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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN SEPTEMBER 2009

The U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced the following new residential construction statistics for September 2009:

BUILDING PERMITS

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 573,000. This is 1.2 percent ($\pm 1.8\%$)* below the revised August rate of 580,000 and is 28.9 percent ($\pm 2.2\%$) below the September 2008 estimate of 806,000.

Single-family authorizations in September were at a rate of 450,000; this is 3.0 percent ($\pm 1.0\%$) below the revised August figure of 464,000. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 104,000 in September.

HOUSING STARTS

Privately-owned housing starts in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 590,000. This is 0.5 percent ($\pm 9.9\%$)* above the revised August estimate of 587,000, but is 28.2 percent ($\pm 6.7\%$) below the September 2008 rate of 822,000.

Single-family housing starts in September were at a rate of 501,000; this is 3.9 percent ($\pm 9.3\%$)* above the revised August figure of 482,000. The September rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 78,000.

HOUSING COMPLETIONS

Privately-owned housing completions in September were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 693,000. This is 10.2 percent ($\pm 10.4\%$)* below the revised August estimate of 772,000 and is 39.6 percent ($\pm 5.7\%$) below the September 2008 rate of 1,148,000.

Single-family housing completions in September were at a rate of 464,000; this is 8.3 percent ($\pm 14.3\%$)* below the revised August figure of 506,000. The September rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 210,000.

New Residential Construction data for October 2009 will be released on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 8:30 A.M. EST.

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												
2008: September	806	529	38	239	92	56	134	90	410	275	170	108
October	729	470	33	226	76	49	131	82	364	245	158	94
November	630	422	21	187	72	47	98	74	306	215	154	86
December	564	370	20	174	60	42	85	54	302	199	117	75
2009: January	531	342	20	169	58	41	83	49	274	187	116	65
February	550	381	17	152	71	37	85	69	293	209	101	66
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 ^f	580	464	19	97	62	43	100	81	297	243	121	97
September^p	573	450	19	104	62	45	100	74	292	239	119	92
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	9	3	3	4	4	2	1	1	3	2
Percent Change:												
<i>September 2009 from August 2009</i>	<i>-1.2%</i>	<i>-3.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>7.2%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-8.6%</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>	<i>-1.6%</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>	<i>-5.2%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 1.8</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 11.7</i>	<i>± 4.3</i>	<i>± 5.0</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 3.3</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 3.2</i>	<i>± 3.7</i>
<i>September 2009 from September 2008</i>	<i>-28.9%</i>	<i>-14.9%</i>	<i>-50.0%</i>	<i>-56.5%</i>	<i>-32.6%</i>	<i>-19.6%</i>	<i>-25.4%</i>	<i>-17.8%</i>	<i>-28.8%</i>	<i>-13.1%</i>	<i>-30.0%</i>	<i>-14.8%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 5.7</i>	<i>± 6.1</i>	<i>± 10.9</i>	<i>± 12.6</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 5.2</i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 4.1</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2007	1,398.4	979.9	59.6	359.0	150.6	83.7	211.7	153.8	692.2	507.5	343.9	234.9
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
RSE (%)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
2008: Year to Date ²	748.1	479.3	27.0	241.9	100.3	45.6	112.4	78.1	372.4	253.2	163.1	102.4
2009: Year to Date ²	434.8	331.2	14.9	88.8	47.2	31.9	72.1	56.2	225.9	176.0	89.6	67.1
RSE (%)	1	1	4	(Z)	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	2
Year to Date Percent Change⁴	-41.9%	-30.9%	-44.8%	-63.3%	-53.0%	-30.0%	-35.8%	-28.0%	-39.3%	-30.5%	-45.0%	-34.5%
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 1.2</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 1.0</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>	<i>± 3.6</i>	<i>± 2.3</i>	<i>± 2.6</i>	<i>± 0.7</i>	<i>± 0.8</i>	<i>± 1.9</i>	<i>± 2.2</i>
2008: September	70.9	45.9	3.4	21.7	8.4	5.2	13.0	8.6	34.5	22.8	15.0	9.3
October	63.7	40.4	2.7	20.6	7.0	4.6	12.4	8.1	30.3	20.0	14.0	7.7
November	41.5	26.2	1.5	13.8	5.0	3.1	7.3	4.9	19.3	13.1	9.9	5.1
December	41.2	24.6	1.5	15.1	4.7	2.9	5.5	3.2	22.4	13.5	8.6	5.0
2009: January	36.3	21.8	1.4	13.1	3.5	2.4	4.3	2.3	20.4	13.0	8.0	4.1
February	38.0	25.9	1.2	10.8	4.0	2.0	4.5	3.4	22.1	16.1	7.3	4.5
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 ^f	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^p	51.1	39.9	1.6	9.6	5.6	4.2	10.0	7.4	24.9	20.3	10.5	8.0
Average RSE (%) ¹	1	1	9	3	3	4	4	2	1	1	3	2

