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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN MARCH 2010

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

BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 685,000. This is 7.5 percent ($\pm 1.3\%$) above the revised February rate of 637,000 and is 34.1 percent ($\pm 2.6\%$) above the March 2009 estimate of 511,000.

Single-family authorizations in March were at a rate of 543,000; this is 5.6 percent ($\pm 1.5\%$) above the revised February figure of 514,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 120,000 in March.

HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 626,000. This is 1.6 percent ($\pm 15.2\%$)* above the revised February estimate of 616,000 and is 20.2 percent ($\pm 15.3\%$) above the March 2009 rate of 521,000.

Single-family housing starts in March were at a rate of 531,000; this is 0.9 percent ($\pm 12.1\%$)* below the revised February figure of 536,000. The March rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 88,000.

HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 656,000. This is 3.1 percent ($\pm 16.7\%$)* below the revised February estimate of 677,000 and is 21.2 percent ($\pm 8.9\%$) below the March 2009 rate of 833,000.

Single-family housing completions in March were at a rate of 486,000; this is 5.9 percent ($\pm 14.6\%$)* above the revised February rate of 459,000. The March rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 161,000.

New Residential Construction data for April 2010 will be released on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 8:30 A.M. EDT.

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, 4 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 are revised about two percent or less. Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our web site listed above.

* 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: March	511	360	20	131	56	35	83	58	266	200	106	67
April	498	378	18	102	53	37	79	62	260	199	106	80
May	518	406	18	94	56	41	88	72	266	208	108	85
June	570	433	23	114	58	41	92	73	305	232	115	87
July	564	463	18	83	56	44	105	77	277	245	126	97
August	580	464	19	97	62	43	100	81	297	243	121	97
September	575	452	19	104	64	46	99	73	292	239	120	94
October	551	449	16	86	64	47	104	73	272	234	111	95
November	589	469	25	95	68	49	105	75	305	247	111	98
December	653	505	18	130	90	54	114	78	320	264	129	109
2010: January	622	504	19	99	73	51	94	75	312	268	143	110
February (r)	637	514	17	106	82	65	102	84	304	252	149	113
March (p)	685	543	22	120	66	50	120	91	360	289	139	113
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	10	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	2	2
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>March 2010 from February 2010</i>	<i>7.5%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>29.4%</i>	<i>13.2%</i>	<i>-19.5%</i>	<i>-23.1%</i>	<i>17.6%</i>	<i>8.3%</i>	<i>18.4%</i>	<i>14.7%</i>	<i>-6.7%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ³	<i>± 1.3</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 3.2</i>	<i>± 3.2</i>	<i>± 9.2</i>	<i>± 10.5</i>	<i>± 3.7</i>	<i>± 4.2</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 2.1</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>
<i>March 2010 from March 2009</i>	<i>34.1%</i>	<i>50.8%</i>	<i>10.0%</i>	<i>-8.4%</i>	<i>17.9%</i>	<i>42.9%</i>	<i>44.6%</i>	<i>56.9%</i>	<i>35.3%</i>	<i>44.5%</i>	<i>31.1%</i>	<i>68.7%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ³	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 1.8</i>	<i>± 21.9</i>	<i>± 6.4</i>	<i>± 5.4</i>	<i>± 6.2</i>	<i>± 8.3</i>	<i>± 9.4</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 4.8</i>	<i>± 5.3</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:	572.2	435.1	19.9	117.2	65.9	44.0	97.6	73.7	292.4	228.7	116.3	88.6
RSE (%)	1	1	4	(Z)	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	2
2009: Year to Date ²	119.1	80.1	4.5	34.5	12.2	7.3	14.9	10.3	67.4	47.8	24.5	14.7
2010: Year to Date ²	146.2	116.4	4.7	25.2	14.5	10.6	19.8	15.8	79.0	65.3	32.9	24.7
RSE (%)	1	1	6	(Z)	4	6	3	2	1	1	3	2
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ⁴	<i>22.8%</i>	<i>45.4%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>-27.0%</i>	<i>19.1%</i>	<i>46.0%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>	<i>53.9%</i>	<i>17.2%</i>	<i>36.5%</i>	<i>34.2%</i>	<i>68.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ³	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 11.3</i>	<i>± 4.3</i>	<i>± 8.4</i>	<i>± 9.8</i>	<i>± 8.3</i>	<i>± 9.3</i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>± 1.8</i>	<i>± 6.4</i>	<i>± 7.4</i>
2009: March	44.0	32.3	1.8	10.0	4.3	2.9	6.7	4.7	24.0	18.7	8.9	6.0
April	46.5	37.3	1.6	7.7	5.0	3.6	7.8	6.5	23.9	19.3	9.8	7.9
May	48.2	38.8	1.6	7.7	5.1	3.9	8.8	7.6	24.3	19.3	10.0	8.1
June	59.5	46.2	2.3	11.0	6.5	4.4	10.3	8.2	30.8	23.8	12.0	9.8
July	54.7	46.1	1.6	6.9	5.8	4.5	10.7	8.3	26.2	23.6	12.0	9.7
August	52.4	42.2	1.6	8.6	5.8	4.1	9.4	7.8	26.8	21.6	10.4	8.6
September	51.3	40.0	1.7	9.6	5.9	4.3	9.9	7.4	24.9	20.2	10.6	8.2
October	46.5	37.9	1.2	7.4	5.7	4.3	9.8	7.3	21.8	18.7	9.3	7.6
November	40.7	31.4	2.0	7.4	5.1	3.5	8.0	5.6	20.4	16.2	7.3	6.1
December	47.4	34.1	1.4	12.0	6.9	3.8	7.4	4.5	23.8	18.4	9.3	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 (r)	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 (p)	62.7	50.6	2.1	10.0	5.5	4.2	10.1	7.8	34.4	28.2	12.8	10.4
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	10	3	4	3	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.

¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

²Reflects revisions not distributed to months.

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

⁴Computed 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: March	106.4	60.7	4.2	41.5	12.1	6.3	11.4	7.1	51.1	33.3	31.8	14.1
April	109.1	64.0	4.1	41.0	12.4	6.5	12.3	8.0	53.7	34.5	30.8	15.1
May	102.9	63.1	4.2	35.6	11.6	6.4	13.2	8.3	51.4	34.2	26.7	14.3
June	103.2	61.9	4.8	36.5	10.6	6.0	12.5	7.6	53.7	34.6	26.3	13.8
July	99.9	60.9	3.4	35.6	9.6	5.3	12.0	7.7	52.8	35.5	25.6	12.5
August	97.1	59.1	3.4	34.5	8.7	5.0	10.8	7.1	53.5	36.0	24.0	11.0
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 (r)	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 (r)	96.0	55.2	3.3	37.6	10.5	6.8	8.8	4.5	53.8	33.9	23.0	10.0
March (p)	103.2	60.5	3.5	39.2	10.8	6.7	11.9	7.0	56.8	36.2	23.8	10.6
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	6	16	8	16	19	10	11	7	9	12	16
Percent Change:²												
March 2010 from February 2010	7.5%	9.7%	6.9%	4.3%	2.8%	-1.3%	35.3%	55.7%	5.7%	7.0%	3.2%	5.7%
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>±4.2</i>	<i>±5.2</i>	<i>±9.7</i>	<i>±6.1</i>	<i>±6.5</i>	<i>±9.6</i>	<i>±10.1</i>	<i>±16.3</i>	<i>±5.4</i>	<i>±6.2</i>	<i>±7.3</i>	<i>±17.9</i>
March 2010 from March 2009	-3.0%	-0.4%	-15.8%	-5.5%	-11.3%	7.0%	4.2%	-1.9%	11.1%	8.8%	-25.2%	-24.9%
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>±7.0</i>	<i>±8.3</i>	<i>±22.0</i>	<i>±11.9</i>	<i>±16.9</i>	<i>±35.6</i>	<i>±16.7</i>	<i>±21.4</i>	<i>±14.7</i>	<i>±13.9</i>	<i>±11.1</i>	<i>±12.8</i>

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¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

² Computed using unrounded data.

