

TABLE B-56.—New housing units started and authorized, 1959–97
 [Thousands of units; monthly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

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	
				1 unit	2 to 4 units					5 units or more
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	325.1	971.9	563.2	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	527.3	1,353.4	694.7	574.4	
1969	1,499.5	1,482.3	1,466.8	810.6	85.0	571.2	1,323.7	625.9	612.7	
1970	1,469.0	(3)	1,433.6	812.9	84.8	535.9	1,351.5	646.8	616.7	
1971	2,084.5	(3)	2,052.2	1,151.0	120.3	780.9	1,924.6	906.1	132.9	
1972	2,378.5	(3)	2,356.6	1,309.2	141.3	906.2	2,218.9	1,033.1	148.6	
1973	2,057.5	(3)	2,045.3	1,132.0	118.3	795.0	1,819.5	882.1	117.0	
1974	1,352.5	(3)	1,337.7	888.1	68.1	381.6	1,074.4	643.8	64.3	
1975	1,171.4	(3)	1,160.4	892.2	64.0	204.3	939.2	675.5	63.9	
1976	1,547.6	(3)	1,537.5	1,162.4	85.9	289.2	1,296.2	893.6	93.1	
1977	2,001.7	(3)	1,987.1	1,450.9	121.7	414.4	1,690.0	1,126.1	121.3	
1978	2,036.1	(3)	2,020.3	1,433.3	125.0	462.0	1,800.5	1,182.6	130.6	
1979	1,760.0	(3)	1,745.1	1,194.1	122.0	429.0	1,551.8	981.5	125.4	
1980	1,312.6	(3)	1,292.2	852.2	109.5	330.5	1,190.6	710.4	114.5	
1981	1,100.3	(3)	1,084.2	705.4	91.1	287.7	985.5	564.3	101.8	
1982	1,072.1	(3)	1,062.2	662.6	80.0	319.6	1,000.5	546.4	88.3	
1983	1,712.5	(3)	1,703.0	1,067.6	113.5	522.0	1,605.2	901.5	133.6	
1984	1,755.8	(3)	1,749.5	1,084.2	121.4	544.0	1,681.8	922.4	142.6	
1985	1,745.0	(3)	1,741.8	1,072.4	93.4	576.1	1,733.3	956.6	120.1	
1986	1,807.1	(3)	1,805.4	1,179.4	84.0	542.0	1,769.4	1,077.6	108.4	
1987	1,622.7	(3)	1,620.5	1,146.4	65.3	408.7	1,534.8	1,024.4	89.3	
1988	(4)	(3)	1,488.1	1,081.3	58.8	348.0	1,455.6	993.8	75.7	
1989	(4)	(3)	1,376.1	1,003.3	55.2	317.6	1,338.4	931.7	67.0	
1990	(4)	(3)	1,192.7	894.8	37.5	260.4	1,110.8	793.9	54.3	
1991	(4)	(3)	1,013.9	840.4	35.6	137.9	948.8	753.5	43.1	
1992	(4)	(3)	1,199.7	1,029.9	30.7	139.0	1,094.9	910.7	45.8	
1993	(4)	(3)	1,287.6	1,125.7	29.4	132.6	1,199.1	986.5	52.3	
1994	(4)	(3)	1,457.0	1,198.4	35.0	223.5	1,371.6	1,068.5	62.2	
1995	(4)	(3)	1,354.1	1,076.2	33.7	244.1	1,332.5	997.3	63.7	
1996	(4)	(3)	1,476.8	1,160.9	45.2	270.8	1,425.6	1,069.5	65.8	
1997 ^p	(4)	(3)	1,475.9	1,133.6	44.2	298.1	1,442.3	1,055.6	70.5	
1996: Jan	(4)	(3)	1,444	1,138	22	284	1,385	1,047	64	
Feb	(4)	(3)	1,520	1,188	35	297	1,425	1,083	60	
Mar	(4)	(3)	1,429	1,156	24	249	1,438	1,119	60	
Apr	(4)	(3)	1,522	1,215	55	252	1,486	1,128	74	
May	(4)	(3)	1,476	1,142	48	286	1,457	1,101	64	
June	(4)	(3)	1,488	1,214	46	228	1,432	1,094	64	
July	(4)	(3)	1,492	1,164	44	284	1,454	1,077	67	
Aug	(4)	(3)	1,515	1,222	37	256	1,405	1,061	62	
Sept	(4)	(3)	1,470	1,148	45	277	1,391	1,029	70	
Oct	(4)	(3)	1,407	1,104	58	245	1,349	1,003	68	
Nov	(4)	(3)	1,486	1,133	60	293	1,391	1,016	65	
Dec	(4)	(3)	1,353	1,024	48	281	1,405	999	65	
1997: Jan	(4)	(3)	1,375	1,125	43	207	1,395	1,052	62	
Feb	(4)	(3)	1,554	1,237	44	273	1,438	1,069	68	
Mar	(4)	(3)	1,479	1,142	45	292	1,457	1,034	71	
Apr	(4)	(3)	1,483	1,133	40	310	1,442	1,060	68	
May	(4)	(3)	1,402	1,098	34	270	1,432	1,053	66	
June	(4)	(3)	1,503	1,134	37	332	1,402	1,049	70	
July	(4)	(3)	1,465	1,149	37	279	1,414	1,030	77	
Aug	(4)	(3)	1,395	1,091	42	262	1,397	1,027	66	
Sept	(4)	(3)	1,507	1,181	46	280	1,460	1,065	69	
Oct	(4)	(3)	1,527	1,122	63	342	1,487	1,087	77	
Nov ^p	(4)	(3)	1,531	1,161	40	330	1,440	1,061	58	
Dec ^p	(4)	(3)	1,519	1,092	55	372	1,482	1,071	92	

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.