^pPreliminary. ^fRevised. 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

[Not seasonally adjusted. 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								
2008: September	143.6	80.9	5.0	57.6	13.4	7.7	16.8	9.3	73.0	42.7	40.4	21.1
October	129.4	73.8	5.0	50.7	11.8	6.2	14.9	8.8	65.1	39.9	37.6	18.8
November	118.3	65.4	4.9	47.9	12.0	6.4	13.5	6.8	56.4	36.1	36.4	16.1
December	116.6	64.6	4.1	47.8	12.2	6.4	13.4	6.3	56.4	35.5	34.6	16.4
2009: January	118.1	62.2	5.6	50.2	13.4	7.2	14.3	6.2	58.1	33.9	32.4	14.9
February	112.9	61.5	5.9	45.6	13.7	7.5	13.4	6.9	54.5	33.0	31.4	14.0
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 ^f	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 ^f	98.8	60.2	3.6	35.0	9.1	5.3	10.9	7.2	54.2	36.3	24.7	11.3
September^p	96.9	57.1	3.7	36.1	9.1	5.4	10.7	6.8	52.1	33.7	24.9	11.2
Average RSE (%) ¹	6	7	18	8	15	21	10	10	8	10	13	17
Percent Change:²												
<i>September 2009 from August 2009</i>	<i>-2.0%</i>	<i>-5.1%</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>3.0%</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>-1.7%</i>	<i>-6.2%</i>	<i>-3.9%</i>	<i>-7.3%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>-0.1%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 2.7</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 11.0</i>	<i>± 5.2</i>	<i>± 7.9</i>	<i>± 11.8</i>	<i>± 9.0</i>	<i>± 7.6</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 4.3</i>	<i>± 4.0</i>	<i>± 4.9</i>
<i>September 2009 from September 2008</i>	<i>-32.5%</i>	<i>-29.4%</i>	<i>-27.0%</i>	<i>-37.4%</i>	<i>-31.7%</i>	<i>-30.6%</i>	<i>-36.4%</i>	<i>-27.1%</i>	<i>-28.6%</i>	<i>-21.1%</i>	<i>-38.3%</i>	<i>-46.8%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval³</i>	<i>± 5.8</i>	<i>± 5.7</i>	<i>± 22.2</i>	<i>± 11.1</i>	<i>± 10.4</i>	<i>± 12.7</i>	<i>± 20.1</i>	<i>± 13.5</i>	<i>± 8.1</i>	<i>± 8.9</i>	<i>± 11.0</i>	<i>± 9.8</i>

