



Japan: Building Products Industry

Housing Starts – June 2008

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Summary

The Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT) announced Japan's total housing starts for June 2008 at a level of 100,929 units, a 16.7% decrease compared to June 2007. Year on year starts of single-family and multi-family dwellings decreased 7.4% to 40,735 units and 26.5% to 51,140 units, respectively, while row houses increased 18.9% to 9,054 units. Year on year 2x4 housing starts increased by 5.9% to 9,744 units, while prefabricated housing starts decreased by 11.5% to 13,277 units. Seasonally adjusted housing starts on an annual basis increased 5.4% to 1,129,740 units in June 2008, as compared to May 2008.

Housing Starts in June 2008

The following table shows Japan's housing starts for single-family houses, row houses and multi-family houses, as well as the total housing starts. It also shows housing starts for 2x4 and prefabricated housing starts.

Housing Starts in June 2008 (Units)

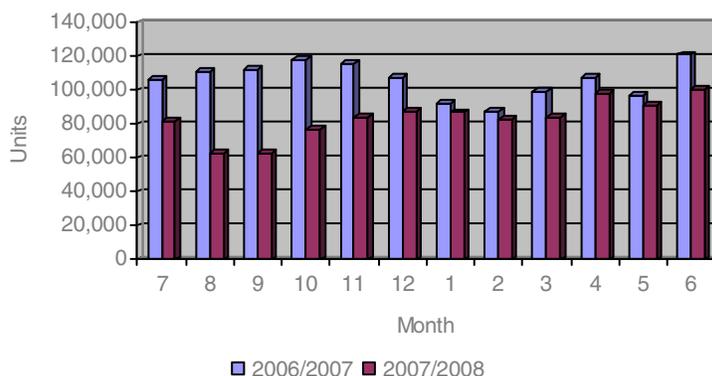
| | Housing Starts in June 2008 | Change from June 2007 | Housing Starts Jan. – Jun. 2007 | Housing Starts Jan. – Jun. 2008 | Change from 2007 to 2008 |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Single-family | 40,735 | -7.4% | 232,585 | 217,126 | -6.6% |
| Row House | 9,054 | 18.9% | 40,061 | 45,584 | 13.8% |
| Multi-family | 51,140 | -26.5% | 331,901 | 280,877 | -15.4% |
| Total | 100,929 | -16.7% | 604,547 | 543,587 | -10.1% |
| 2x4 | 9,744 | 5.9% | 46,809 | 49,307 | 5.3% |
| Prefabricated | 13,277 | -11.5% | 73,827 | 74,016 | 0.3% |

Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport

Monthly Total and 2x4 Housing Starts (Year-on-Year Comparison)

The following charts show monthly total and 2x4 housing starts from July 2006 to June 2008.

Total Housing Starts (Year-on-Year Comparison)





Seasonally Adjusted Housing Starts

The following chart shows seasonally adjusted housing starts on an annual basis from July 2007 to June 2008.



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