³ 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: March	521	361	(S)	129	69	44	98	58	274	195	80	64
April	479	388	(S)	80	50	40	84	66	231	198	114	84
May	551	409	(S)	133	59	36	79	71	276	210	137	92
June	590	478	(S)	101	81	48	107	88	276	238	126	104
July	593	506	(S)	72	63	55	112	89	291	251	127	111
August	581	481	(S)	94	70	46	106	87	279	236	126	112
September	586	508	(S)	69	66	51	104	84	298	272	118	101
October	524	471	(S)	49	54	46	99	81	265	250	106	94
November	579	492	(S)	78	63	44	106	78	301	268	109	102
December	573	481	(S)	79	60	47	94	81	309	257	110	96
2010: January (r)	609	507	(S)	95	68	56	91	76	323	270	127	105
February (r)	616	536	(S)	63	72	54	116	104	285	262	143	116
March (p)	626	531	(S)	88	66	57	83	69	337	288	140	117
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	4	(X)	18	13	13	11	9	6	7	10	10
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>March 2010 from February 2010</i>	<i>1.6%</i>	<i>-0.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>39.7%</i>	<i>-8.3%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>-28.4%</i>	<i>-33.7%</i>	<i>18.2%</i>	<i>9.9%</i>	<i>-2.1%</i>	<i>0.9%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 15.2</i>	<i>± 12.1</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 87.2</i>	<i>± 36.7</i>	<i>± 51.4</i>	<i>± 19.5</i>	<i>± 16.8</i>	<i>± 19.8</i>	<i>± 21.1</i>	<i>± 36.9</i>	<i>± 42.5</i>
<i>March 2010 from March 2009</i>	<i>20.2%</i>	<i>47.1%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-31.8%</i>	<i>-4.3%</i>	<i>29.5%</i>	<i>-15.3%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>23.0%</i>	<i>47.7%</i>	<i>75.0%</i>	<i>82.8%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 15.3</i>	<i>± 18.4</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 32.5</i>	<i>± 29.4</i>	<i>± 58.0</i>	<i>± 21.9</i>	<i>± 32.0</i>	<i>± 17.1</i>	<i>± 17.5</i>	<i>± 52.0</i>	<i>± 63.0</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	114.4	78.3	4.1	32.0	11.1	6.8	15.5	9.0	63.9	47.3	23.9	15.2
2010: Year to Date	134.2	114.3	2.2	17.7	13.3	10.6	16.4	13.5	74.5	65.4	30.0	24.9
RSE (%)	3	3	22	11	6	6	6	5	4	4	4	5
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ³	<i>17.3%</i>	<i>46.0%</i>	<i>-47.1%</i>	<i>-44.6%</i>	<i>19.9%</i>	<i>56.1%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>48.8%</i>	<i>16.5%</i>	<i>38.3%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>	<i>63.8%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 8.1</i>	<i>± 9.9</i>	<i>± 26.1</i>	<i>± 12.1</i>	<i>± 21.5</i>	<i>± 41.6</i>	<i>± 18.6</i>	<i>± 24.3</i>	<i>± 11.3</i>	<i>± 11.2</i>	<i>± 16.4</i>	<i>± 24.9</i>
2009: March	42.7	31.0	2.3	9.5	5.3	3.4	7.3	4.4	23.4	17.6	6.7	5.5
April	42.5	35.0	0.9	6.6	4.5	3.7	7.5	6.0	20.5	17.8	10.0	7.5
May	52.2	39.5	0.8	11.9	5.7	3.6	8.2	7.5	25.2	19.4	13.1	9.1
June	59.1	49.2	1.0	8.9	8.1	5.1	11.7	10.1	27.1	23.8	12.2	10.2
July	56.8	49.3	1.3	6.2	6.1	5.4	11.2	9.2	27.0	23.6	12.4	11.1
August	52.9	43.4	0.6	8.9	6.5	4.2	9.9	8.1	24.9	20.8	11.7	10.3
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 (r)	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 (r)	41.3	35.7	1.2	4.4	3.9	2.7	5.9	5.1	21.3	19.6	10.1	8.2
March (p)	54.1	46.9	0.5	6.7	5.2	4.5	6.2	5.1	30.7	26.9	12.0	10.3
Average RSE (%) ¹	5	4	38	18	13	13	11	9	6	7	10	10