^pPreliminary. ^fRevised. RSE Relative Standard Error.¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.²Computed using unrounded data.³See 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												
2008: September	822	549	(S)	254	112	57	138	87	408	288	164	117
October	763	534	(S)	219	76	57	121	95	407	267	159	115
November	655	457	(S)	180	56	41	107	88	355	233	137	95
December	556	393	(S)	154	63	51	76	60	283	202	134	80
2009: January	488	357	(S)	118	38	28	58	46	254	200	138	83
February	574	357	(S)	204	62	37	93	54	306	205	113	61
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 ^f	593	506	(S)	72	63	55	112	89	291	251	127	111
August ^f	587	482	(S)	102	73	46	109	88	280	237	125	111
September^p	590	501	(S)	78	69	52	107	83	300	271	114	95
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	(X)	17	11	13	9	8	6	5	8	8
Percent Change:												
<i>September 2009 from August 2009</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-23.5%</i>	<i>-5.5%</i>	<i>13.0%</i>	<i>-1.8%</i>	<i>-5.7%</i>	<i>7.1%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>	<i>-8.8%</i>	<i>-14.4%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 9.9</i>	<i>± 9.3</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 28.8</i>	<i>± 22.4</i>	<i>± 27.6</i>	<i>± 17.6</i>	<i>± 16.6</i>	<i>± 16.6</i>	<i>± 14.7</i>	<i>± 17.6</i>	<i>± 11.9</i>
<i>September 2009 from September 2008</i>	<i>-28.2%</i>	<i>-8.7%</i>	<i>(S)</i>	<i>-69.3%</i>	<i>-38.4%</i>	<i>-8.8%</i>	<i>-22.5%</i>	<i>-4.6%</i>	<i>-26.5%</i>	<i>-5.9%</i>	<i>-30.5%</i>	<i>-18.8%</i>
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 6.7</i>	<i>± 7.1</i>	<i>(X)</i>	<i>± 11.4</i>	<i>± 16.6</i>	<i>± 19.7</i>	<i>± 15.2</i>	<i>± 15.5</i>	<i>± 12.3</i>	<i>± 10.4</i>	<i>± 11.7</i>	<i>± 12.4</i>
Not seasonally adjusted												
2007	1,355.0	1,046.0	31.7	277.3	142.9	93.0	210.1	171.1	681.1	539.5	320.9	242.4
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
RSE (%)	1	1	10	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
2008: Year to Date	752.1	518.8	14.4	218.8	104.9	50.5	110.4	83.1	373.4	273.1	163.3	112.1
2009: Year to Date	431.3	339.9	9.4	82.0	48.3	33.4	74.6	58.1	215.7	177.1	92.7	71.3
RSE (%)	1	1	13	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Year to Date Percent Change³	-42.7%	-34.5%	-34.9%	-62.5%	-54.0%	-33.9%	-32.5%	-30.1%	-42.2%	-35.2%	-43.2%	-36.4%
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	<i>± 1.4</i>	<i>± 1.7</i>	<i>± 16.7</i>	<i>± 3.7</i>	<i>± 2.5</i>	<i>± 3.7</i>	<i>± 4.5</i>	<i>± 3.4</i>	<i>± 2.0</i>	<i>± 2.4</i>	<i>± 2.8</i>	<i>± 3.0</i>
2008: September	73.9	48.7	1.8	23.4	9.8	4.7	13.1	8.4	36.5	25.4	14.5	10.1
October	68.2	45.8	1.0	21.4	7.2	5.4	11.7	9.2	35.3	21.6	14.0	9.7
November	47.5	31.3	1.5	14.8	4.3	3.1	8.0	6.4	25.3	15.2	9.9	6.5
December	37.7	26.1	0.6	11.0	4.5	3.6	4.8	3.6	19.5	13.7	9.0	5.2
2009: January	31.9	22.7	0.9	8.3	2.2	1.5	2.8	2.0	17.7	13.9	9.2	5.3
February	39.8	24.6	0.9	14.3	3.6	1.8	5.4	2.7	22.8	15.8	8.0	4.3
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 ^f	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 ^f	53.5	43.7	0.3	9.6	6.7	4.2	10.2	8.2	25.0	21.0	11.6	10.3
September^p	52.7	44.8	1.0	6.9	6.1	4.6	10.1	8.0	26.9	24.3	9.5	7.9
Average RSE (%) ¹	4	4	36	17	11	13	9	8	6	5	8	8

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X Not applicable.

¹Average RSE for the latest 6-month period.

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³Computed using unrounded data.

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												
2008: September	905	457	(S)	427	171	58	127	80	365	201	242	118
October	875	438	(S)	417	170	58	119	76	354	191	232	113
November	842	416	(S)	407	162	56	111	72	346	180	223	108
December	803	397	(S)	388	159	55	106	71	324	169	214	102
2009: January	779	381	(S)	380	156	55	101	68	312	160	210	98
February	755	367	(S)	370	154	55	100	66	302	153	199	93
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 ^f	610	316	(S)	278	129	49	86	58	238	132	157	77
August ^f	594	313	(S)	266	128	48	86	58	227	130	153	77
September^p	582	314	(S)	254	126	48	84	58	223	132	149	76
Average RSE (%) ¹	2	3	(X)	4	7	10	6	8	3	4	6	8
Percent Change:												
<i>September 2009 from August 2009</i>	-2.0%	0.3%	(S)	-4.5%	-1.6%	0.0%	-2.3%	0.0%	-1.8%	1.5%	-2.6%	-1.3%
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	± 1.0	± 1.5	(X)	± 1.3	± 1.6	± 2.6	± 2.0	± 1.9	± 2.1	± 2.8	± 1.2	± 1.6
<i>September 2009 from September 2008</i>	-35.7%	-31.3%	(S)	-40.5%	-26.3%	-17.2%	-33.9%	-27.5%	-38.9%	-34.3%	-38.4%	-35.6%
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	± 2.0	± 2.1	(X)	± 3.8	± 5.1	± 6.9	± 4.2	± 4.4	± 2.4	± 2.5	± 5.0	± 4.7
Not seasonally adjusted												
2008: September	926.5	476.7	21.2	428.7	174.5	60.5	131.9	84.7	373.0	208.7	247.1	122.8
October	892.9	451.7	20.0	421.2	172.6	59.8	123.9	80.1	360.5	195.5	235.9	116.3
November	845.8	417.3	19.4	409.1	163.5	56.7	113.5	74.2	345.4	178.6	223.4	107.8
December	780.9	377.3	17.9	385.8	157.3	54.0	103.9	69.0	311.6	157.9	208.1	96.5
2009: January	754.9	360.4	18.2	376.3	152.8	52.4	97.2	64.5	301.2	150.8	203.7	92.8
February	731.3	346.3	18.1	367.0	149.1	51.1	94.3	60.4	293.7	146.0	194.2	88.7
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 ^f	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 ^f	609.9	329.3	15.3	265.3	130.9	50.7	89.3	61.7	232.2	135.7	157.5	81.4
September^p	597.4	329.4	14.5	253.5	128.7	50.4	87.8	61.9	229.1	138.2	151.8	79.0
Average RSE (%) ¹	2	3	12	4	7	10	6	8	3	4	6	8

