

TABLE B-56.—New private housing units started, authorized, and completed, and houses sold, 1959–2001

[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	2,045.3	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 ^p	1,603.1	1,274.7	36.1	292.3	1,610.8	1,221.2	68.2	321.3	1,566.7	900
2000: Jan	1,677	1,298	31	348	1,780	1,327	67	386	1,563	878
Feb	1,745	1,265	45	435	1,736	1,257	70	409	1,671	870
Mar	1,583	1,298	21	264	1,656	1,255	66	335	1,709	904
Apr	1,626	1,276	35	315	1,595	1,194	60	341	1,608	843
May	1,573	1,228	22	323	1,540	1,180	70	290	1,675	853
June	1,560	1,199	56	305	1,566	1,155	65	346	1,532	793
July	1,477	1,148	49	280	1,534	1,149	57	328	1,489	881
Aug	1,531	1,228	48	255	1,544	1,169	67	308	1,583	839
Sept	1,508	1,196	36	276	1,549	1,173	67	309	1,526	902
Oct	1,527	1,218	38	271	1,562	1,212	66	284	1,509	922
Nov	1,559	1,209	44	306	1,614	1,203	64	347	1,548	882
Dec	1,532	1,236	37	259	1,553	1,187	60	306	1,527	1,001
2001: Jan	1,666	1,336	40	290	1,724	1,283	60	381	1,424	938
Feb	1,623	1,288	25	310	1,663	1,228	68	367	1,531	959
Mar	1,592	1,208	45	339	1,627	1,209	70	348	1,478	953
Apr	1,626	1,295	42	289	1,587	1,218	66	303	1,569	899
May	1,610	1,285	29	296	1,621	1,205	67	349	1,499	882
June	1,634	1,292	54	288	1,587	1,225	78	284	1,643	889
July	1,660	1,290	41	329	1,571	1,211	62	298	1,583	877
Aug	1,559	1,271	27	261	1,571	1,210	71	290	1,620	871
Sept	1,585	1,265	46	274	1,528	1,164	65	299	1,543	854
Oct	1,518	1,225	33	260	1,485	1,140	61	284	1,577	851
Nov ^p	1,625	1,248	37	340	1,595	1,211	66	318	1,576	895
Dec ^p	1,670	1,293	14	263	1,654	1,247	74	338	1,654	946

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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	2,045.3	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
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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 ^p	1,704.9	1,359.7	38.8	306.3	1,726.3	1,319.1	73.4	333.7	1,650.7	976
2001: Jan	1,627	1,305	39	283	1,709	1,261	59	389	1,439	934
Feb	1,605	1,267	25	313	1,668	1,242	70	356	1,535	944
Mar	1,602	1,218	45	339	1,650	1,228	67	355	1,478	949
Apr	1,636	1,302	42	292	1,649	1,249	66	334	1,577	901
May	1,604	1,281	29	294	1,663	1,232	70	361	1,501	884
June	1,633	1,293	54	286	1,618	1,252	80	286	1,645	892
July	1,664	1,294	41	329	1,602	1,234	62	306	1,588	881
Aug	1,562	1,274	27	261	1,606	1,238	66	302	1,621	871
Sept	1,582	1,263	46	273	1,570	1,199	56	315	1,551	856
Oct	1,531	1,238	33	260	1,566	1,182	60	324	1,575	865
Nov	1,604	1,241	38	325	1,659	1,239	61	359	1,567	938
Dec	1,583	1,294	17	272	1,702	1,266	71	365	1,705	979
2002: Jan	1,713	1,344	67	302	1,686	1,296	75	315	1,607	870
Feb	1,788	1,472	43	273	1,766	1,374	69	323	1,669	937
Mar	1,675	1,298	49	328	1,629	1,248	74	307	1,576	915
Apr	1,566	1,261	27	278	1,631	1,258	71	302	1,650	932
May	1,742	1,380	37	325	1,676	1,268	69	339	1,702	974
June	1,692	1,344	46	302	1,706	1,293	82	331	1,587	947
July	1,652	1,319	31	302	1,712	1,278	72	362	1,614	958
Aug	1,631	1,249	31	351	1,666	1,297	73	296	1,710	1,047
Sept	1,808	1,452	36	320	1,733	1,339	82	312	1,652	1,056
Oct	1,660	1,375	32	253	1,772	1,370	72	330	1,579	1,006
Nov ^p	1,747	1,404	34	309	1,738	1,367	66	305	1,728	1,045
Dec ^p	1,835	1,473	41	321	1,887	1,411	74	402	1,683	1,082

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