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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 annual rate												
2009: March	719	347	(S)	353	149	54	95	61	288	146	187	86
April	680	330	(S)	332	140	51	91	59	270	137	179	83
May	650	318	(S)	315	136	49	86	57	257	132	171	80
June	630	315	(S)	298	133	50	86	57	245	130	166	78
July	610	316	(S)	278	129	49	86	58	238	132	157	77
August	589	311	(S)	263	127	48	84	57	224	129	154	77
September	578	314	(S)	250	125	48	84	58	220	132	149	76
October	551	305	(S)	232	121	46	84	58	207	129	139	72
November	531	300	(S)	218	118	46	82	56	200	129	131	69
December	514	298	(S)	204	115	45	79	55	193	130	127	68
2010: January (r)	503	300	(S)	192	111	45	79	55	191	133	122	67
February (r)	496	303	(S)	182	110	45	80	57	188	134	118	67
March (p)	489	305	(S)	173	108	45	78	56	187	137	116	67
Average RSE (%) ¹	3	4	(X)	6	7	8	8	11	3	4	7	9
Percent Change:												
<i>March 2010 from February 2010</i>	<i>-1.4%</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-4.9%</i>	<i>-1.8%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-2.5%</i>	<i>-1.8%</i>	<i>-0.5%</i>	<i>2.2%</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 1.5</i>	<i>± 1.6</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 3.1</i>	<i>± 5.3</i>
<i>March 2010 from March 2009</i>	<i>-32.0%</i>	<i>-12.1%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-51.0%</i>	<i>-27.5%</i>	<i>-16.7%</i>	<i>-17.9%</i>	<i>-8.2%</i>	<i>-35.1%</i>	<i>-6.2%</i>	<i>-38.0%</i>	<i>-22.1%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 7.0</i>	<i>± 11.0</i>	<i>± 7.1</i>	<i>± 7.7</i>	<i>± 3.9</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 7.7</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2009: March	701.6	331.4	18.8	351.4	145.6	50.6	89.7	56.2	283.4	141.8	182.7	82.7
April	672.9	323.6	17.7	331.5	138.2	49.5	87.9	55.6	269.8	137.1	177.0	81.4
May	654.2	320.0	17.2	317.0	136.6	49.0	85.7	56.1	259.9	133.9	172.0	81.0
June	640.2	323.7	17.1	299.4	133.7	50.5	88.4	58.8	249.7	134.0	168.5	80.4
July	626.6	330.4	16.6	279.7	130.8	50.6	90.1	61.8	243.9	136.9	161.8	81.0
August	605.7	327.3	15.1	263.3	129.8	50.5	88.0	60.9	230.1	134.8	157.7	81.2
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 (r)	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 (r)	476.5	286.8	10.7	178.9	105.9	42.0	74.8	52.6	180.9	128.1	114.8	64.1
March (p)	476.8	292.8	10.9	173.1	106.2	43.1	74.1	52.1	183.0	133.2	113.4	64.5
Average RSE (%) ¹	3	4	11	6	7	8	8	11	3	4	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.

¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

²See 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: March	833	547	(S)	271	73	57	121	101	426	262	213	127
April	846	539	(S)	292	143	60	119	86	404	281	180	112
May	812	492	(S)	309	81	51	121	83	413	258	197	100
June	794	506	(S)	277	104	40	118	85	389	260	183	121
July	785	490	(S)	281	102	59	115	78	370	236	198	117
August	785	507	(S)	262	65	43	126	97	437	256	157	111
September	723	482	(S)	223	98	55	105	75	342	242	178	110
October	750	531	(S)	204	93	62	97	81	365	256	195	132
November	850	560	(S)	274	104	54	140	96	404	266	202	144
December	753	492	(S)	240	80	60	128	98	391	236	154	98
2010: January (r)	665	441	(S)	207	85	49	84	71	297	208	199	113
February (r)	677	459	(S)	211	86	52	86	68	335	235	170	104
March (p)	656	486	(S)	161	57	40	86	76	353	260	160	110
Average RSE (%) ¹	7	5	(X)	16	19	20	14	14	10	8	13	13
<i>Percent Change:</i>												
<i>March 2010 from February 2010</i>	<i>-3.1%</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-23.7%</i>	<i>-33.7%</i>	<i>-23.1%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>11.8%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>	<i>-5.9%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 16.7</i>	<i>± 14.6</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 40.1</i>	<i>± 22.2</i>	<i>± 23.6</i>	<i>± 27.2</i>	<i>± 29.6</i>	<i>± 29.4</i>	<i>± 20.8</i>	<i>± 41.0</i>	<i>± 53.5</i>
<i>March 2010 from March 2009</i>	<i>-21.2%</i>	<i>-11.2%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-40.6%</i>	<i>-21.9%</i>	<i>-29.8%</i>	<i>-28.9%</i>	<i>-24.8%</i>	<i>-17.1%</i>	<i>-0.8%</i>	<i>-24.9%</i>	<i>-13.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 8.9</i>	<i>± 12.5</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 18.0</i>	<i>± 35.1</i>	<i>± 34.2</i>	<i>± 22.4</i>	<i>± 26.0</i>	<i>± 11.9</i>	<i>± 17.0</i>	<i>± 19.7</i>	<i>± 24.8</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	173.2	116.8	2.5	53.9	17.8	10.3	24.2	19.4	87.0	60.4	44.3	26.7
2010: Year to Date	142.2	98.6	2.4	41.2	15.3	9.1	17.0	14.1	71.8	51.7	38.1	23.6
RSE (%)	4	3	37	10	9	11	10	11	6	5	8	5
<i>Year to Date Percent Change</i> ³	<i>-17.9%</i>	<i>-15.6%</i>	<i>-6.0%</i>	<i>-23.6%</i>	<i>-14.2%</i>	<i>-11.4%</i>	<i>-29.6%</i>	<i>-27.1%</i>	<i>-17.5%</i>	<i>-14.4%</i>	<i>-14.0%</i>	<i>-11.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval</i> ²	<i>± 6.0</i>	<i>± 5.6</i>	<i>± 67.2</i>	<i>± 14.7</i>	<i>± 23.8</i>	<i>± 20.9</i>	<i>± 12.5</i>	<i>± 15.0</i>	<i>± 8.3</i>	<i>± 7.7</i>	<i>± 14.8</i>	<i>± 13.7</i>
2009: March	62.1	41.3	1.1	19.7	4.8	3.6	8.3	6.9	32.2	20.3	16.8	10.5
April	65.5	41.3	1.2	23.0	10.9	4.4	9.1	6.4	31.7	22.0	13.8	8.5
May	68.1	41.1	0.9	26.1	6.7	4.2	10.0	6.8	35.0	21.9	16.4	8.2
June	70.3	44.4	1.0	24.9	9.4	3.6	10.3	7.3	34.3	22.7	16.4	10.8
July	66.4	41.1	1.2	24.2	8.6	4.9	9.4	6.3	31.4	19.9	17.0	10.0
August	73.9	44.5	1.7	27.8	6.3	3.9	11.9	8.9	41.3	22.1	14.5	9.6
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 (r)	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 (r)	46.1	31.0	0.5	14.5	5.7	3.4	5.5	4.3	23.6	16.7	11.2	6.7
March (p)	49.8	37.6	0.6	11.6	3.7	2.5	6.0	5.3	27.0	20.3	13.0	9.3
Average RSE (%) ¹	7	5	47	16	19	20	14	14	10	8	13	13

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