^pPreliminary. ^fRevised. 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.

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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												
2008: September	1,148	815	(S)	298	111	69	235	145	535	400	267	201
October	1,055	756	(S)	286	89	60	165	134	541	389	260	173
November	1,084	761	(S)	302	110	66	179	122	522	391	273	182
December	1,028	687	(S)	320	116	62	132	93	514	358	266	174
2009: January	778	564	(S)	207	87	48	120	95	389	297	182	124
February	828	534	(S)	280	104	51	118	96	385	269	221	118
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 ^f	785	490	(S)	281	102	59	115	78	370	236	198	117
August ^f	772	506	(S)	250	65	42	127	97	422	256	158	111
September^p	693	464	(S)	210	84	50	110	73	325	237	174	104
Average RSE (%) ¹	7	6	(X)	15	21	19	14	14	8	8	13	11
Percent Change:												
<i>September 2009 from August 2009</i>	-10.2%	-8.3%	(S)	-16.0%	29.2%	19.0%	-13.4%	-24.7%	-23.0%	-7.4%	10.1%	-6.3%
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	± 10.4	± 14.3	(X)	± 17.1	± 37.8	± 38.0	± 26.2	± 26.8	± 12.8	± 21.6	± 23.0	± 18.5
<i>September 2009 from September 2008</i>	-39.6%	-43.1%	(S)	-29.5%	-24.3%	-27.5%	-53.2%	-49.7%	-39.3%	-40.8%	-34.8%	-48.3%
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	± 5.7	± 6.5	(X)	± 21.5	± 19.4	± 24.0	± 8.2	± 12.1	± 10.5	± 11.5	± 12.1	± 9.1
Not seasonally adjusted												
2007	1,502.8	1,218.4	31.4	253.0	144.8	104.6	222.7	188.6	766.1	631.5	369.3	293.8
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
RSE (%)	2	2	10	4	5	5	4	3	3	3	2	3
2008: Year to Date	836.3	617.2	19.0	200.0	81.0	55.1	134.2	105.1	427.1	314.5	194.0	142.4
2009: Year to Date	577.7	371.3	10.1	196.4	67.2	35.8	85.4	62.4	287.1	189.8	137.9	83.3
RSE (%)	2	2	15	6	8	7	3	3	3	3	4	5
<i>Year to Date Percent Change³</i>	-30.9%	-39.8%	-47.1%	-1.8%	-17.0%	-35.0%	-36.3%	-40.7%	-32.8%	-39.7%	-28.9%	-41.5%
<i>90% Confidence Interval²</i>	± 2.9	± 2.3	± 14.2	± 11.3	± 12.4	± 9.2	± 5.8	± 4.5	± 4.5	± 2.9	± 6.2	± 5.1
2008: September	104.2	75.3	3.0	25.9	10.4	6.7	22.1	14.3	47.2	35.5	24.5	18.8
October	94.1	68.5	1.1	24.5	7.8	5.3	15.6	12.9	48.0	35.0	22.8	15.3
November	91.5	66.8	1.6	23.1	9.4	6.1	16.2	11.9	43.3	33.3	22.5	15.5
December	97.8	66.3	2.0	29.5	11.4	6.4	12.3	8.7	49.0	34.7	25.1	16.6
2009: January	54.7	39.0	0.5	15.1	6.2	3.4	8.0	6.2	27.8	21.1	12.6	8.4
February	56.5	36.4	0.9	19.1	6.9	3.3	7.8	6.3	26.9	19.0	14.8	7.8
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 ^f	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 ^f	72.2	44.5	1.6	26.2	6.2	3.8	12.1	8.9	39.4	22.0	14.6	9.7
September^p	61.9	42.2	1.6	18.1	7.6	4.7	10.4	7.2	28.5	20.9	15.5	9.5
Average RSE (%) ¹	7	6	34	15	21	19	14	14	8	8	13	11

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