987	1,620.5	1,146.4	65.1	408.7	1,534.8	1,024.4	89.3	421.1	1,668.8	671
1988	1,488.1	1,081.3	58.7	348.0	1,455.6	993.8	75.7	386.1	1,529.8	676
1989	1,376.1	1,003.3	55.3	317.6	1,338.4	931.7	67.0	339.8	1,422.8	650
1990	1,192.7	894.8	37.6	260.4	1,110.8	793.9	54.3	262.6	1,308.0	534
1991	1,013.9	840.4	35.6	137.9	948.8	753.5	43.1	152.1	1,090.8	509
1992	1,199.7	1,029.9	30.9	139.0	1,094.9	910.7	45.8	138.4	1,157.5	610
1993	1,287.6	1,125.7	29.4	132.6	1,199.1	986.5	52.3	160.2	1,192.7	666
1994	1,457.0	1,198.4	35.2	223.5	1,371.6	1,068.5	62.2	241.0	1,346.9	670
1995	1,354.1	1,076.2	33.8	244.1	1,332.5	997.3	63.7	271.5	1,312.6	667
1996	1,476.8	1,160.9	45.3	270.8	1,425.6	1,069.5	65.8	290.3	1,412.9	757
1997	1,474.0	1,133.7	44.5	295.8	1,441.1	1,062.4	68.5	310.3	1,400.5	804
1998	1,616.9	1,271.4	42.6	302.9	1,612.3	1,187.6	69.2	355.5	1,474.2	886
1999	1,640.9	1,302.4	31.9	306.6	1,663.5	1,246.7	65.8	351.1	1,604.9	880
2000	1,568.7	1,230.9	38.7	299.1	1,592.3	1,198.1	64.9	329.3	1,573.7	877
2001	1,602.7	1,273.3	36.6	292.8	1,636.7	1,235.6	66.0	335.2	1,570.8	908
2002	1,704.9	1,358.6	38.5	307.9	1,747.7	1,332.6	73.7	341.4	1,648.4	973
2003	1,847.7	1,499.0	33.5	315.2	1,889.2	1,460.9	82.5	345.8	1,678.7	1,086
2004	1,955.8	1,610.5	42.3	303.0	2,070.1	1,613.4	90.4	366.2	1,841.9	1,203
2005 ^p	2,064.7	1,714.3	40.9	309.5	2,147.6	1,681.2	84.0	382.5	1,930.3	1,282
2004: Jan	1,927	1,562	30	335	1,963	1,546	94	323	1,734	1,155
Feb	1,852	1,485	29	338	1,984	1,574	90	320	1,716	1,158
Mar	2,007	1,638	32	337	2,064	1,633	101	330	1,793	1,253
Apr	1,968	1,624	36	308	2,069	1,610	92	367	1,956	1,162
May	1,974	1,649	56	269	2,129	1,660	88	381	1,909	1,243
June	1,827	1,526	26	275	2,014	1,606	83	325	1,857	1,205
July	1,986	1,661	64	261	2,114	1,625	105	384	1,888	1,104
Aug	2,025	1,689	68	268	2,058	1,606	85	367	1,909	1,165
Sept	1,912	1,555	31	326	2,039	1,593	78	368	1,784	1,223
Oct	2,062	1,666	41	355	2,093	1,603	87	403	1,841	1,306
Nov	1,807	1,484	39	284	2,093	1,588	90	415	1,725	1,175
Dec	2,050	1,713	48	289	2,081	1,620	90	371	1,911	1,247
2005: Jan	2,188	1,769	48	371	2,136	1,635	84	417	1,883	1,194
Feb	2,228	1,808	52	368	2,093	1,624	83	386	1,922	1,247
Mar	1,833	1,550	34	249	2,021	1,552	85	384	1,797	1,307
Apr	2,027	1,640	47	340	2,148	1,640	78	430	1,944	1,269
May	2,041	1,724	37	280	2,062	1,628	85	349	2,097	1,293
June	2,065	1,716	37	312	2,132	1,653	87	392	1,963	1,298
July	2,062	1,732	36	294	2,171	1,690	99	382	1,889	1,371
Aug	2,081	1,719	43	319	2,138	1,676	86	376	1,933	1,274
Sept	2,160	1,791	59	310	2,219	1,767	88	364	1,953	1,249
Oct	2,051	1,732	33	286	2,103	1,707	82	314	1,948	1,358
Nov ^p	2,121	1,798	33	290	2,163	1,724	81	358	1,882	1,233
Dec ^p	1,933	1,577	34	322	2,075	1,645	81	349	1,953	1,269

¹ Authorized by issuance of local building permits in permit-issuing places: beginning 2004, 20,000 places; 19,000 for 1994–2003; 17,000 for 1984–93; 16,000 for 1978–83; 14,000 for 1972–77; 13,000 for 1967–71; 12,000 for 1963–66; and 10,000 prior to 1963.² Monthly data derived.

Note.—Data beginning 1999 for new housing units started and completed and for new houses sold are based on new estimation methods and are not directly comparable with earlier data.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.