

TABLE B-54.—New housing units started and authorized, 1959–96

[Thousands of units]

Year or month	New housing units started						New private housing units authorized ²			
	Private and public ¹		Private (farm and nonfarm) ¹				Total	Type of structure		
	Total (farm and nonfarm)	Nonfarm	Total	Type of structure				1 unit	2 to 4 units	5 units or more
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1959	1,553.7	1,531.3	1,517.0	1,234.0	282.9	1,208.3	938.3	77.1	192.9	
1960	1,296.1	1,274.0	1,252.2	994.7	257.5	998.0	746.1	64.6	187.4	
1961	1,365.0	1,336.8	1,313.0	974.3	338.7	1,064.2	722.8	67.6	273.8	
1962	1,492.5	1,468.7	1,462.9	991.4	471.5	1,186.6	716.2	87.1	383.3	
1963	1,634.9	1,614.8	1,603.2	1,012.4	590.7	1,334.7	750.2	118.9	465.6	
1964	1,561.0	1,534.0	1,528.8	970.5	108.4	1,285.8	720.1	100.8	464.9	
1965	1,509.7	1,487.5	1,472.8	963.7	86.6	1,239.8	709.9	84.8	445.1	
1966	1,195.8	1,172.8	1,164.9	778.6	61.1	971.9	563.2	61.0	347.7	
1967	1,321.9	1,298.8	1,291.6	843.9	71.6	1,141.0	650.6	73.0	417.5	
1968	1,545.4	1,521.4	1,507.6	899.4	80.9	1,353.4	694.7	84.3	574.4	
1969	1,499.5	1,482.3	1,466.8	810.6	85.0	1,323.7	625.9	85.2	612.7	
1970	1,469.0	(3)	1,433.6	812.9	84.8	1,351.5	646.8	88.1	616.7	
1971	2,084.5	(3)	2,052.2	1,151.0	120.3	1,924.6	906.1	132.9	885.7	
1972	2,378.5	(3)	2,356.6	1,309.2	141.3	2,218.9	1,033.1	148.6	1,037.2	
1973	2,057.5	(3)	2,045.3	1,132.0	118.3	1,819.5	882.1	117.0	820.5	
1974	1,352.5	(3)	1,337.7	888.1	68.1	1,074.4	643.8	64.3	366.2	
1975	1,171.4	(3)	1,160.4	892.2	64.0	939.2	675.5	63.9	199.8	
1976	1,547.6	(3)	1,537.5	1,162.4	85.9	1,296.2	893.6	93.1	309.5	
1977	2,001.7	(3)	1,987.1	1,450.9	121.7	1,690.0	1,126.1	121.3	442.7	
1978	2,036.1	(3)	2,020.3	1,433.3	125.0	1,800.5	1,182.6	130.6	487.3	
1979	1,760.0	(3)	1,745.1	1,194.1	122.0	1,551.8	981.5	125.4	444.8	
1980	1,312.6	(3)	1,292.2	852.2	109.5	1,190.6	710.4	114.5	365.7	
1981	1,100.3	(3)	1,084.2	705.4	91.1	287.7	985.5	101.8	319.4	
1982	1,072.1	(3)	1,062.2	662.6	80.0	1,000.5	546.4	88.3	365.8	
1983	1,712.5	(3)	1,703.0	1,067.6	113.5	1,605.2	901.5	133.6	570.1	
1984	1,755.8	(3)	1,749.5	1,084.2	121.4	1,681.8	922.4	142.6	616.8	
1985	1,745.0	(3)	1,741.8	1,072.4	93.4	1,733.3	956.6	120.1	656.6	
1986	1,807.1	(3)	1,805.4	1,179.4	84.0	1,769.4	1,077.6	108.4	583.5	
1987	1,622.7	(3)	1,620.5	1,146.4	65.3	1,534.8	1,024.4	89.3	421.1	
1988	(4)	(3)	1,488.1	1,081.3	58.8	1,455.6	993.8	75.7	386.1	
1989	(4)	(3)	1,376.1	1,003.3	55.2	1,338.4	931.7	67.0	339.8	
1990	(4)	(3)	1,192.7	894.8	37.5	1,110.8	793.9	54.3	262.6	
1991	(4)	(3)	1,013.9	840.4	35.6	1,098.8	753.5	43.1	152.1	
1992	(4)	(3)	1,199.7	1,029.9	30.7	1,094.9	910.7	45.8	138.4	
1993	(4)	(3)	1,287.6	1,125.7	29.4	1,199.1	986.5	52.3	160.2	
1994	(4)	(3)	1,457.0	1,198.4	35.0	1,371.6	1,068.5	62.2	241.0	
1995	(4)	(3)	1,354.1	1,076.2	33.7	1,332.5	997.3	63.7	271.5	
1996 ^a	(4)	(3)	1,473.7	1,160.2	44.7	1,430.9	1,073.1	65.9	291.8	
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1995: Jan	(4)	(3)	1,370	1,062	38	1,295	992	62	241	
Feb	(4)	(3)	1,322	1,051	44	1,264	927	54	283	
Mar	(4)	(3)	1,241	992	35	1,221	904	65	252	
Apr	(4)	(3)	1,278	1,017	25	1,245	913	61	271	
May	(4)	(3)	1,300	1,005	36	1,258	946	62	250	
June	(4)	(3)	1,301	1,036	35	1,290	970	64	256	
July	(4)	(3)	1,450	1,125	39	1,358	1,017	62	279	
Aug	(4)	(3)	1,401	1,135	28	1,379	1,046	62	271	
Sept	(4)	(3)	1,401	1,130	39	1,427	1,079	69	279	
Oct	(4)	(3)	1,351	1,109	31	1,393	1,050	68	275	
Nov	(4)	(3)	1,458	1,129	32	1,450	1,073	71	306	
Dec	(4)	(3)	1,425	1,150	29	1,487	1,123	60	304	
1996: Jan	(4)	(3)	1,453	1,146	20	1,378	1,056	65	257	
Feb	(4)	(3)	1,514	1,183	33	1,417	1,087	60	270	
Mar	(4)	(3)	1,439	1,163	25	1,423	1,097	61	265	
Apr	(4)	(3)	1,511	1,209	53	1,459	1,115	75	269	
May	(4)	(3)	1,478	1,144	49	1,452	1,098	62	292	
June	(4)	(3)	1,490	1,209	46	1,415	1,085	62	268	
July	(4)	(3)	1,470	1,150	43	1,457	1,073	68	316	
Aug	(4)	(3)	1,533	1,239	38	1,423	1,078	60	285	
Sept	(4)	(3)	1,461	1,138	44	1,399	1,040	73	286	
Oct	(4)	(3)	1,385	1,088	55	1,362	1,011	69	282	
Nov ^b	(4)	(3)	1,514	1,161	61	1,418	1,025	67	326	
Dec ^c	(4)	(3)	1,329	1,024	40	1,410	1,016	64	330	

¹ Units in structures built by private developers for sale upon completion to local public housing authorities under the Department of Housing and Urban Development "Turnkey" program are classified as private housing. Military housing starts, including those financed with mortgages insured by FHA under Section 803 of the National Housing Act, are included in publicly owned starts and excluded from total private starts.

² Authorized by issuance of local building permit: in 19,000 permit-issuing places beginning 1994; in 17,000 places for 1984–93; in 16,000 places for 1978–83; in 14,000 places for 1972–77; in 13,000 places for 1967–71; in 12,000 places for 1963–66; and in 10,000 places prior to 1963.

³ Not available separately beginning January 1970.

⁴ Series discontinued December 1988.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.